

The Healing Justice Dialogue Series

We are in the midst of a health and human rights crisis.

We are outraged and horrified by the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless others whose names must be acknowledged within the long history of racial injustice and police brutality. We stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, communities of color, and other communities who are profoundly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We believe increased dialogue is necessary to assist in the healing many of our communities need amidst the anguish, rage, violence, illness, trauma, and loss they have and continue to experience on so many levels.

Taken from [Transformharm.org](https://transformharm.org/):

According to [Cara Page](#), Healing Justice is a framework that identifies how we can holistically respond to and intervene on generational trauma and violence and to bring collective practices that can impact and transform the consequences of oppression on our bodies, hearts and minds. Through this framework we continue to build political and philosophical convergences of healing inside of liberation movements and organizations.

Healing Justice means we all deserve to heal on our terms and we confront oppressive systems that get in our way. We honor the trauma and resilience of generations that came before us and use interactive, daily practices that anyone can do. Healing Justice is a reminder to social movements that the concept of action should be expanded to support the self-determination, interdependence, resilience & resistance of those most impacted by oppression. Healing Justice is revolutionary in confronting the capitalist, colonial, individualistic paradigms that tell us we are alone when we seek out healing.

– Young Women’s Empowerment Project and the Chicago Healing Justice Learning Circle

Through this **Healing Justice Dialogue Series**, we aim to facilitate dialogue within and outside DePaul that:

- increases our understanding and consciousness around structural racism and violence
- raises our awareness about the historical trauma and oppression communities experience, and how this has impacted individual and community wellness
- helps us to learn from the resilience of diverse and indigenous communities and examine and experience nontraditional ways of healing
- creates a community of healing and restorative justice
- heightens awareness and community activism

This initiative is organized by

The Women’s Center
Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies
The Center for Black Diaspora Studies
The Center for Community Health Equity

We invite others to assist in contributing to this initiative and welcome other departments to help identify and co-sponsor speakers.

We value the work we can accomplish collectively.

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FALL 2020 Schedule

(All Virtual Events)

Wednesday, September 30th – A Conversation with Tanuja Jagernauth and Sangeetha Ravichandron

Healing Justice, Mutual Aid, and Abolitionist Feminism

6:00-7:30 pm

Eventbrite Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-justice-mutual-aid-and-abolitionist-feminism-tickets-121525208169>

Tanuja Jagernauth is a playwright and practitioner of transformative and healing justice. When she is not creating spaces for mutual aid, collective creation, and transformative dialogue, she works for the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization as their Operations and Just Culture Manager. She believes in creating strong containers for the next world. Sangeetha Ravichandran is a queer South Asian activist scholar, an art therapist and a current PhD student at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the sociology program. She has worked alongside survivors of interpersonal and state violence for over 10 years. Her current research examines biosurveillance through its interlinks with carcerality, US liberal counterinsurgencies and feminism. She currently organizes with Love & Protect.

Friday, October 9th, 10 am -12 pm

Urgent Call to Action: Vote for Justice, Equity and Immigration Reform

Tanya Cabrera, Assistant Vice Provost for Student Inclusion at UIC

Moshood Olanrewaju -civic engagement and voting within the refugee community

Ami Ghandi, Senior Counsel from The Chicago Lawyers Committee in Civil Rights, voting & civic engagement among communities of color

Hanna Kebbebe, Founder of Transform Align and Soar Through the Arts (<https://www.taastta.org/about>)

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Please see the following link for more information: <https://ourcimh.org/communityconvenings>

Monday, November 9th, 6 -7 pm

Fania Davis, will discuss restorative and racial justice, self-care and healing, as author of The Little Book of Race and Restorative Justice: Black Lives, Healing, and US Social Transformation (2019)

<https://rjoakland.org>

Friday, Nov. 13th, 10 am to 12 pm

Call to Restorative Action: Community Wellness and Healing

Pulitzer Prize journalist Jose Antonio Vargas

will talk about mental health and community wellness from his perspective as an undocumented immigrant and within his immigrant justice and racial justice work within Define American

(<https://www.defineamerican.com/>).

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