



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to let you know about an important opportunity for our diverse scholars. Scholars of color experience unique barriers that their white colleagues do not. As a result of such barriers, there is a strong interest in bringing the **Liberate Your Research** workshop to our campus to support BIPOC and other diverse scholars to thrive through especially scrutinizing evaluation systems while inspiring more imaginative breakthroughs in research and confidence.

**Liberate Your Research** (LYR) is a one of a kind workshop led by its founder, Dr. Nadine Naber. She is an internationally renowned, award-winning scholar who has authored/co-edited five books that bridge the social sciences and the humanities. She is also an expert in integrating practices for healing from the personal and emotional struggles that arise among scholars of color in academia (such as anxiety and trauma) into strategies for research, analysis, writing, and publishing. Overall, her framework assumes that for scholars of color, healing from academic oppression is essential to academic success. She has delivered Liberate Your Research to thousands of scholars at institutions such as Harvard, New York University, UC Berkeley, Loyola University, Queens College, University of Michigan, and Georgetown.

Dr. Naber guides scholars to foster strategies for healing from forms of academic oppression, supports naming and claiming one's core beliefs/perspectives/ideas; and affirms imaginative theories and methodologies in writing an analysis. Her workshop is typically 3.5 hours in person or virtually and can be spread over two sessions if needed.

**While LYR supports diverse scholars, it also:**

- **Saves the university funds** having to replace diverse faculty who depart due to lack of support. It is more cost effective to support those already on campus - as well as ethical and just to do so.
- **Increases completion of terminal degrees** for diverse scholars and graduate students, which enhance statistics for accreditation reviews.
- Creates community amongst those who seek a greater sense of belonging.
- Provides diverse scholars and student researchers **tools to sustain and thrive in their work** and studies.
- **Creates opportunities for partnership across campus.** For example, LYR can be co-hosted by various academic units, Multicultural Affairs, Human Resources, Diversity Offices, Research Centers, etc.
- Provides tools for scholars to complete their writing sooner, with more confidence, and with **more clarity in their innovative and methodological frameworks and contributions.**

I welcome the opportunity to talk with you about how we can bring **Liberate Your Research** to our diverse scholars. Please reach out to me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,