



Conference Agenda

CONFERENCE MCs, Curators and Facilitators: Gwendolyn VanSant and Aseante Renee with Dr. Emily Williams (and Fellow Collaborating Activist Minds)

Confirmed Conference Presenters to date include: Sponsor Interviews & Local Initiatives Spotlight coming soon!

- Thursday, Nov 5 Pre - conference with Hic Rosa Collective: BRIDGE Towards Racial Justice mtg, 6:30 - 9:00 pm | (Zoom Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uZAlcO6rqT4rCPimkdUzGFqb3yoYdx-1pQ>)
 - **Dr. Asma Abbas, Hic Rosa Collective** (Falsework School) 7-8
 - *Conference Previews* Pre-recorded Sessions will play throughout conference- all presenters welcome to discuss pre-recorded sessions at TRJ:
 - **Moderators:** Maya Richards and Stephanie Wright (select sessions)
 - **Kristen vanGinhoven**, WAM Theatre with **Nicole Brewer**, Antiracism Theatre;
 - **Gabrielle Senza**, Walk Unafraid
 - **James Baldwin**, University of Pittsburgh, Using the Pell Grant
 - **Jackson Whalan**, Lyricist and Musical Production
 - **Dawn Simmons**, Front Porch Arts Collective
 - “Community Health”, **Dr. Lara Setti** and **Dr. Janice Pride-Boone**
 - **Pops Peterson**, “The Making of a Protest Artist”
 - Greylock Federal Credit Union - **JamieEllen Moncecchi** and Berkshire Bank - **Lori Kiely**
 - Words from our sponsors & community partners



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- Friday, Nov 6: Accountability: Public Policy, Civic Engagement & Action, 5:30 PM -8:30 PM | Zoom Registration for Session 1:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcudumsrzIsHtRaSCoS6OCrXEKKL-gNDkhB>
 - Welcome, MC **Gwendolyn VanSant**
 - MA State Senator **Adam Hinds**
 - Remarks from BRIDGE & BRIDGE Advisory: **Ari Cameron**
 - Mayor **Kamal Johnson**, City of Hudson
 - **Deepika Shukla**, Assistant United States Attorney
 - **Dennis Powell**, NAACP- Berkshire
 - Confirmed Keynote: **Greg Watson**, “*Radical Civics and Civil Anarchy*”, Schumacher Center for New Economics and founding Executive Director of Dudley St. Initiative in Roxbury, MA
 - **Moderator: Gwendolyn VanSant**
 - Greg Watson
 - Dr. Leticia S. E. Haynes, JD, Williams College,
 - Helen Higginbotham, Esq., MBA (When Black Women Gather),
 - Andre Henry
 - Musical Artist: Andre Henry



- Saturday, Nov 7: Public Health, Wellness & Positive Mindsets for Transformation, Healing & Justice, 10 AM -4 Pm, Reception 6-8 PM





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- Confirmed Speaker: **Gibran Rivera**, “*Conscious Masculinity*” (10 AM) | Zoom Registration for Session 2:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrf-mvpz4pH9bS26YoNxghmFEGheL9-QP>
 - Confirmed Presentations/Panel “*Wellness & Positive Mindsets for Transformation, Healing & Justice*”:
 - **Moderator: Aseante Renee**
 - Gibran Rivera
 - Ayla Gavins and Leah Abel, CircusUP (*Liberation Health*),
 - Dr. Keeley Verrett, Holistic Eye Care; (*Generational Health*)
 - Dr. Eden-Renee Hayes, Williams College (*Compassionate Inclusion*);
 - Confirmed Presentations/Panel: “*Where do we go from here?: A mid COVID moment to reimagine HBCUs?*” | Zoom Registration for 12 noon for Session 3:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocOGqrz4oE9XNjvFYoTTDedTFOGyjF95m>
 - **Moderators: Dr. Sharon Honore, PhD, University of the Virgin Islands VI & Dr. Emily Williams, University Of Pittsburgh with Dr. Shirley Edgerton, ROPE**
 - Catherine Adams, Claflin University,
 - Charmayne E. Patterson, PhD, Clark Atlanta University,
 - Eva Michelle Wheeler, JD, PhD, Oakwood College
 - Confirmed Panel, “*Global Perspectives in Race, Class and Justice*” | Zoom Registration for 1:30 for Session 4:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctdeivqz8pGtKEGY7FF1K-4HlrrzZVssRn>
 - **Moderator: Dr. Frances Jones-Sneed, MCLA and CCR**



