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Greetings! We hope this finds you well as the spring semester winds down. We are changing how we communicate with you. Instead of long, bi-monthly newsletters, we will be sending out "pithy missives" as a way to keep you posted about TDI projects, gatherings, and timely information. Don't worry. We won't bombard you (although we may send out a few more in the next week or so just to catch up). We hope you find the missives informative, and we welcome any feedback you might have for us.

I also want to take a moment to introduce myself, as I have recently started work at the University of New Hampshire. In addition to my work at the University's Carsey Institute, I will be working with Bruce Mallory and Nancy Thomas supporting TDI's projects and growth and development. I have been involved with D&D projects on campus and off campus (Portsmouth Listens) and I am excited to be working with TDI.

**Help Us Build the Syllabi Repository!**

TDI is embarking on an ambitious project to develop a deliberative democracy syllabi repository. The purpose of this repository is to serve as a database of course syllabi and programs that advance learning in the principles and practices of a deliberative democracy, particularly inclusive dialogue, public reasoning, conflict management and transformation, and social and political policy and decision making. We are interested in courses that teach the theory and/or practice of deliberative democracy, as well as courses in which deliberative democracy may not be the sole focus of the course.

We welcome contributions that reflect a broad range of teaching and learning experiences that are:

- \* Discipline-based
- \* Interdisciplinary
- \* Associated with a variety of institutional structures such as diversity education, first-year experiences, learning communities, study abroad programs, and capstone courses.

We are asking you to **please spend some** time looking through your own syllabi AND talking with your colleagues on campus and at different campuses, to unearth syllabi for the repository - we know they are out there!