

Equity Conference

November 14th & 15th, 2019

Time

Thursday, 14th, 2019
Check In 8:30- 9:00am
Presentation 9:00am- 4:00pm
There will be time for lunch and breaks

CEUs

5.5 CEUs per day
for LICSW, LCMHC,
MTF, and
Psychologists.

Pricing

More information
to come on pricing
and registration.

Where

Day 1: Champlain Valley Expo Center
105 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT
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Day 1 with Kenneth V. Hardy, Ph.D.

The Enduring, Invisible, and Ubiquitous Centrality of Whiteness



We are a nation in denial, especially when taking a critical look at our racial biography is at task. We see what we look for and thus are only capable of seeing what we want to see. Invariably, the 'what' we see is so often dictated by the 'who' that is looking. The myriad of racially based heartwarming, feel good slogans and clichés that we have historically relied upon, only serve to nurture our sense of collective denial. "We are a land of immigrants", "we are a melting pot" and "we want to celebrate and honor diversity" are all notions that engender feelings of oneness, inclusion, and a sense of belongingness that often belie the everyday experiences for most non-white people. While each of us can undoubtedly point to obvious signs of racial progress in terms of both *the optics and demographics*, the enduring and invisible force that stifles global change with regards to race remains unscathed and unacknowledged. That force is... the centrality of whiteness.

This all day workshop will examine the pervasive and deleterious effects of the *centrality of whiteness*. Particular attention will be devoted to a critical examination of the role it plays in our lives especially regarding the relationships that we strive to have with each other across the racial divide. Strategies for de-centering whiteness in and outside therapy, human services, and school will be discussed.

The objectives of the workshop is to provide participants with:

- a comprehensive overview of the subtle but pervasive ways in which the centrality of whiteness permeates our lives
- a deconstruction of how the centrality of whiteness undermines our quest for racial and social justice
- strategies for de-centering whiteness as an act of social justice in human services systems.