

# Social Justice Institute Information

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## **DEADLINE for Completing Online Application:** August 18, 2009.

As a member of the Oberlin community, you will become part of a culturally, economically, geographically, and racially diverse community. You will discover that interaction with others of widely different backgrounds and experiences fosters the effective, concerned participation in the larger society that is so characteristic of Oberlin.

To foster this interaction, the Oberlin College Dialogue Center (OCDC), under the auspices of the Office of the Ombudsperson, will sponsor a two-day Social Justice Institute during fall break, on Sunday, October 18, and Monday, October 19. The OCDC is committed to social justice, constructive dialogue, and community building.

The goal of the institute is to create a cohesive bond among the participants and to integrate them into the Oberlin College community by exploring multicultural issues at Oberlin and in the larger society. This will be accomplished through discussion, role playing, and highly interactive exercises focusing on the debilitating issues of privilege and oppression, classism, heterosexism, racism, and sexism.

Comments from past participants include:

- *I loved being in the open environment of this workshop and being able to talk about all these issues with people both willing to share and willing to listen. This workshop reminded me why I came to Oberlin in the first place.*
- *I truly enjoyed this experience and it fulfilled my highest hopes of what the workshop could be. It confirmed my belief that Oberlin is the right place for me.*
- *I think the activities and discussion were amazing, and it helped me become a lot more aware and motivated to work towards social justice.*
- *All the activities were very powerful and they managed discussion well.*

Participation is limited to 150 students. Those interested in attending the institute should complete the online application by August 18. **The application form can be found at [www.oberlin.edu/ombudsperson](http://www.oberlin.edu/ombudsperson).**