



# 2021 Race Amity Summit

“We, Together”

Exploring Race Unity from the perspective of head, heart and spirit

## VIRTUAL MEETING

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM – 4:45 PM ◇ Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Pre-registration required at: <https://2021raceamitysummit.bpt.me>

Attendance is free. Donations are appreciated.

## SCHEDULE – DAY 1

Saturday, June 12

### The “HEAD” SESSIONS

8:30 AM – 8:55 AM Plenary Session

#### Meditation & Land Acknowledgment

Please join us to open summit with rejuvenating meditation and land acknowledgment

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9:00 – 10:30 AM Concurrent Session

#### Track A: Realizing our Oneness through Science

Facilitators: D. Jen Brown, Esq., Jack LoBianco

Does science reassure us that we are ONE humanity or is there proof of biological differences? This is a foundational session to all of our race unity work. (This session was originally titled: Race & Biology – The Science vs the Myth)

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#### Track B: Current Genetic Science and the Race Debate

Facilitators: Tamara Bond-Williams, Sven Thiessen

In 2003, scientists completed the Human Genome Project, making it finally possible to examine human ancestry with genetics. What does the science say NOW about “race”? NOTE: Race & Biology – The Science vs the Myth OR Race: The Power of an Illusion Episode 1 is a prerequisite.

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10:45 AM – 12:15 PM Plenary Session

#### The Historical Bias and Violence against Asian-Americans in the US

Facilitators: Sheba Kapur, Zhang Lihui

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## \*\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*

### 12:15 AM – 1:25 PM ARTS LUNCH

#### Virtual Arts Tour

The virtual “arts lunch” will feature a tour of a special diversity arts show curated by David McGorry from New Horizons Resources and will feature a presentation by Mary Haddad of how students from Spackenkill HS and Oakwood School partnered to combat racism through art.

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#### The “HEART” SESSIONS

### 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Race Amity Plenary Session

#### Amity (*E Pluribus Unum*): Our Natural State

Facilitators: Kendall Lestrade, Brian Robinson

Explore the foundations of unity in the early history of our nation.

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### 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Race Amity Plenary Session

#### The Sum of Us – The Cost of Separation

Facilitators: Deirdra Jen Brown, Muriel Horowitz

Is Racism bankrupting America? An exploration of ideas from the groundbreaking work by Heather McGhee, and a journey toward racial healing and transformation.

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## \*\*\*Dinner Break\*\*\*

### 7:00 PM Movie Watch Party:

#### “Shared History” – facilitated by Muriel Horowitz and Shadei Williams

Bring your popcorn, Twizzlers and other favorite snacks and join Muriel Horowitz and Shadei Williams to watch and discuss the famed PBS documentary exploring the historical relationship between White and African American families connected to Woodlands Plantation.

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## SCHEDULE – DAY 2

### 9:00 – 9:10 Reading of the Proclamation – Mayor Rob Rolison

#### The “SPIRIT” SESSIONS

### 9:15 – 12:05 PM Plenary Sessions

#### We, Together in Race Amity: The Healing Balm of a Spiritual Perspective

9:15 – 9:35	Ani Depa, a meditation from the Buddhist tradition	10:55 – 11:15	Dr. Kaytura Felix, A Baha’i Perspective
9:40 – 10:00	Rabbi Daniel Victor, A Jewish Perspective	11:20 - 11:40	Giancarlo Llaveras, A Christian Perspective
10:05 – 10:25	Jolanda Jansen, A Humanist Perspective	11:45 – 12:05	Ali Muhammad, A Muslim Perspective
10:30 – 10:50	Rev. Dr. Tony Hart, A Christian Perspective		

# Join us as we join Race Amity of Northern Westchester & Putnam!

## RACE AMITY

of Northern Westchester & Putnam presents:

# *Race Amity Day Celebration!*



**Join us for friendship, presentations, and entertainment!**  
**Bring a picnic and chairs.**

**We will be honoring**  
**Somers Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey**  
**and retired Police Chief Michael Driscoll**  
**for their support of our work and racial equality.**

**Sunday June 13th, 2021**

*rain or shine*

**1:00 - 5:00**

**Reis Park Pavilion**  
**82 Primrose Street, Somers, NY**  
*(for more information, contact [jstavans@gmail.com](mailto:jstavans@gmail.com))*