

## **FYSM Color & Money Interview Guide, last updated September 9, 2015**

Contact your assigned sophomore, who has already agreed to be interviewed, to set up a mutually convenient time and location in a relatively quiet space: \_\_\_\_\_

At the interview, introduce yourself and explain:

Our seminar is interviewing members of the Class of 2018 to learn more about your perceptions of race and social class at Trinity. Your name was selected at random and the entire process is voluntary, taking about 20 minutes, and you can stop at any time. I would like your permission to record your interview, and I will NOT use your name or any identifying details when typing up the transcript for our seminar. May I start recording this interview?

### **I'd like to start with some questions about social class:**

- 1) How would you describe your family's social class?
- 2) Have you become more aware of your social class since coming to Trinity. If so, how?  
*(possible follow-ups)* - Can you give me an example?  
- Tell me more about that. . .  
- Were you already aware before coming here?
- 3) What assumptions, if any, have people at Trinity made -- correctly or incorrectly -- about your social class? *(follow-ups: Can you give example? Tell me more about that. . .)*
- 4) Has social class been a factor in your daily interactions at Trinity, and if so, how?  
*Follow-up: Have there been any situations at Trinity where you felt your social class caused you to be included or excluded?*

### **Now I'd like to ask some questions about race:**

- 5) How would you describe your race?
- 6) Since coming to Trinity College, have you become more aware of your race?  
*(follow-ups: Can you give example? Tell me more about that. . .)*
- 7) What assumptions, if any, have people at Trinity made -- correctly or incorrectly -- about your race? *(follow-ups: Can you give example? Tell me more about that. . .)*
- 8) Has race been a factor in your daily interactions at Trinity, and if so, how?  
*Follow-up: Have there been any situations at Trinity where you felt your race caused you to be included or excluded?*

### **Finally, I have three quick demographic questions:**

- 9) When applying to Trinity, did you also apply for financial aid? *(Did you receive it?)*
- 10) When applying to Trinity, did you identify your race on the form or not? *(If yes, how did you identify yourself?)*
- 11) How do you identify your gender?

**Thank you** for your time. You automatically will be entered into a lottery for a \$20 gift card at Peter B's, and my professor will contact you if you are the winner.