

Race in a Brave Space (RiBS)

Dialogues with Verdis L. Robinson



Verdis L. Robinson is a civic consultant, public historian, and an aspirant for the UU ministry. He is currently an Associate for the Kettering Foundation as a specialist in the democratic mission of community colleges. He was a tenured assistant professor of history and African American studies at Monroe Community College (MCC). Verdis was the founder of the Rochester Neighborhood Oral History Project that created a walking tour of the community most impacted by the 1964 Race Riots.

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**This series of 4 dialogues will help to create a brave space to learn, grow, and act toward antiracism. All sessions will be virtual from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
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Friday, October 16:

"What History Teachers Never Taught Us"

Friday, November 13:

"Wilderness Journey": Unitarian Universalism and the Black Empowerment Controversy

Friday, January 22:

"Rochester's History of Systemic Racism"

Friday, March 19:

"Enduring the Long Night: A Meditation"



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