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Dialogues That Matter: Community Conversations Grounded In Love

As we advance work around equity, diversity, and inclusion, we have identified the need to delve deeper into emerging issues impacting our campus, local, national and global communities, issues that undeniably shape our campus climate and experiences.

The Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion is excited to share a new initiative to advance the work of our Virtual Dialogues Lunch & Learn Series, Dialogues That Matter: Community Conversations Grounded In Love.

Dialogues That Matter: Community Conversations Grounded In Love are deep conversational dives that invites student scholars, staff and faculty from different backgrounds to find bridges, create synergies, build connections and provide toolkits to foster a more inclusive community. Grounded in love and inquiry, the Dialogues That Matter series facilitates the emergence of common insights and actions to impact and enact change for the campus community.

Co-sponsored by the University of California Free Speech Center and Civic Engagement, Dialogues That Matter: Community Conversations Grounded In Love began in Spring 2021.

UC Merced curated two Dialogues That Matter, the first one was on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 addressing the topic of anti-Semitism with guest speakers Rabbi Adam Naftalin-Kelman and Dr. Ethan Katz from UC Berkeley, both presented on anti-Semitism In Our Midst: Past, Present and Future.
The second Dialogues That Matter we invited Dr. Aletha Harven, the title for the presentation was Reimagining Campus Policies & Practices for Equity, Inclusion & Belonging. Dr. Aletha Marie Harven will address America’s racial reckoning by helping campus community members to interrogate campus policies and practices that foster an oppressive college environment. Using a workshop format, Dr. Harven will lead attendees in developing strategies for modifying and developing practices that promote a sense of belonging among faculty, staff and students, which is crucial for recruitment, retention and learning.
SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
TIME: 12:00PM - 2:00PM

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WITH DR. ALETHA HARVEN

For more information and to register, visit:
https://diversity.ucmerced.edu/events/dialogues-matter-dr-aletha-harven

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