Dear Teaching and Learning Center,

Many of us struggle with how to facilitate a class discussion when the topic is particularly difficult, controversial or sensitive. We’ve done some research on this and discovered a few links that offer helpful suggestions and guidelines. At times, you may expect that the topic of your class will be a difficult, high-stakes one, in which case these readings will help you prepare the discussion. At other times, you may not be expecting a difficult topic to enter the discussion, but it does. These readings will also prepare you to respond to spontaneous discussions and deal with the unexpected.

- [Difficult Dialogues: Vanderbilt University](#)
- [Discussing Difficult or High-Stakes Topics: University of Michigan](#)

**Upcoming events:**

- TLC Mellon Workshop on Digital Literacy – date TBC
- March 9, 10:15-11:15, TLC Breakfast (coffee and pastries)
- March 24, 3:30-5, TLC Mellon Workshop - Digital Technologies and Participatory Teaching Techniques, facilitated by Prof. Niklas Chimirri (Roskilde University, Denmark)

We wish you a productive and healthy Spring Break!
Best wishes,

Your TLC

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