



## 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>
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### **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=45ey4jgoxeU&t=49s>

Finnegan, Amy. "The White Girl's Burden."  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1536504213476243>

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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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