



SSND Solidarity Summer - Week Four Defeating the “White Savior” Complex



Monday's SSND Solidarity Summer Webinar:

Featured Dr. Amy Finnegan, Associate Professor of Justice and Peace Studies at the University of St. Thomas, who examined the "white savior complex," and identified how it is inherently problematic.

- Links to the August 3 Solidarity Summer webinar recording – [Defeating the White Savior Complex](#) and to Professor Finnegan's [Presentation Slides](#)
(A closed captioning enabled recording of the presentation can be [found here](#).)
- Link to presentation reactions shared via chat - [Download PDF of August 3 Chats](#)

*For links to the recording and related materials from our **first** webinar - [click here](#).*

*For links to the recording and related materials from our **second** webinar - [click here](#).*

*For links to the recording and related materials from our **third** webinar - [click here](#).*

Optional Small Group Faith-Sharing Sessions on Thursday:

You are invited to join other webinar participants in some small group faith sharing this Thursday. We have two sessions, one at 2:30 pm and another at 6:30 pm. Each session will last less than an hour. Participants will be divided into small groups (4-6 people per group) for the faith-sharing. No reservations or Bluejeans app required, just click on the Bluejeans Meeting link below on Thursday to participate.

Faith-Sharing Sessions – just click on the link below to participate

- Thursday 2:30 pm Session - <https://bluejeans.com/131403397>
- Thursday 6:30 pm Session - <https://bluejeans.com/686457762>

Activity for Personal Integration:

Professor Finnegan continues to challenge everyone to turn the lens inward and find out “who I am.” After a time doing that, she asks, “How do we navigate the tension of our personal efficacy with the principle of humility and partnership?”

Try to create a situation where this might happen....picture a meeting, a gathering, etc. where you come together with people from a different culture or state in life, or race, and make decisions and actions together that will enhance the common good. What is your inner position as you participate?

For Personal Reflection:

“And suddenly a voice came from heaven saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

~ Have you ever wondered who you are in the sight of God?

~ Carl Sandberg suggests: “It is necessary...for one to go away...alone...to sit on a rock...and ask, ‘Who am I, where have I been, and where am I going?’”

For Further Study:

DiAngelo, Robin and Menakem, Resmaa. *In Conversation*. Beneath the question, “What can I do?” is often a sincere desire to see change. But as anyone who’s ever tried to enact change knows: It does not happen overnight or over the course of a few months. It cannot be checked off of a to-do list. Rather than seeking the comforts of accomplishment, what we ought to be working toward is a world more just, altogether unfamiliar to any of us. <https://bit.ly/38Te2wn>

DiAngelo, Robin. *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*.

Beacon Press, 2018. Click here to view the launch of the book with her overview of it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45ey4igoxeU&t=49s>

Finnegan, Amy. *“The White Girl’s Burden.”*

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1536504213476243>

We are grateful for your participation in our SSND Solidarity Summer initiative. May our collective efforts lead to personal and communal transformation and ultimately help make the dismantling of racism a reality.

Sincerely,

CP Shalom Racial Justice Committee - Susan Adrians, Gen Cassani, Vicki Chambers, Tim Dewane, Maria Gomez, Gail Guelker, Vincella Lake, Rose Mercurio, Nancy McNemar, Barbara Pfarr, Waltermarie Ray, and Karen Walther



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