

## Addressing Classism in Academic Settings: Questionnaire

For those interested in understanding the subtle language, innuendoes and other dog whistles around socio-economic status (SES), the following questions provide some suggestions about what to listen and/or look for during interactions on the IUPUI campus.

“What drew Shepard’s ire is the sense of elitism and entitlement among a certain group of students strutting across his campus green. According to a growing body of scholarly literature, class stratification on college campuses may well be an immutable barrier that increasingly divides affluent students from their less well-off classmates, threatening the long-cherished ideal that a college education is the great equalizer of society.”

~ Sam Fulwood III, [Income differences divide the college campus in America](#)

“For the most part, few people—on campus or across the wider land—want to acknowledge that class matters or is determinative to future success.”

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### *Original CEQ-A Items*

#### *Institutionalized Classism*

During your time at ‘Hilltop University,’ were you ever in situations where:

1. You could not take a class (e.g., music, science, film) because you could not afford the fees for the class (for materials, travel, etc.)?
2. You could not join a sports team because you could not afford the associated expense?
3. You could not join an activity (e.g., [H]SA) because you consistently had to work during activity meetings/events?
4. You could not afford social activities (e.g., events at the Fine Arts Center) because of the fees?
5. You had to live in the dorms because you could not afford another housing option?
6. You felt the food and/or social options provided at Hilltop were different from what you would have independently chosen?
7. A faculty member did not put books on reserve for aa class? *Stereotype Citation*

#### *Stereotype Citation*

During your time at “Hilltop University,” were you ever in situations where Hilltop students or professors:

1. Told stories or jokes about people who are poor?
2. Made stereotypic remarks about people who are poor?
3. Made offensive remarks about people who are poor?
4. Made offensive remarks about the appearance of people who are poor?
5. Made offensive remarks about the way people who are poor act?
6. Made offensive remarks about the way people who are poor speak?
7. Made statements suggesting that poor people are inferior?
8. Made statements suggesting that rich people are superior?
9. Pressured you to behave consistently with a socio-economic class stereotype?
10. Assumed that you were from a lower socio-economic class because of your appearance?
11. Assumed that you were from a lower socio-economic class because of something that you said or did?
12. Assumed that you were from a higher socio-economic class because your appearance?
13. Assumed that you were from a higher socio-economic class because of something that you said or did?

14. Made offensive remarks about people on welfare?
15. Made offensive remarks about people on financial aid?
16. Assumed you were from a lower socioeconomic class because of the way you speak?

*Interpersonal Classism: Separation*

During your time at "Hilltop University," were you ever in situations where Hilltop students or professors:

1. Tried to hide their money or wealth from you?
2. Stopped talking about vacations or cars or new purchases when you were around?
3. Didn't invite you to events/outings so as not to hurt your feelings because they assumed you could not afford to attend?
4. Offered to pay for you because they assumed you couldn't afford it?
5. Did not invite you to their home because they feared you would feel uncomfortable?

*Interpersonal Classism: Devaluation*

During your time at "Hilltop University," were you ever in situations where Hilltop students or professors:

1. Repeatedly invited you to events/outings even though they knew you couldn't afford to go?
2. Treated you badly for refusing to participate in activities or remarks that disparaged people who are poor?
3. Threatened or intimidated you because of your socio-economic class?
4. Flaunted their money or wealth in front of you?
5. Made disparaging remarks about you because you were poor?
6. Told you that you had less of a right to be at Hilltop because you were on financial aid?

*Interpersonal Classism: Discounting*

During your time at "Hilltop University," were you ever in situations where Hilltop students or professors:

1. Encouraged you to shirk your employment responsibilities?
2. Were dismissive of your financial situation?
3. Invited you to events/outings that you could not afford?
4. Didn't seem to appreciate your financial burdens?
5. Encouraged you to purchase things you couldn't afford?
6. Assumed you could afford things that you couldn't?
7. Assumed you could charge things on your student account and that someone else would pay the balance?
8. Assumed that you could provide your own method of transportation?

*Interpersonal Classism: Exclusion*

During your time at "Hilltop University," were you ever in situations where Hilltop students or professors:

1. Actively excluded you from organized social activities (for example, parties or clubs) because of your lower socio-economic status?
2. Excluded you from future activities because you refused to participate in activities or remarks that disparaged people who are poor?
3. Repeatedly scheduled activities during your hours of employment?
4. Excluded you from academic activities or opportunities (for example, discussion groups or conference presentations) because of your lower socioeconomic status?
5. Have you felt excluded or felt that you couldn't join a social activity because you were of a lower socio-economic status?

6. Have you felt excluded or felt that you couldn't participate in an academic activity or opportunity (e.g., discussion groups or conference presentations) because you were of a lower socio-economic status?

*Labeling*

1. Have you ever been harassed or discriminated against because of your socio-economic class?

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Assessing Classism in Academic Settings, Regina Day Langhout, Francine Rosselli, and Jonathan Feinstein, 2007, *The Review of Higher Education*

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