

Jill DeTemple

Associate, Essential Partners & Professor of Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University

Creating Dialogic Classrooms and Dialogic Culture with Reflective Structured Dialogue

A presentation for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities

August 8, 2024

essential PARTNERS

The problems we're working to address:





- Polarization
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging
- Student Engagement
- Campus Climate



How we address those problems:

Embed dialogic habits and skills—based on EP's signature approach, Reflective Structured Dialogue—in adaptable and tailored ways in classrooms, co-curricular spaces, and campus programming to shift community dynamics



©2023 Essential Partners, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Making a Dialogic Classroom



Structure for Purpose



Make Space for Reflection



Say it Out Loud



Re-center Engagement



Co-create
Rules of the
Road



Facilitate





Working in Co-Curricular Spaces

- Residence Life
- Student Leadership
- Student Affairs
- DEI Initiatives
- Broad Initiatives Focused on Campus Climate

Where do we work?

- 350+ campuses across the country and abroad
- 100+ Secondary Schools across the US
- Community colleges,
 4-year public and private universities, public and private secondary schools





©2023 Essential Partners, Inc. All Rights Reserved

What makes EP unique?

- Adaptable approach that can be embedded across campus sectors
- Not focused on issues, but on skills and habits
- Dialogic Classroom is a comprehensive pedagogical approach





©2023 Essential Partners, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Connect With Us

Jill@whatisessential.org

Katie@whatisessential.org



@essentialpartners



@essentialprtnrs



linkedin.com/company/essential-partners

Learn More:

"Disruption, Dialog, and Swerve: Reflective
Structured Dialog in Religious Studies Classrooms."

Interview with EP partner Sarah Stroup, faculty director of the Engaged Listening Project at Middlebury College https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/resources/podcast/



WHATISESSENTIAL.ORG