**Subject:** Sandwich Seminar - November 8, 2023
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:34:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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## The President's Office invites you to attend a Sandwich Seminar

**Old Main Colloquium**

***Wednesday, November 8, 2023 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.***

# "SEL in U.S. Schools"

Speaker:
Jose Ortiz, Assistant Professor, Foundations and Social Advocacy

Description:

The phrase "Social Emotional Learning (SEL)" is a relatively new term that was first coined by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning in 1993. Since then, schools have adopted many SEL models aiming to help students develop academic, emotional, and social skills deemed useful to succeed in school and society. While SEL programs may aim to serve students' academic and overall well-being in the classroom, questions concerning SEL programs' original promise to increase equity and help students understand their emotions has generated its fair share of critiques (Humphrey, 2013; Hoffman, 2009). The talk will highlight the history and current implications of Social and Emotional Learning in U.S. schools. We will also discuss current critiques associated with SEL, specifically focusing on SEL's lack of attending to cultural differences when approaching students' emotions. We will end by discussing U.S. society's response to SEL curriculum, specifically highlighting parents' response to SEL and the growing political opposition to any curriculum addressing students' emotions in the classroom.

*For more information about this Sandwich Seminar, please contact Jose Ortiz at jose.ortiz@cortland.edu*

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