

Fwd: [ALPHA] Assistance Needed for Decolonizing Physics Project!!!

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Subject: [ALPHA] Assistance Needed for Decolonizing Physics Project!!!

This semester, for Physics 101, in addition to learning about Quantum Mechanics, we are also learning and discussing implicit bias, microaggressions and other similar topics. Each person is creating a project about how to bring to light some of these issues to both the physics department and Pomona College in general. I have decided to do my project about the experiences of persons of color and women in STEM.

If you're not aware of the project #ItoAmHarvard, here is a blurb of their campaign:
A photo campaign highlighting the faces and voices of black students at Harvard College. Our voices often go unheard on this campus, our experiences are devalued, our presence is questioned-- this project is our way of speaking back, of claiming this campus, of standing up to say: We are here. This place is ours. We, TOO, are Harvard.

At the bottom of this email is a link to some of the photos from the campaign. I want to do something similar to think with instead the hashtag, #ItoAmSTEM. However, I want to do it a little different. I want to make the photos more anonymous. So I would take two pictures. The first would be a picture of the person with a sign that has the hashtag. The second would be a picture of the person hands holding a white board with their experience written on it. Again this would create a little more anonymity so that people would feel more confident in sharing stories.

Here is where I need your help. I need your stories and your willingness to share. If you are interested, please email me ASAP email redacted@mymail.pomona.edu to set up a time to meet and take pictures.

Link to #ItoAmHarvard project: <http://itooamharvard.tumblr.com/>

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions!

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