Alternative Perspectives on Ability – Living and Learning with Diverse Abilities

November 14th
12:15pm to 1:30pm
VDA 190

All students are welcome!

Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Please let us know if you plan on joining us at teachers@lmu.edu or x85866.

Presented By:
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Is anyone typical in every physical, psychological, and social way? If not, then what is “disability”? Based on our own experiences with (dis)ability, we will explore different views of ability and their implications for success in college and beyond. Join us for a constructive conversation about living and learning with diverse abilities and about misperceptions and possibilities. Whether or not you identify as having a disability, are interested in working effectively with people of different abilities, or are just curious, come and be inspired by Gina’s experience with her own changing ability as she was going blind, her academic strategies and successes, and her dedication to improving inclusion in college.

Gina Ceylan earned her BS in geology from the College of Charleston and a MS in marine geophysics (undersea volcanos) from University of Missouri in 2010. She is currently finishing her PhD in science education at the University of Missouri, focusing on implementing Inclusive Design for Learning (IDL) in college geoscience courses. Although Gina considered pursuing a PhD in geology because she is passionate about our planet, she is even more passionate about improving inclusion and contributing to teaching and learning in the STEM fields and beyond. She works with different offices of the University of Missouri to improve inclusion of students with diverse abilities. Gina has been progressing towards blindness since birth, and been effectively totally blind for over four years.