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- Dr. Chenzira Davis-Kahina, University of Virgin Islands (Freedom, Social Justice and Sovereignty: Transformation of Disaster Capitalism in the Virgin Islands)
- Dorjiss Wellington, American University (Teaching Humanity: Achieving Social Justice through Partnerships with Community Vested Organizations and Faith Communities)
- BioDun J. Ogundayo, University Of Pittsburgh, (Rethinking PanAfricanism for a New Era: The Afropolitan)
- Confirmed Panel, “Mental Health and Social Justice” | Zoom Registration for 3:00 PM for Session 5A:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItdeuoqz4jGN2EEex6RohQ5BRHALQspyhDA>
 - **Moderator: Louis Forouhar-Graff**
 - Louis Forouhar-Graff, MD, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
 - Starlin Astacio, LMFT from Charlotte Hungerford Hospital - co leader of Diversity Equity and Inclusion council
 - Jane Tillman, PhD Director of Erickson institute and psychologist at Austen Riggs Center
 - Kimesha Harris, LCSW. Works at the Institute of Living Young
 - Aieyat Zalzalalah, PhD Psychologist at Institute of Living Young
- Reception (in-person) 6 PM at Willow Investment for Loving Change - Pittsfield, MA | Light Fare (catered within COVID regulations) Discussion: “Creating Generational Wealth: Resourcing Justice and Equity through Transformation and Healing” Space limited due to COVID precautions & regulations. Ventilated Large Space | Register with co-sponsor, Erika Allison (erika@investwithwillow.com): <https://bit.ly/newpathwaysreceptionatwillow>



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- Sunday, Nov 8: Scholarship & Arts in Action 10 AM- 8 PM
 - Confirmed Presenters, *Diversity and Anti-Racism Best Practices and Applications* | Zoom Registration for 10 AM for Session 6:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrdemqqTopHdDaCdjoEwhvHWwFoYlz-1Eq>
 - **Moderator: Aseante Renee**
 - Dr. Tracey Benson, Tracey Benson Consulting (Anti-Racism Institute for Educators)
 - Jonathan Andrew Perez, Esq., Justiceology-by-Design
 - Dana Brownlee, Workplace Antiracism Advocate
 - Samantha Calamari, Microsoft (Inclusive Design)
 - Confirmed Panel: Hic Rosa panel with **Dr. Abbas** "*Keeping Freedom in View: Community, Justice, Political Education, and the Question of Power*" | Zoom Registration for Noon for Session 7:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdemtrjkvEtQ9CjjAgiEEwIYiMQWzYDWW> at 12 noon
 - **Moderator: Dr. Abbas**
 - Brianna Pope
 - Nadine Naber
 - Ejeris Dixon
 - Heidi Andrea Restrepo Rhodes
 - Confirmed Presentations/Panel: "*Arts for Justice*" Zoom Registration for 2:00-3:30 PM for Session 8:





https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkduCqrjojGdBFRiFLtzjXjrDNhviwvX_E

■ **Moderator: Gwendolyn VanSant**

- Dr. Nanci Wellington Bookhart, Paine College
 - Dawn Meredith Simmons, Front Porch Arts Collective and Stage Source
 - Pascale Danice Florestal, Front Porch Arts Collective
 - Pops Peterson, current *Reimagining Rockwell* exhibit
 - Jackson Whalan, Lyricist and Music Producer
- Confirmed Keynote: Dr. Angela Davis | Zoom Registration for 6:00 PM for Session 9:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkce2vrT8uHNbbhQPb1m1BOJC1hkuKAfj>

■ **Moderators: Dr. Emily Williams 6-7 , Aseante Renee 7-7:40**

- Angela Davis
 - Tracy Gray
 - Paloma McGregor
 - Gwendolyn VanSant
- Musical Artist: **Mikhala Iversen**, All Bout Dat Tours 7:45



- Monday, Nov 9: Reparations: Moving Resources for Positive Social Impact, 10 AM- 12 noon | Zoom Registration for Session 10:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZosc-2urzopHNzpwBSmFsuigkN8SzUuwzp>



