

# STOP RACISM

## Whites for Racial Equity

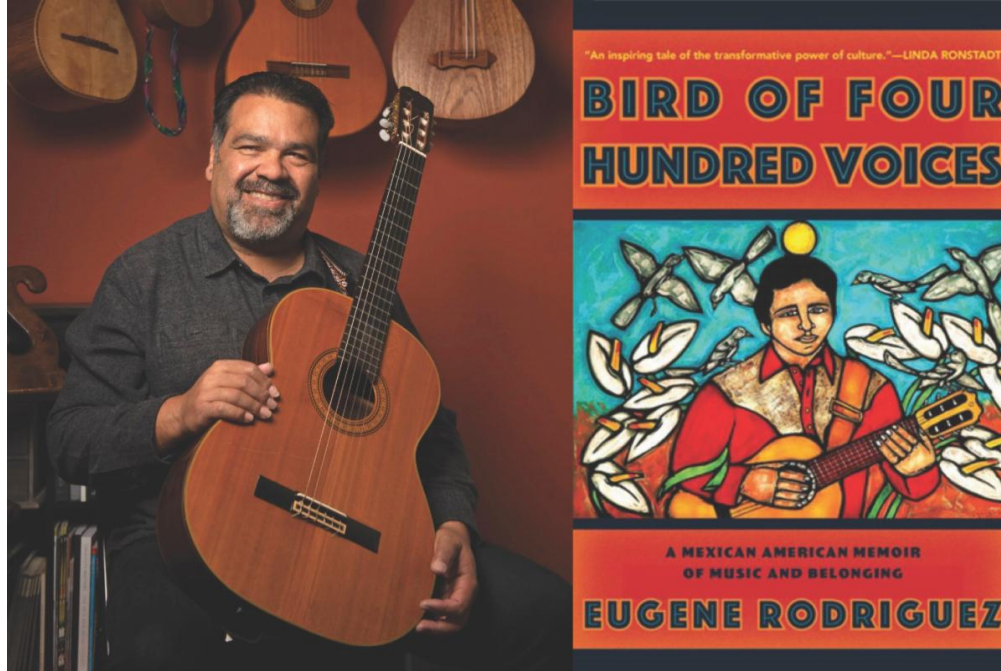
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On **Sept 8**, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, the Pajaro Valley Arts Gallery (37 Sudden St., Watsonville) will present poet **Shirley Ancheta** as part of their exhibit ***the Identity: Asian American Pacific Islander***.

She co- edited (with Jaime Jacinto and Jeff Tagami) the Filipino American anthology *Without Names*. Published in numerous journals and anthologies including Liwanag, Babaylan and Bamboo Ridge, her work recently appeared in artist Maia Cruz Palileo's book *Long Kwento*. Ancheta taught the NVM Gonzalez Writing Program at SF Asian Art Museum in 2022.



On **Sept 14**, beginning at 3pm, Bookshop Santa Cruz welcomes **Eugene Rodriguez**, founder of **Los Cenzontles Cultural Arts Academy**, for a celebration of his new memoir ***Bird of Four Hundred Voices: A Mexican American Memoir of Music and Belonging***. Rodriguez will be in conversation with Consuelo Alba, a passionate arts leader who unleashes the power of film and culture for social change in Santa Cruz County and beyond. This special event will also feature a musical performance from Los Cenzontles.

Rodriguez is founder and executive director of Los Cenzontles Cultural Arts Academy, a nonprofit based in San Pablo, California. He formed Los Cenzontles in 1989. Rodriguez has produced over thirty albums and numerous films for Los Cenzontles, and he has collaborated with Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, Los Lobos, Lalo Guerrero, Ry Cooder, the Chieftains, and Taj Mahal. His work has been featured in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, and NPR. He is also the recipient of several awards and fellowships, including from the California Arts Council and United States Artists. He lives in Richmond, California.

The event will take place at Bookshop Santa Cruz, 1520 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz.

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families which has been striving for reconciliation since 1998. Through shared experiences of loss, PCFF is finding hope and a path forward beyond binary ways of thinking, and, through reconciliation, achieve a sustainable peace.

On Sun, **Sept 15**, beginning at 4:30pm, a group of individuals profoundly affected by the conflict will share their stories of loss and their unwavering belief in our shared humanity.

Speakers include:

- Robi Damelin, Israeli mother and PCFF Director of International Relations, whose son was killed by a Palestinian sniper in 2002.
- Layla Alsheikh, Palestinian mother whose 6-month-old son died when she was prevented from reaching a hospital by Israeli soldiers.
- Yonatan Zeigen, an Israeli son whose mother, peace activist Vivian Silver, was killed on October 7.
- Arab Aramin, a Palestinian brother whose sister was killed at the age of 10.

