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PICA Check In

"Conversations on Race and Privilege"

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Dear PICA Friends,

Like most of you we continue to practicing social distancing to keep our members healthy. Hoping that you are spending some time outside to soak up every last bit of summer that we can.

Here is a bit of information for you...

We will be sending out our annual phonebank letter soon so check you mail and email for that.

We have found out that the venue for our auction is not allowing in person events this year. We completely understand. So, we are looking into either a Facebook Live event or a Zoom event. We will keep everyone informed as we find out what would work best to include as many bidders as possible!

Do you have friends who might want to become members of PICA? Help us spread the word about the important work we are doing in our area.

You can help us spread the word by clicking on the "**Forward E-mail**" link at the very bottom of this newsletter and send it to one or more of your friends with a note saying that you support PICA, and you hope that they will, too.

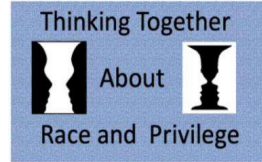


Course Offering for PICA Members!

We invite PICA members to participate in a zoom-line course in four sessions.

“Conversations on Race and Privilege.” will be offered by Dennis Chinoy, and is grounded in work and conversations that PICA’s Sister City Committee and Dignity for All committees have had over time and recently, as well. Matters of solidarity and entitlement, race and privilege are now central issues both within and across our borders.

Most of the focus will be on our own country’s current political moment and history. It is informed by our Salvadoran sister city’s purposeful creation and preservation of a historical memory that informs the present, a model that white America, at least, could use right now.



We’ve spent quite a bit of time, energy on planning on this, and believe it will be a very fruitful and stimulating course. The format for each session will be two series of slides each lasting for roughly 15 minutes. Each sequence will be followed by some small group reflection, then some group discussion, about what’s been presented, for a total duration of roughly 1-1/2 hours for each of the four weekly sessions.

We invite your interest by email response to elleng@pica.ws. Once we know who might like to participate, we’ll send out a “doodle” calendar to those interested to settle on the best date for the most people.

The four “modules” will start sometime during the last week of October and end by the week before thanksgiving. More course detail is below.

Topics to be explored include:

- How our conception of ourselves as part of a History, not only as individuals, changes our outlook on accountability, oppression, and privilege.
- How our country’s history is comprised of multiple histories, some highlighted, some suppressed, some whitewashed.
- How “Racism” and “Privilege” are confusing terms, especially when confounded with class.

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