COMING TO THE TABLE

Taking America Beyond the Legacy of Enslavement

"Be the Healing" - Dr. Joy DeGruy

Denver Racial Justice Discussion Group

Meeting Over Zoom Due to COVID-19

New Series for 2021

Uncovering History: Walking The Path of Repair

Begins January 27th, 2021

6:00 - 8:00 PM MST / 8:00 - 10:00 PM EST

RSVP for Session 1 Zoom link and Study Materials

Hello Friends:

As the national atmosphere of chaos intensifies, we hope that 2021 blesses us with the radiant health and renewed energy we'll need as we work toward our common goals of racial justice and healing, the defeat of white supremacy, and progress toward repair.

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We invite you to join us this year as Coming to the Table Denver shifts gears and focuses on the first leg of our table, *uncovering history.*

With a chronological survey of American history as our backdrop, we'll explore the theme of racial justice and repair from multiple angles. Participants will be provided with a variety of study materials and encouraged to research their own family history in parallel. We'll explore the economic impact of systemic racism era by era, and see how it has influenced the racial wealth gap. We'll have brave conversations and discuss how this "erased" history has affected our communities and families. We'll look for ways we can unwind these harms in our personal spheres of influence. Finally, we'll occasionally pause to gain inspiration from people across the country who are working to blaze the trails of co-liberation and reparation, or take a breath and focus on contemplation and trauma healing.

We encourage you to attend the entire series, but you are welcome to attend individual sessions, as you wish. We look forward to seeing you!

Tamara Rhone, Ken Poehner, Doug Yarn, and Lotte Lieb Dula

The CTTT Denver Team

Series Intro:

The Racial Wealth Gap:

Understanding the Economic Basis for Repair

January 27, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM MST



We'll dissect the "Bootstrap Myth" and other elements of the meritocracy argument with regard to the generation of wealth.

In our kick-off session for the year, Lotte Lieb Dula will speak about the discovery that led her to become a proponent of the movement for reparations. We'll look at her family's history of slaveholding, trace the genesis of the racial wealth gap, and explore and discuss our own family narratives around prosperity. This session will include question and answer segments, a contemplative writing exercise, and breakout group discussion plus a preview of upcoming sessions in the series.

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Uncovering History : Walking the Path of Repair Series Schedule

In each session, we'll review a period of American history as we look at the source of today's racial wealth gap and the economic effects of institutional racism. While we plan to have some formal presentations, much of what we will discuss will be "crowd-sourced" - the more experiences, questions and stories you bring to the table, and the more of the assigned materials you read in advance, the better our discussion. We'll also discuss concrete actions people can take to unwind harm.

Schedule - (dates/topics subject to change)

01/27/21 The Racial Wealth Gap: Understanding the Economic Basis for Repair

(Lotte Lieb Dula presenter)

02/03/21 Pre-Slavery West Africa - a Thriving Society (Tami Rhone, presenter)

02/17/21 US Slavery 1619 - 1699 (Tami Rhone, presenter)

03/03/21 US Slavery 1700 - 1799 (Tami Rhone, presenter)

03/17/21 US Slavery 1800 - 1865 (Tami Rhone, presenter)

03/31/21 Repatriating Slaveholding Documents - The Gwynn's Island Project (Allison Thomas, presenter)

04/14/21 Land Grants and Homestead Act of 1862

04/28/21 Reconstruction

05/12/21 Black Codes and Jim Crow Laws

05/26/21 Convict Leasing

06/09/21 Guest Speaker, Book or Healing Session

06/23/21 Sharecropping

07/07/21 Freedman's Savings and Trust

07/21/21 Guest Speaker, Book or Healing Session

08/04/21 Sundown Towns

08/18/21 Greenwood: The Tulsa Massacre

09/01/21 Guest Speaker, Book or Healing Session

09/15/21 New Deal Programs

09/29/21 Black Heirs' Property

10/13/21 Guest Speaker, Book or Healing Session

10/27/21 Federal Housing Policy

11/10/21 GI Bill

11/24/21 Preview of Upcoming Series for 2022

Reparations: Walking Our Talk



This program is presented in the spirit of racial healing free of charge. White attendees will have opportunities to contribute to Black-led organizations throughout the series to encourage and facilitate acts of repair.

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Typical Session Format:

- **Welcome to the table**
- **Opening Meditation**
- **Reading of the Coming To The Table Touchstones**

- **Opening Thoughts**
- **Presentation**
- **Exercises and Discussion**
- **Closing Thoughts**
- **Closing Meditation**
- **Confirmation of next session date and facilitator**





If you have never attended a CTTT racial justice discussion group, be sure to familiarize yourself with the attached documents:

1. Check out the Coming To The Table Website - see below
2. Review our group's "touchstones" - these are CTTT group guidelines that attendees must abide by, below
3. Read about our facilitation method, circle process
4. Read our facilitator's thoughts on "being together" and how we can be our best selves in-circle
5. Read the "White Fragility" document, below - the white members of our group endeavor to follow Robin DiAngelo's model for white resilience and humility

We look forward to meeting you!

Click for more information about Coming To The Table

Click for more information about Circle Process

Click to review CTTT's Touchstones

Click to review "Some Thoughts on Coming Together as a Group:

Click to review Robin DiAngelo's Guidelines for White Resilience and Humility

Uncovering History

Making Connections

Working Toward Healing

Taking Action