Moderated by journalist, editor and author, Tina Brown, this panel discussion will delve into the power of shared pain and the enduring hope for peace. They will also discuss the PCFF initiative **Listening from the Heart**, an educational program developed in partnership with Georgetown University for communities suffering from the Israeli and Palestinian conflict.

**Join in this essential conversation about why we must continue to strive for reconciliation.**

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Lucille H. Ramirez

Mental Health Education Series

**Navigating Mental Health and Generational Trauma in the Latinx Community**

Join us for a webinar that aims to shed light on the mental health challenges and generational trauma faced by the Latinx community. It will explore cultural, social, and systemic factors impacting mental health, as well as strategies to promote healing and resilience.

JOIN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

HERE'S HOW TO WIN:

1. Join the series
2. Fill out survey at the end
3. Check your email the following Tuesday to find out if you are a winner

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

11 AM - 1 PM PST

**WAYS TO JOIN:**

1. Zoom: **Webinar ID: 869 1458 0632**
2. Through Phone: **+1 (669) 444-9171**

SCAN ME:

On **Sept 21**, from 11am-1pm, the Village Project will host a virtual panel discussion on **Mental Health & Generational Trauma in the Latinx Community**. This is more than just a conversation—it's a space to connect, share, and find strength as we dive deep into our community's mental health challenges. Help break down barriers, challenge stigmas, and build a supportive community.

THE 52ND ANNUAL NAACP MONTEREY COUNTY  
**Life Membership Banquet**

**THEME**  
"We Must Vote to Win & Thrive...Surviving is Not Enough"

**WHEN**  
Saturday, September 21, 2024  
Begins at 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE**  
The Embassy Suites by Hilton  
1441 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard  
Seaside, California 93955



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The **NAACP Monterey County Branch 52nd Annual Life Membership Banquet** will be held on **Sat, Sep 21**, beginning at 6:00 pm. It will take place at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Monterey Bay Seaside. This event is a celebration of dedicated community members and their commitment to social justice. Come enjoy a night of inspiring speeches, delicious food, and great company.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/naacp-monterey-county-branch-52nd-annual-life-membership-banquet-tickets-965525511797?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>



## VORP Volunteer Mediator Training

Restorative Justice Partners, Inc. invites you to participate in our Victim-Offender Reconciliation (VORP) Mediator Training.

### APPLY TODAY!

Restorative Justice Partners, Inc. brings those who have been victimized or have offended, their families, and other key stakeholders together in a restorative justice mediation. Cases are referred by the Monterey County Probation Department and funded in partnership with the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act.

#### Trainees will learn about:

- Restorative Justice Partners, Inc.
- Restorative views of conflict
- Effective communication
- Mediation techniques

The training will provide necessary skills for facilitating mediations between those who have been victimized by crime and the youth involved in the case. In addition, attendees will receive hands-on training and practice time with experienced mediators. All materials and food will be provided.



*Become a Volunteer Mediator. Help your community one relationship at a time. Over 88% of our cited juveniles do not re-offend and are able to successfully move forward in their lives, thanks to RJP's volunteers!*

Jocelyn Mendoza - Victim Offender Reconciliation Program Coordinator  
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#### Training Dates and Location:

Hybrid session:

**Friday, Sep. 27, 2024**- 2hr. zoom introduction.

**Saturday, Sep.28,2024**- In person 6 hr. Training.

#### Please Note:

1. Location will be sent once application is received and approved.
2. Must attend both sessions to receive certification.
3. Background checks & fingerprinting fees will be reimbursed by RJP, Inc.
4. Must be 18 years+

#### COST:

- Free for students and senior citizens with ID card
- \$15 with 3 case commitment
- \$500 with no commitment

#### How to sign up:

- Scan QR code below and an application will be sent to you.
- Download an application at [restorativejusticepartners.org](http://restorativejusticepartners.org) under the "Get Involved" tab.
- Contact the VORP Coordinator for an application.



## RACIAL BIAS AND THE BENCH



**The Monterey County Superior Court Joint Committee on the Elimination of Bias** is asking to hear from our community. To gain a better understanding of the biases experienced in the legal system within Monterey County, the committee is requesting that you fill out this

survey. In doing so, please consider the following definition of bias, according to the Oxford English Dictionary: prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair. All answers will remain anonymous.

The survey is meant for all community members - all persons who have encountered the Monterey County judicial system (including jury members, paralegals, administrative assistants, courtroom staff, and attorneys.) Understanding that we, as human beings, have biases that affect our actions, the Committee is committed to working within our community to help identify and eliminate actions that prevent a fair and impartial court environment and judicial system.

