



## Creating Brave Space Agreements

### What is a Brave Space?

A brave space is a physical and dialogical space where communications across difference is actively engaged in the face of risk, where disagreement has value, and where we commit to sitting with discomfort

### Brave Space vs. Safe Space

- What's the difference between a brave and a safe space?
- What is meant by the concept of safety?
- Are we conflating safety with comfort?
- Whose safety are we referring to?
- What is at stake if we ignore or downplay the risk/difficulty/controversy involved in our art-making and particularly art-making through a social justice lens.

### Why craft Brave Space Agreements?

- Establishes community norms and expectations for our classes that are participant driven rather than teacher driven
- Asks us to listen
- Calls us into accountability
- Asks us to get to know ourselves better
- Brave Space Agreements are in-process, they can evolve

### Brave Space Question Stems

- I can be brave in a space where/that/when \_\_\_\_\_
- I feel most brave when \_\_\_\_\_
- I fear being my most authentic/whole self in a space where/that \_\_\_\_\_
- What would *love* do?
- What would *fear* do?
- Create a statue of bravery/safety/fear
- Brave space agreements can often fall into three buckets: 1) Self 2) Community 3)Space