

“From Diversity to Multiculturalism” Workshop

Part 1: Social Determinants: History, Identity, & Culture
(Full Group Dialogue)

Panel 1: Faculty and Community



1. Symbol #1:

A. Identify “1 word” that stands out in the video.

B. How does this word inspire your understanding of history, identity, and culture?

2. Symbol #2:

A. Identify “1 word” that stands out in the video.

B. How does this word inspire your understanding of history, identity, and culture?

Symbolic interaction theory analyzes society by addressing the **subjective meanings** that people impose on objects, events, and behaviors.

Symbolic interactionism focuses on three main aspects of communication: meaning, language, and thought. The human ability to **interpret symbols and analyze viewpoints** through thinking allows meaning to emerge.

Through language and communication, symbols provide the means by which **reality is constructed**.

Culture is the world of symbols in which human beings live.

*Herman-Kinney & Reynolds,
2003*