Be a part of It’s Time to Act!™

It’s Time to Act! is a forum series designed for deeper learning and action planning around issues of race, equity, identity and social justice. Attendees take a deep dive into issues affecting our community and are inspired to identify their own role and power to create change. Pairing lectures with intentional action planning, attendees move from talk to action.

2020 SERIES:

→ JANUARY 16, 2020 | Beyond the Ballot: Advancing Electoral Justice
  Presenters: Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer | Elizer Darris, ACLU | Mónica Hurtado, Voices for Racial Justice | Leslie Redmond, President, NAACP Minneapolis

→ APRIL 16, 2020 | Facing the Truth: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
  Presenters: Mary Kelly Kunesh-Podein, MN House of Representatives | Angela Two Stars, Director of All My Relations Gallery

→ JUNE 11, 2020 | Rhetoric of Hate: Islamophobia
  Presenter: Khaled Beydoun, law professor and author of American Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear

With your sponsorship, your organization becomes a visible racial justice champion, supporting programs that empower community members to address racial inequities on interpersonal, institutional and systemic levels.

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Beyond the Ballot: Advancing Electoral Justice

What could electoral justice look like?

Our democracy is meant to afford people the freedom of political expression regardless of their identities. In reality, our democratic systems have worked in oppressive ways against Black, Indigenous, immigrant communities, communities of color, LGBTQ+ communities and those living in poverty.

This panel discussion will explore how systems of voting, elections and the census can be transformed through collective action, from suppressive to empowering.

Facing the Truth: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

When you think of “We the People of the United States,” who does that include?

The United States’ failure to recognize the inherent rights of tribal nations and the history of intentional violence (genocide, removals, massacres and boarding schools) has weakened any protections for Indigenous People. Through its federal policies to address the “Native Problem,” the U.S. has created an environment today where violence is the norm for Native people.

During this session, you will learn the truths surrounding our history and the movement for addressing the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, boys, Two Spirit and transgender people. Together we will unfold the attitudes of dominant culture, oppressive systemic policies and the theft of land that has created heightened vulnerability for our Indigenous people.

Rhetoric of Hate: Islamophobia

This session discusses the history of Islamophobia in the American legal system and the racialization of Muslim identity. Current narrative typically discusses Islamophobia as a recent phenomenon that transpires at an interpersonal level. Professor Beydoun will lead us through historical policies that were federally institutionalized to exclude Muslim identity from society and deem it irreconcilable with American identity. This presentation will also examine the role liberals play in expanding Islamophobic rhetoric and policies.