Project Summary

Fall 2025. Messiah University Anthropology/Sociology/Criminal Justice Senior Seminar partnering with War Peace Justice Project

Building a Community of Conscience: One Story at a Time

One-liner: documenting local understandings of conscience and moral agency, as preparation for a film event showcasing the Fred Korematsu story.

In 2026, the War Peace and Justice Project will conduct a series of film events throughout the Cumberland County (and surrounding communities) to show films that depict the American experience as related to past Constitutional issues. The title for the film series is "An American Experience: Through the Lens of the US Constitution."

The first story offered is about Fred Korematsu and the injustice he and thousands of American citizens of Japanese ancestry experienced during WWII in internment camps, or 'Assembly Centers' as they referred to by the U.S. Government.

The need: The WPJP plans to hold a public event on January 30, 2026, Fred Korematsu Day. Students will do research that prepares for this event. Students will present their work to WPJP on Thurs, Dec 19, 8-10 am.

Project tasks:

Generate resources and networks related to Fred Korematsu. Offer names of possible national-level speakers and panelists. Offer recommendations for broadening the audience of film events.

Interview leaders of organizations in Cumberland County to understand how conscience and moral purpose shape organizational leadership.

Conduct a survey of people in Cumberland County about conscience and moral agency.

Deliverable: The class will deliver a final report and presentation.

Week	Date	PROJECT PHASE	Topic and reading	Due Dates
1	T Aug 26	Phase 1: Planning	Introductions read: Mills, "The Promise"	
	Th Aug 28		Guest speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Briody, Anthropology Career Readiness Network Read: Mulanney ch 1	
2	T Sept 2		Guest speaker: Scott Buran, President WPJP Read: Mulanney ch2	Tuesday Page 1
	Th Sept 4		Project planning, roles, timeline Read: Mulanney ch 3 Discussion leader:	
3	T Sep 9	Complete phase 1 this week, begin phase 2 if possible.	Read: Mulanney ch 4 Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 2
	Th Sep 11		Read: Mulanney ch 5-end Discussion leader:	
4	T Sep 16	Phase 2: Data Collection		Tuesday Page 3
	Th Sep 18		Dr. Paris away.	
5	T Sep 23		No class: Faculty In-Service Day	
	Th Sep 25		Assign career portfolio Read: Smith preface Discussion leader:	
6	T Sept 30		Read: Smith ch 1 Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 4 Triangulation (printed, in class)
	Th Oct 2		Read: Smith ch 2 Discussion leader:	Inventory of Academic Work (printed, in class)
7	T Oct 7		Read: Smith ch 3 Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 5 Inventory of College Learning (printed, in class)
	Th Oct 9		Read: Smith ch 4 Discussion leader:	Comprehensive resume (printed, in class)
8	T Oct 14	Finish data collection phase this week.	Read: Smith ch 5 Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 6 "your choice" (printed, in class)
	Th Oct 16		Read: Smith ch 6 Discussion leader:	career and vocation portfolio
9	T Oct 21	Fall Break		
	Th Oct 23			
10	T Oct 28	Phase 3: Analysis phase	Read: Smith ch 7 Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 7
	Th Oct 30		Read: Smith ch 8 Discussion leader:	Reading discussion leadership and participation mid-term grade
11	T Nov 4		Read: Smith ch 9 Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 8
	Th Nov 6		Read: Smith conclusion Discussion leader:	
12	T Nov 11		Read: NCJA Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 9

	Th Nov 13		Read: ASA or AAA Discussion leader:	
13	T Nov 18	Phase 4: Deliverables phase (individual and group contributions)	Read: NACE Discussion leader:	Tuesday Page 10
	Th Nov 20			
14	T Nov 25			Tuesday Page 11
	Th Nov 27			
15	T Dec 2			Tuesday Page 12
	Th Dec 4			Individual client deliverable due
16	T Dec 9			
	Th Dec 11			Dress rehearsal: client presentation
FINAL EXAM PERIOD			SOAN442 Thurs, Dec 19 8-10 am	Client presentation

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