**Being Different Assignment**

In this course, the world is our laboratory. Let’s do some field work.

Monday and Wednesday you will spend **THE ENTIRE** class period in the field.

Your challenge is to spend this hour and a half in a place where you are a **VISIBLE MINORITY.**

But Emily, I am always a minority because I am a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insert social category there).

Yes, that may be true. But in this case, I would like you to be a visible minority in a way that you are not accustomed to being. A visible minority **in a NEW and DIFFERENT way.**

**This will allow you to experience diversity through FRESH EYES.**

Examples:

1. If you are a woman used to being around all men, join a group of Elderly women, or children
2. Men, go to a yoga class (and talk to people there)
3. Healthy individuals, go to a hospital and interact with sick patients
4. Find somewhere there are no persons who speak any of your languages and attempt to interact.

You are asked to do this twice in **TWO DIFFERENT PLACES.**

**Use your smartphone to video tape:**

1. Your feelings before you walk in
2. A diary of your experiences after you leave
3. A contrast of the two experiences
4. What you learned about diversity

Share the Videos **in a folder with your name on it** with my google drive at eblock@uablerta.ca