



Interfaith Alliance on Poverty

Let's talk about RACE: What is it? Where does it come from?

An Interfaith Alliance on Poverty Listening & Discussion Group

Monday and Thursday evenings @ 7pm for 1 hour, ZOOM, starting Sept 21 and ending Nov 12th

From John Biewen, a storyteller, historian, and public radio veteran:

Let's look at racism a little differently ---- NOT through the experience of the people on the receiving end, but by examining those of us whose ancestors built this contraption, this white supremacist dream. These reflections are for those of us conditioned not to see whiteness, even as we accept its advantages as our birthright. We set out to get better at seeing the water we're all swimming in.

The Interfaith Alliance is composed of many congregations that are predominately White --- probably even more White than metro Portland. In thinking about examining race and racism this fall, we wanted to look inward to delve into the topic, not look outward to see race and racism "elsewhere". Biewen's audio podcast series, "Seeing White," fits the requirement perfectly.

Now, to our non-White brethren: Please join us! Your perspectives(s) will be valuable! You may be encouraged by the podcast commentary from Chenjerai Kumanyika, John Biewen's co-presenter.

The Listening & Discussion Group will be like a self-led book club --- participants will listen to an assigned podcast in advance and bring their thoughts, reactions, concerns, questions to the open forum for discussion. (We will break into random groups of 5-6 if group size suggests it.) There is no intended intellectual or political "end point" to this series, except perhaps a different "take" on our American history, our American institutions, and thoughts about how we White people might understand that the race issue in America is of OUR making. What are we going to do about it? --- anything?

Our curriculum, 16 audio podcasts from 10 minutes to 50 minutes duration:

<https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/>

Who is John Biewen? He's head of audio production at the Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University, and developed this podcast series in 2017. He speaks to the inspiration for the series in this TedX talk. See what you think (18:33 minutes from start to finish).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qy-r-3W2Fkg>

Questions? Please email, txt or call Sarabelle Hitchner. shitchner@yahoo.com or 503 477-0012.



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WANT TO JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION?

For the Sept 21 session, listen to the Episode 1 podcast in advance, then COME!

For the Sept 24 session, listen to Episode 2 in advance, then COME! GOT THE PATTERN?!

Join the Discussion Via ZOOM:

Topic: "Seeing White" listening/discussion group MONDAY SESSIONS

Time: **Sep 21, 2020 07:00 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every Monday evening until Nov 9, 2020, 8 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting (cut and paste this into your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85605036484?pwd=MEtrS1NRU1I3SVBxUHQ1VXh1dThGUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 0503 6484

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Topic: "Seeing White" listening/discussion group THURSDAY SESSIONS

Time: **Sep 24, 2020 07:00 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every Thursday evening until Nov 12, 2020, 8 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting (cut and paste this into your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85204776202?pwd=NVFDM3BtY3FqbFA4Q1JpUm5JYUYyUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0477 6202

Passcode: 449446

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