English Survey: <https://forms.gle/orJa9vzwiojdXDKi6>  
Spanish Survey: <https://forms.gle/oeNqz87DQJKo2skK6>

The purpose of this Committee is to assist in maintaining courtrooms free of bias and the appearance of bias through sponsoring educational programs, training, and promoting open communication.

Additionally, please note that biases may be conscious or unconscious; as explained in Judicial Council Of California Criminal Jury Instruction 200, "Many people have assumptions and biases about or stereotypes of other people and may be unaware of them."



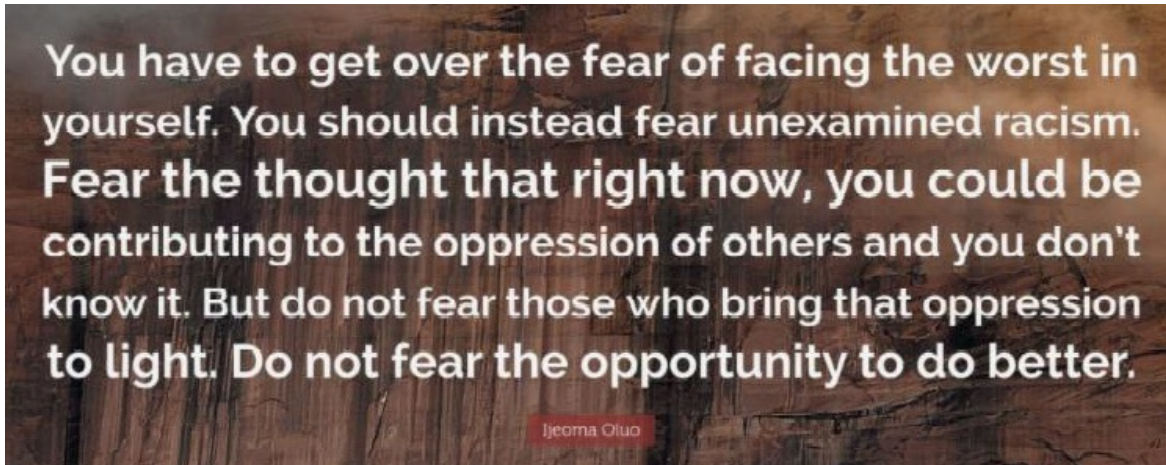
The Anti-Authoritarian Podcast addresses the rise of authoritarianism and fascism in the U.S. and beyond. Their core message is: we can block authoritarianism, bridge across lines of differences, and build an inclusive multiracial democracy—if we act more strategically. The show features provocative and valuable conversations with hosts Scot Nakagawa, Sue Hyde and their guests.

In this episode Executive Director of **Standing Up For Racial Justice, Erin Heaney** addresses the elephant in the room: how do we compete for the hearts and minds of white workers and build a counter-movement for progress and a multi-racial democracy? As executive director of the largest white anti-racist organization in the US, Erin shares the sometimes messy work of organizing in white communities that have been fed lies by authoritarian. How are race and gender weaponized to divide us, and how do we make the case that a multi-racial democracy means prosperity for everyone?

Erin Heaney is the Executive Director of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), organizing in majority-white communities to undermine the power of the Right and bring millions of white people into multi-racial movement. She brings over a decade of experience running grassroots campaigns for economic, racial and environmental justice and building organizations to enable

transformative organizing.

<https://convergencemag.com/podcast/you-belong-here-organizing-white-people-for-a-multi-racial-democracy-with-erin-heaney/?emci=2e86e1fa-5a6c-ef11-991a-6045bdd9e096&emdi=1ea67424-5b6c-ef11-991a-6045bdd9e096&ceid=581797>



## Get Involved:

On **Thurs, Oct 3**, from noon to 1pm, the Village Project Inc will host their 6th Annual Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa. They are looking for folks to be table captains and to help out on the day of the event.

If you would like to volunteer please contact [village@villageprojectinc.org](mailto:village@villageprojectinc.org).

## Join us:

For more information, please visit our web site <https://whitesforracialequity.org/>, and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhitesforRacialEquity/>. Whites for Racial Equity is an affiliate of SURJ- Showing Up for Racial Justice. <http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/>

WRE encourages all to engage with events in your community, statewide, nationally, internationally, and online to create the world in which you want to live. For those of you living in Monterey County, CA, please view **the Social Justice Community Calendar** at [https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5e10f8ba9aa72d14c55cd498bdaca8ed4060ad4759bea9f6676f15dac2bbf3ca%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos\\_Angeles](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5e10f8ba9aa72d14c55cd498bdaca8ed4060ad4759bea9f6676f15dac2bbf3ca%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos_Angeles) to see events in our community

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