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Monday, Nov 9: Reparations: Moving Resources for Positive Social Impact, 10 AM- 12 noon | Zoom Registration:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZosc-2urzopHNzpawBSmFsu9kN8SzUuwzp>

- **Opening Remarks: Donna Haghighat, "Financial Inclusion for Women within a Race Equity Lens",** Women's Fund of Western MA
- **Erika Allison,** Willow Investment for Loving Change, **JEDI**, 10 min.
- **Speaker: Malia Lazu,** Urban Labs and MIT Sloan, 10 AM, **"Tomorrow: A Catalyst Conversation for Sustainable Impact"**
 - **Panel: Malia Lazu,** panel moderator/curator, **Segun Idowu,** BECMA; **Anasa Troutman,** President/CEO of the Big We **Jonathan Lewis,** The Gathering for Justice
- **Closing Remarks & Thank Yous:** Gwendolyn VanSant with Board Representatives

Conference ends at 12 noon on Monday, Nov. 9th



- Post conference (12:30-3:00pm): "Women & Money: Making Money Moves that Matter" Reunion (Register with Liz Wolfson of Changemaker Strategies, eawolfson3167@gmail.com)
 - Tracy Gray, the 22 Fund
 - Tuti Scott, Changemaker Strategies
 - Marianne Williamson, ill





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- Gwendolyn VanSant, BRIDGE and Changemaker Strategies
 - Aseante Renee, BRIDGE

TICKETS (Scholarships available for BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and Folks living with disability AND in financial need-- be in touch at newpathways@multiculturalbridge.org! We want you here!)

- \$250 full conference pass / \$100 Student pass
- \$200 BRIDGE, Changemaker Strategies, BTCF, ArtsCapacity Cohort & Sponsors rate
- \$75/day for BRIDGE, Changemaker Strategies, BTCF, ArtsCapacity Cohort & Sponsors

To purchase Day tickets, email RSVP@Multiculturalbridge.org

To inquire after scholarships, email adminsupport@multiculturalbridge.org

For all other tickets, please see our [Eventbrite](#).

We want to thank you for devoting your time and energy to this moment! We are the solution we are all looking for. We can drive the actions of our federal leadership and our local government for safety and thriving for all. Each of you are leaders and BRIDGE is proud to be one of the post-election platforms to animate and amplify our collective activism! To that end, we need your help in this last leg of organizing for this event! Thanks in advance! ~Gwendolyn VanSant

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- *Please cross-promote:* Find BRIDGE on Instagram (bridge-413), Facebook (BRIDGE and BRIDGE Race Task Force) - the conference is featured as a Facebook event, LinkedIn



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(BRIDGE and Gwendolyn VanSant), and Twitter (BRIDGE 413). Our [website](#) will be updated regularly.

- Shortly we will share tweets and messages for your platforms but for now please feel free to reshare to let folks know you are attending. Don' Jea Smith is the Executive Assistant and can get you all assets for the conference. donjea@multiculturalbridge.org.
- Conference Coordinator: Aseante Renee. aseante@multiculturalbridge.org
- RSVP soon for planning purposes if you can be an active part of the session rsvp@multiculturalbridge.org. Registration is required. All sessions have a separate zoom registration for tracking purposes. Tickets are available on Eventbrite through website and facebook. All zoom registrants will be billed after the conference.
- **Discounted Tickets:** We have student rates and some BIPOC and LGBTQ+ scholarships for those in financial need. Please email newpathways@multiculturalbridge.org to confirm any other discounted rates.
- You can pick up conference bags on or before Nov. 5th with mementos from BRIDGE, The Berkshires, and the Conference starting Wednesday. Call ahead. The bags will be good before and after the conference. If you would like it mailed, send us priority postage!
- Special boxes will be available at Only In My Dreams as a separate fundraiser that supports local minority and LGBTQ+-owned and run businesses.
- **Zoom Instructions to log on:** *For security & confidentiality, you must go to your browser (not your application, "app") sign in to your free or paid Zoom account with your Zoom credentials first and then click through to your Zoom meeting. Please see this video of our Digital Programs Manager explaining further, if you need more help with signing on: [See this video here](#)*



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