

MERRIMACK COLLEGE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

UNITY IN DIVERSITY DAYS

OCTOBER 19, 2021

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Unity in Diversity Days at Merrimack: Opening Remarks

Dr. Simona Sharoni and Nicole Williams,
Merrimack College

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Confronting the Housing Crisis: Community Building Initiatives

Michael Hiland, Lynn Shelter Association
Dr. Calpurnya Roberts and Tiffany Payne, MHSA
Mickey Northcutt, North Shore CDC

10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Moving Beyond Calling Out: Building a Calling in Culture

Dr. Loretta Ross, Smith College

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Centering Black Women in History and Popular Culture

Dr. Janell Hobson,
University at Albany - SUNY

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Unpacking Privilege on a Private College Campus

Dr. Adam Howard, Colby College &
Pat Stewart, Millbrook School

4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

On Poetry, Science & Possibilities: Poet Wrestling with Ghost Realities

Rosebud Ben-Oni, Poet/Author

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Breaking Colonial Imaginations: An Evening of Queer Palestinian Diasporic Poetry

George Abraham, Poet/Author



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8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Global Youth Voices on Climate Justice

Kaleena Roeva, Climate Cardinals & Mitzi
Jonelle Tan, Climate Action Philippines

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Faith-Based Approaches

Dr. Lester Ruiz,
Association of Theological Schools

11:00 - 12:15 p.m.

Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire: 20 Years after 9/11

Dr. Deepa Kumar, Rutgers University

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Blackqueerness, Religion, and the Politics of Possibility

Dr. Ashon Crawly, University of Virginia

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Engaging Diverse Communities Through Education and Advocacy

ACCL & Katherine Tarpley, Children's Law Center of
Mass & Kelly Turley, Mass Coalition for Homeless

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

What the Eyes Don't See: Confronting an Environmental Disaster

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha,
Michigan State University

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Excavating Trans Histories Through Poetry & Performance

Chrysanthemum Tran,
Poet/Writer

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ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN
EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST)
& VIRTUALLY

PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION