

# ETHNIC STUDIES Learning Site

@ Boston Adult Technical Academy

# EVENT SUMMARY

## Session Overview

On **February 14th 2024**, the Telescope Network hosted a Learning Site at Boston Adult Technical Academy on the topic *"How can we use discourse and discussion the Ethnic Studies classroom to deepen students' understanding of race/racialization?"* Our host teacher was Amrita Dani (Ethnic Studies & ESL 3 Teacher) and debrief facilitator was Neema Avashia from the BPS Ethnic Studies Department. We had **11** participants join from **8** different BPS schools/departments.



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### What is a Learning Site?

In a Learning Site, educators come together for a 1/2 day in a real live classroom around a common area of practice. Participants debrief with the host teacher and set goals for their own classrooms. Participants continue the learning through virtual follow-up sessions to earn an ALC credit.

**Credits**  
12 PD hr  
Or 1 ALC

## Why this topic?

This session topic was identified by Ethnic Studies educators. One of the major themes highlighted was teachers' learning need around how to develop and strengthen discourse on concepts of race and racialization.

## Learning Site Materials

[Learning Site Packet](#) Includes agenda and driver diagram

[Debrief Notes](#) from 2/14/24

[Virtual Session Slideshow](#)

## Participant Artifacts

- [B.Romash ES LS Final Artifact](#)
- [Ja-Hon ES LS Final Artifact\\_copy](#)

## Participant Feedback

After the session, **100%** of participants said that they would recommend this session to a colleague.

## Participant Takeaways

We asked, "What's one thing you learned today that might benefit your students?" Sample responses:

- *Multiple opportunities to dig more deeply into Ethnic Studies concepts and content.*
- *A variety of scaffolds*

## Next Steps

- This Learning Site includes three follow-up sessions on Zoom on **March 6, March 20, April 3** (4:00 to 5:00 pm.)
- [Telescope Events Calendar](#) for future PD sessions and social events.

## Additional Resources

Event facilitators: [Amrita Dani](#) (host teacher), [Neema Avashia](#) (debrief facilitator), [Alison Mosher](#), & [Garcie Champagne](#). Visit [bostonpublicschools.org/telescope](https://bostonpublicschools.org/telescope) for more information. Email us at [telescope@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:telescope@bostonpublicschools.org).

### See below for student resources

[Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System](#) (Surprises, Numbers and Statistics, Sketch to Stretch)

[Immigration in Boston](#) (Surprises)

[From Slavery to Jim Crow](#) (Confirmed, Challenged, Changed)

- ❑ 2024.2.14 LS Ethnic Studies @ BATA Flyer
- ❑ 2.13 Ethnic Studies Pre-Learning Site Session\_Slide Deck 11.2023



