CALL FOR PROPOSALS
February 1, 2021 Session: Race and RSSIs

Convergence invites scholars, practitioners, chaplains, graduate students, policy makers, and others working, teaching, and researching in support of equity and inclusion for college students’ diverse religious, secular, and spiritual identities (RSSIs) to submit proposals for the first session in the Convergence Symposium Series. This session, taking place virtually on February 1, focuses on the topic of Race and RSSIs.

The Symposium Series is a virtual set of one-day gatherings which will highlight the various identities that intersect with RSSIs and how those intersections should inform our scholarship, practices, and institutional policies. Working in conjunction with partners from higher education institutions and elsewhere, the symposia will bring together individuals who can speak best to emerging trends in theory and practice and how RSSIs are imbedded within all aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts.

On February 1, the first session in the series will feature keynote speaker Dr. Rahuldeep Gill and several other live presenters. We invite interested presenters to submit proposals on the following topic:

*From the historical entanglement of religion with white supremacy, anti-Blackness, and anti-Indigeneity, to the various ways that race affects the lived experiences of RSSIs in the present day, symposia in this category seek to identify and understand how racism and Christian supremacy serve as overlapping systems of power, and to determine actionable steps in research, practice, and policy that will disrupt, resist, and dismantle these forms of oppression.*

To submit a proposal for a one-hour session, use the following form:
https://convergenceoncampus.wufoo.com/forms/p1samnzb07hvqw1/

Proposals will be judged based on adherence to the theme, clarity and innovation of the content, as well as fit within the larger collection of proposals received. The deadline for submitting a proposal is January 4, and notifications will be sent by January 11. Those who have been accepted will be asked to submit any slides or other presentation materials to Convergence by January 25.
All accepted presenters will receive a discounted registration for the February symposium. For more information about the entire series, or to register, go to our website: https://convergenceoncampus.org/symposium-series/

If you have any questions about the proposal submissions, contact Dr. Jenny L. Small, Associate Director for Education and Content, at jenny.small@convergenceoncampus.org.