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Dialectical Transformation: Learning about Collective Shaping through Shaping the Collective

Abstract

The Community Lab is an interdisciplinary lab for students in Behavior Analysis, Women's and Gender Studies and Applied Anthropology. The purpose of the Community Lab is to provide a setting for students to engage in collaborative community building through developing and implementing third way approaches to address expressed community needs in the most loving and progressive ways possible. The lab provides a safe environment to practice exploring and communicating our humanity, positionality, perspective taking and making. We present and discuss the work we are doing in different sectors in the context of envisioning collective well-being, epistemological frameworks, coloniality, measurement practices and change methods. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an honest overview of the progression, methods and concepts of the lab, to present examples of collective shaping and to invite participant reflections and share learning.

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Learning Objectives

1. Participants will identify the goals and structure of the Community Lab.
2. Participants will describe the process of collective shaping employed by the lab (context, stimuli, responses and consequences)



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