99 Voices Teach Ferguson: A KCC Symposium

in honor of

Black History Month 2015

Tuesday, February 10, 2015  |  MAC Rotunda
99 VOICES TEACH FERGUSON

A KCC Symposium

“I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly... Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.”

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Letter From A Birmingham Jail”

Symposium Sessions:
This symposium was organized for CUNY students, faculty and staff who wish to understand how recent events in Ferguson Missouri and New York City fit within larger patterns of structural and institutional oppression and structural and institutional privilege.

ONE: 9:35 – 10:35 am
Ferguson and Race in America: Black Lives Matter
Facilitators: Martin Matthew (History) & Doreen Bowens (English)

TWO: 10:45 – 11:45 am
Finding the Leverage Points for Challenging Power
Facilitator: Stuart Parker (Behavioral Sciences)

THREE: 11:50 am – 12:50 pm
A Discussion of Oppositional Consciousness: The Subjective Roots of Social Protest
Facilitators: Helen-Margaret Nasser (Honors) & Farin Kautz (KCC Alumnus)

FOUR: 1 – 2 pm
Amos Wilson and the Structuring of Black Criminality
Facilitator: Hank Williams (Lehman College/English)

FIVE: 2:05 - 3:05 pm
The Silent Advantage: Understanding White Privilege
Facilitator: Kevicha Echols (Health)
Community Dialogue & Lunch: 3:10 - 4:30 p.m.

99 Voices Speak! Facilitated by Maureen Fadem (English) and Crystal Rodwell (IT)

- what are your questions? ...for the session leaders or for the whole group
- tell us your thoughts or opinions or ideas
  ...about something you learned today?
  ...about the issues discussed today?
  ...about what we should do about them?
- tell us a personal story related to these issues
- share a song or a poem perhaps

Film Festival: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (M-239).

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