



Racial Equity Forum

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The Dominican Center works with Amani residents and partners to build a better future.



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Racial Equity Forum. We anticipate an engaging conversation. We ask you to think critically about the issues and employ empathy when considering perspectives that may differ from your own.

“Not everything in the world can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

James Baldwin

PANELISTS

Dennis Walton

Dennis Walton is a 40 year resident of the Amani neighborhood. Active in the neighborhood for many years, Dennis is committed to being part of the solution to revitalizing the Amani neighborhood. As part of his efforts to work for positive change, Dennis serves as the outreach coordinator for the Mayor's Fatherhood Initiative. Dennis also helps to organize the annual Fatherhood Initiative Summit that brings men together to discuss the issue of fatherlessness; identify solutions and resources; and promote positive images of the father role; and gather data to help address the obstacles that prevent men from being involved, responsible and committed fathers.

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Susan Lloyd

Susan Lloyd directs the Zilber Family Foundation. The Foundation awards grants to nonprofits that address basic human needs, increase access to opportunity, and improve the quality of community life. In 2008 the Foundation began an Initiative to support local leaders and neighborhood groups as they develop and carry out plans for comprehensive community improvement. Previously, Susan directed grant programs at The MacArthur Foundation for 13 years; conducted academic research on the causes and consequences of violence for six years; and worked in human services agencies for ten years. She holds degrees in human development and social policy from Northwestern University, where she also was a National Science Foundation fellow on race and urban inequality.

Deanna Singh

Deanna Singh is a social entrepreneur and habitual founder with a deep passion for social change. She is driven to lift up community assets and to find innovative ways to weave those assets into transformative opportunities. Currently Deanna is leading the Burke Foundation, an organization started by Dick Burke, the founder of Trek bikes. The Foundation's focus on urban education and youth leadership is a perfect fit for Deanna, who believes that ALL children deserve the chance to reach their full potential. Deanna holds a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from Fordham University, a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown Law, and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Introductions

Presentation: What is Racial Equity

Panelists

Questions

Evaluation and Discussion

Social Hour

MODERATOR

Angela Russell

Angela Russell is the Manager of Diversity and Inclusion at CUNA Mutual Group in Madison, Wisconsin. Angela works to create healthy communities and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live up to their fullest potential. She is described by others as energetic, highly motivated, innovative and a results driven leader whose professional experience includes co-leading the Dane County Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative- a community wide initiative to integrate racial equity concepts into all the work of Dane County, and Community Engagement Lead UW-Madison Population Health Institute. Angela earned her B.S. in biochemistry at Beloit College and M.S. in Population Health at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.



PANELISTS

Sr. Patricia Rogers, OP

Sister Patricia Rogers leads the Dominican Center as its Executive Director. The Dominican Center works with and supports resident efforts to create opportunities and social change in the Amani neighborhood. Sister Patricia's prior experience includes serving as a principal, administrator, and social worker at high school and middle schools in Alabama and New Orleans. A member of the Sinsinawa Dominicans, Sister Patricia served 6 years in her congregation's leadership and is a board member of the National Black Sisters' Conference. Sister Patricia earned her B.S. in mathematics education at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Masters of Education at Auburn University; and Masters in Social Work at St. Louis University.

Veronica Gunn, MD

Dr. Veronica Gunn is the vice president of Population Health Management and medical director of Community Services at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Dr. Gunn believes that "we have within our community the power, the expertise and the ability to keep children healthy and safe from harm." Before joining Children's, Dr. Gunn was chief medical officer for the Tennessee Department of Health. She also was medical director for the Tennessee Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination. Dr. Gunn has a Bachelor of Science from Rhodes College, a Medical Degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and a Masters of Public Health from John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.
