

## Tips for Doing Autoethnography

- I. **Autoethnography** is “research, writing, story, and method that connect the autobiographical and personal to the cultural, social and political.”

Ellis, Carolyn. *The Ethnographic I: A Methodological Novel About Ethnography*. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 2004.

- II. **Things to Consider:**

- A. **Prepare written objectives for the autoethnography.** What do you want to learn?
- B. **Identify the *accessible* population.** Who will be involved?
- C. **Design autoethnographic objectives that could provide some benefit to the chosen population.** Decide in advance how potential benefits could be accessed.
- D. **Prepare a timeline.** From drafting the objectives, conducting a literature review, revising, and documenting to compiling, reporting, and disseminating the results.
- E. **Choose *appropriate* documentation methods.** Will you take written notes, audiorecord, videorecord, or photograph?
- F. **Determine assessment criteria.** How will the autoethnography be assessed?