

College of DuPage
Office of Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

5th Annual Inclusive Excellence Series

*“How to Have Uncomfortable Conversations
Towards Positive Change”*

Politics, Racism, Values, Sexuality, Anti-Racism, White Privilege, Gender, Police Brutality, Systemic Injustice, Religion, Protest, Physical Abilities, American Patriotism, Bias, Cliques, Micro-aggressions, Black Lives Matter, Prejudice, Beliefs, Free Speech, etc.!

In American society, many challenging issues impact our identity on a daily bases. While there is much to say, are we comfortable with the uncomfortable, and do we know how to share in a way that promotes a healthy teaching and learning community?



We will explore how to Engage in Uncomfortable Conversations as we continue to build a Culture of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion with a New Communication Paradigm.

The series will feature an article review and introductory methods of engaging in healthy critical conversations. Our COD students will also lead us with their insight as featured panelists.

Then, keynote presenter **Keith Barnes, executive director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, CO.** will provide a professional perspective on this relevant topic

This series is open to all students, faculty, staff, and the community!

Join each session via zoom:

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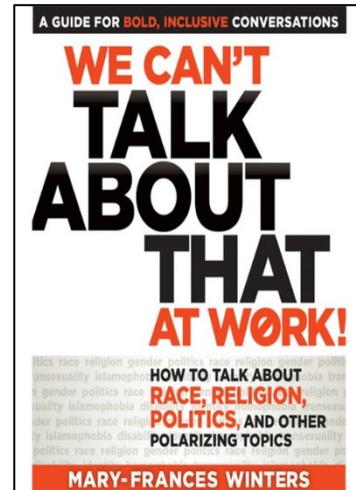
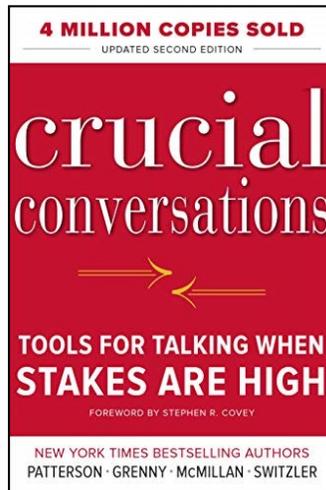
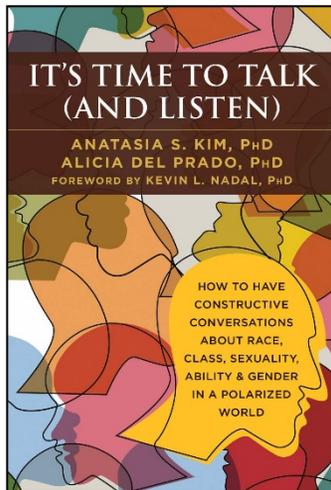
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Date, Location, Time	*Event and Topic
<p>10/7/2020 Via Zoom 3pm – 4pm</p> <p><i>*join-in session, no registration necessary.</i></p>	<p>Introductory Discussion</p> <p>Article review: <i>Talking About Race</i> by Dennis Pierce. See Pages 10 – 15. http://www.ccjournal-digital.com/ccjournal/20180607?pg=1#pg1</p> <p>Guidelines for Dialogue https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ddnrc/pages/20/attachments/original/1582697738/Guidelines_for_Dialogue.pdf?1582697738</p> <p><i>“Talking about race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and other issues of identity is difficult because it can make people feel deeply uncomfortable” (Pierce, 2018, pp. 10 - 15). Let’s review an article relative to how Community Colleges lead candid conversations about identity.</i></p>
<p>10/21/2020 Via Zoom 3pm – 4pm</p>	<p>Panel Presentation and Discussion</p> <p><i>COD Students will lead a spirited discussion providing their insights on ways of having uncomfortable conversations and building discourse communities that leave dialogue more informed even amid diverse perspectives.</i></p>
<p>11/04/2020 Via Zoom 3pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>Keith Barnes, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC), Colorado Springs, CO</p> <p><i>Let’s welcome back, Keith Barnes!</i></p> <p><i>Keith’s roots stem from Chicago’s South Side, where Barnes grew up the youngest of seven. With limited exposure to diverse people, he was first introduced to a cultural shift when he began his college career at Northern Illinois University. He received his Bachelors in Corporate Communication and obtained a Masters in Adult and Higher Education.</i></p> <p><i>After serving eight years in the Army Reserves, Barnes decided to share his passion for education by joining the staff at his former college. He began his career in Student Services and soon found himself holding seats on many diverse committees on campus.</i></p> <p><i>In August of 2016, Barnes joined the Pikes Peak family in the inaugural leadership role of Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and inclusion. Since joining the Leadership staff and Diversity team, Barnes has been a driving force behind expanding representation within PPCC, including improving the college’s hiring practices and increasing cultural competence.</i></p>

Those who participate in both sessions and the presentation will qualify to receive a “book pack” (three books) for continued learning!



This series is presented in conjunction with:



Questions?

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