



RACE, RELIGION & SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

2022 Theme: Harming, Healing & Hope

The Race, Religion & Social Justice (RRSJ) Conference objective is to advance interdisciplinary knowledge focused on the intersections of race, religion, and social justice by bringing a diverse group of interdisciplinary scholars; diversity, equity, access, and inclusion (DEAI) practitioners; community and civic leaders; and corporate executives together to spark cross-sector collaboration in the Midwest.

Thursday, June 9 **Conference**
Tri-Faith Commons 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

In-Person & Virtual **Virtual Keynote**
Attendance Options 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE

10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

SESSIONS ONE & TWO

2:30 PM - 4:15 PM

SESSIONS THREE & FOUR

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

SESSION ONE

VIRTUAL SESSION

Black Queer Life and Resistance: God Revealed

Vann Michael Millhouse

This virtual seminar will open up a discussion about how men who were assigned female at birth have experienced the white patriarchal framework, its religious systems, and examine in what ways they have had to reimagine their 'God' image to realize, actualize and access the transcendental power of the Universal Spirit and commune with Divinity.

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

SESSION TWO

VIRTUAL SESSION

Engaged Critical Pluralism: The Next Generation Beyond Interfaith

Dr. J. Cody Nielsen

Dr. Nielsen is the founder and Executive Director of Convergence Strategies and the Director of the Center for Spirituality and Social Justice at Dickinson College. This virtual discussion seeks to invite participants to think about the next stage of the interfaith movement, one that should include intentional healing and hope for religious equity in America.

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

SESSION THREE

VIRTUAL SESSION

Why Countering Islamophobia & Anti-Muslim Discrimination Is at the Intersection of Race, Religion, & Social Justice

Cassandra Lawrence, Dr. Todd Green, Margari Hill, Petra Alsoofy, and Simran Jeet Singh

This virtual panel discussion, moderated by Shoulder to Shoulder (a multifaith coalition) will feature partners and experts in the field to highlight and contextualize the problem of anti-Muslim discrimination and violence in the United States so that we may more strategically and effectively shape our responses to it.

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

SESSION FOUR

VIRTUAL SESSION

Songs of Lament & Hope: The Book of Psalms & Contemporary Minority Voices

Rabbi Or N. Rose

This interactive workshop will explore the commentaries of contemporary readers from minority voices during a time of unprecedented crisis and unrest. As we explore the music, visual art, poetry, and theological reflections of these brave individuals, we will examine the dynamics of sacred text interpretation and related questions of power and privilege in North African religious life.

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE



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*Hate, Faith, and Belonging:
Perspectives and Insights from
a Religious and Racial Other*

Simran Jeet Singh, PhD

*Dr. Simran Jeet Singh is an American educator, writer, and activist, who frequently offers comment and analysis on religion, racism, and justice. Simran is the Executive Director for the Aspen Institute's Religion & Society Program, and author of upcoming book, *The Light We Give: How Sikh Wisdom Can Transform Your Life* (July 2022).*



About Tri-Faith Initiative

Tri-Faith brings together in permanent residency a synagogue, church, mosque, and interfaith center on one 38-acre campus in America's heartland. From this intentionally diverse space, we bridge divides among three faith communities, neighbors in our local community, and, increasingly, people across the U.S. and around the world.

Inspired by the faith of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities, we cultivate inclusive environments to advance interfaith relationships and understanding.



About UNO Religious Studies

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