Hi Everyone,

Welcome to “Diversity, Inequality, and Dispute Resolution”! I very much look forward to meeting you at our first class on Jan. 18, 2022.

The assignment for our first class has both a reading and writing component:

Read the first six chapters (pp. 1-128) of Douglas Stone, Bruce Patton & Sheila Heen, *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most* (New York: Penguin, 2010).

Write and bring to class a hard copy of a short essay “*Who am I?*” (400-600 words) about *you*, including only information that you would feel comfortable sharing with other students in class. Your essay might discuss something you care deeply about, someone who has touched your life, a transformative experience, aspects of your heritage or background, or anything else that helps to make you *you*. Who are you? How did you become that person?

Attached to this email is the course syllabus, which is also available on the Canvas website. Please read the syllabus prior to our first meeting. I ask you to especially note the process for purchasing the role-play materials, and, if you can, to please do so prior to our first class.

If you have any questions prior to our first meeting, please feel free to ask me ([cohenjr@law.ufl.edu](mailto:cohenjr@law.ufl.edu); (352) 273-0919). Otherwise I look forward to meeting you on Jan. 18.

Sincerely,

Prof. Cohen