

REAL TALKS

RESISTING EXCLUSION THROUGH ACTIVISM AND LEADERSHIP

*A collaboration between
Cultural Foundations of
Education, the Department
of English, and the
Department of Religion*

In a political climate that continues to encourage exclusionary rhetoric and practices, university communities have to grapple with what it means to be truly committed to creating spaces of inclusion and belonging. The nation's reckoning (or lack thereof) with racial and gendered violence, economic crisis, exclusionary immigration and foreign policies, and social unrest has directly affected university communities, while raising questions about the responsibilities institutions of higher education have in these issues. Three lunchtime conversations will address different themes of exclusion:

STATE VIOLENCE

Friday, February 9, 12:30-2 p.m., 304 Tolley Humanities Building

Moderated by Biko Mandela Gray (Department of Religion): including policing, police brutality, Black Lives Matter, immigration control, and DACA

ECONOMIC INJUSTICE

Friday, March 2, 12:30-2 p.m., 304 Tolley Humanities Building

Moderated by Susan Thomas (Cultural Foundations of Education): economic matters affecting the student body including student debt, tuition hikes, the GOP tax bill, and the overall neoliberalization of higher education

RAPE CULTURE

Friday, April 20, 12:30-2 p.m., Jacquet Commons, Huntington Hall

Moderated by Chris Eng (Department of English): including prevalence of rape, assault, and harassment on campuses, the significance of the #metoo moment, and the Title IX crisis

Lunch will be provided. American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation will be available for the event. Due to limited space, please RSVP to Susan Thomas at sthoma12@syr.edu at least a week before the event and include any dietary, accessibility, and accommodation requests.

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