

Video Introduction by Dr. Beth Rubin

Description of Video Shots

This is a short video introduction by Beth Rubin. The clip includes two shots:

- a) In the opening shot, the camera zooms-in on the front door of Lewis Towers, home of the School for New Learning in the Loop Campus; above this shot is the School's logo: a blue shield with the tree of wisdom and the text "DePaul University School for New Learning."
- b) The main shot features Dr. Beth Rubin, Director of Distance Learning and faculty member at the School for New Learning. Beth has brown curly hair, is wearing a black and white striped shirt, has her hands at the podium, and is smiling quite enthusiastically throughout the video. Other than using some hand gestures to make her points, Beth is simply standing behind the podium, speaking.

Transcript

"My name is Beth Rubin and I'm the professor for this class. The class is called *Wanted! The "Best" and the "Brightest"!* Yes, it is in quotes. The quotes are VERY important! We will explore them as the course goes.

This course is about intelligence, a fascinating topic because we care so much about how intelligent we are. What is intelligence? How intelligent are you? How intelligence is your brother/is your sister...and are you intelligence in the same ways? Is there such a thing as intelligence? Is there more than one? We are going to look at these concepts. We are going to study what intelligence is, how it has been measured, the history of how it has been measured in other countries, US and Europe.

And what do we know once we know a person's intelligence? We make decisions based on many things based in that knowledge, that information... Whether or not to give people a job, whether or not to let people into a school, or whether or not to let people into a country and many, many other decisions.

Everyone will study these concepts. But depending on your competences, you will focus on the psychological theories of intelligence and of multiple intelligences. What is it? How many. You will focus on what it is; you may focus on the science of measuring competence. You may focus on the ethics of the decisions and the policies that we set based on measurements of intelligence.

The readings in the class are fabulous. The book is unbelievable. It's called *The Mismeasure of Man* by Steven J. Gould. That's the only textbook. There are other readings posted online. Some of it is challenging, but really interesting and accessible and written for a lay audience, but there will be parts of it we will work to understand. I look forward to getting to know you. You have my contact information in the course. Do not hesitate to get in touch.

See you in discussion!"