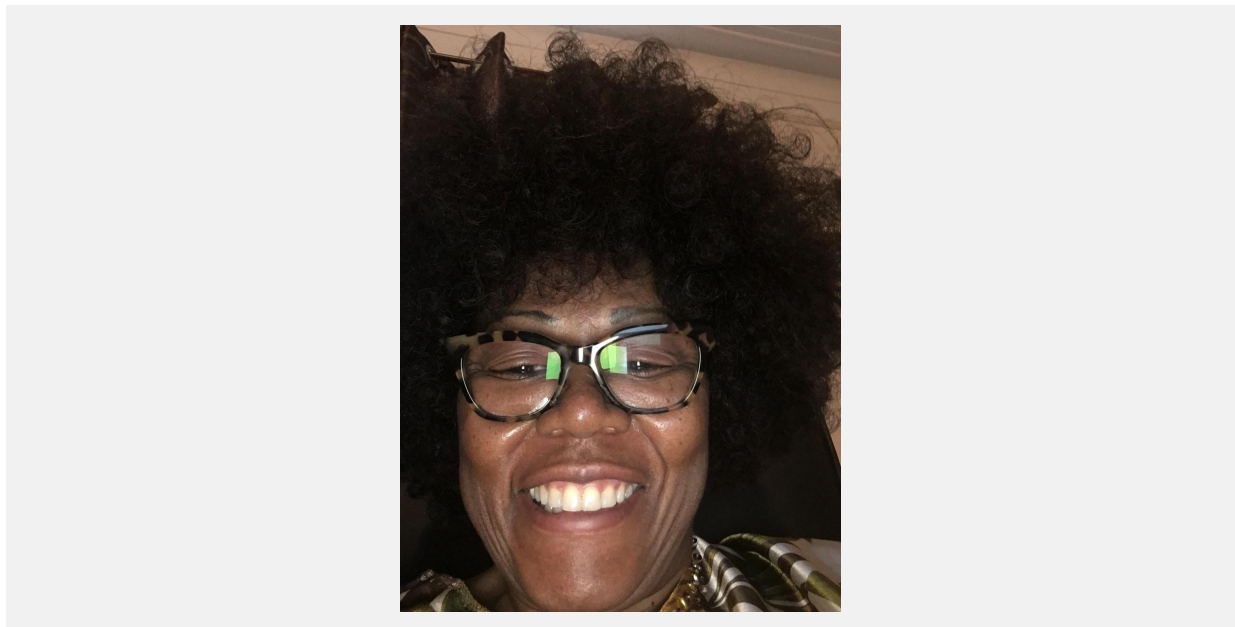




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Unpack the compelling and raw lived experiences of **Stephanie Colon**, a "woke" and "broke" Black woman navigating systemic oppression, racial trauma, and the complexities of identity. This interactive session will be an unapologetic exploration of how Stephanie's life, plagued by intergenerational racial trauma and internalized racial inferiority, has shaped her story as both a survivor and a thriver.

The event will begin with a powerful entrance song, I Can't Breathe by H.E.R., setting the tone for a deep reflection on race, identity, and survival. Stephanie will share intimate stories, from the racial aggressions she faced as a child growing up in a white neighborhood, to her tumultuous experiences in interracial marriages. Each part of her narrative serves to highlight the pervasiveness of anti-Blackness and the resilience required to navigate and dismantle white supremacy.

This virtual event will take place **June 25** from 4-5:45 pm.

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On **June 25**, beginning at 4pm, Bookshop Santa Cruz welcomes **Brook M. Thompson** for a reading and signing of her picture book ***I Love Salmon and Lampreys: A Native Story of Resilience***—an inspiring story about a river, a successful Native-led movement for environmental justice, and the making of a scientist.

Growing up in the Yurok and Karuk Tribes, Thompson learned to care for the fish that nurtured her and her family. She knew that along the Klamath River in Northern California, salmon and lampreys are a needed part of life. But she also saw how these fish were in danger. People had built dams along the Klamath River, making it very hard for salmon and lampreys to live. Tribal people and their friends organized to have four of the dams removed, and they won. In *I Love Salmon and Lampreys*, Thompson tells this inspiring tale, and she shares how it motivated her to become a scientist. Featuring illustrations by Anastasia Khmelevska, as well as fun facts about salmon and lampreys, this is a stirring story about stewarding nature for the generations to come.

She has a BS in civil engineering from Portland State University and an MS in environmental engineering from Stanford University, and she will soon have a PhD in environmental studies from University of California, Santa Cruz, where she studies water, politics, restoration, and salmon. You can find out more about her at brookmthompson.com.

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On **June 26** and **June 28**, **Embrace Race** will host a 2 hour workshop on how to cultivate a positive racial and ethnic identity for Asian American children. Along with learning about children's racial and ethnic socialization development, they'll be sharing stories, reflecting on our own racial identities, and using exciting resources from EmbraceRace's [new toolkit on raising Asian American children!](#)

This workshop is for any caregiver that plays a meaningful role with an Asian American child or children, either at home, in the classroom, or other spaces. Parents, guardians, educators, and all caregivers welcome.

The workshop will be led by [Andrea Huang](#) and [Maryam Zahid](#). Andrea identifies as Chinese American and is the Community Building Manager for EmbraceRace, where she facilitates and oversees classes, cohorts, and workshops. Maryam identifies as a South Asian first-generation immigrant and is the Senior Communications Manager for EmbraceRace.

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SUDAN: STAND TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



Saturday, June 28

6 pm - 8 pm

Doors open 5:30 pm

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180 Seaside Circle

Marina, CA

All are welcome

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[Stand-With-Sudan.eventbrite.com](https://stand-with-sudan.eventbrite.com)

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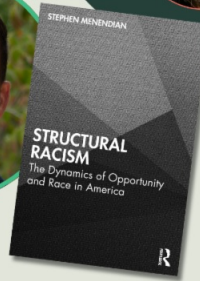
Structural Racism: A Book Talk

Author:
Stephen Menendian

Virtual Event

June 30th | 10:30am – 12pm PDT

Register: <https://bit.ly/structural-racism-book-talk>



In conversation with **John a. Powell**
and **Michael Omi**



On Monday, **June 30**, 10:30am-12pm the Othering and Belonging Institute will host a virtual launch of ***Structural Racism: The Dynamics of Opportunity and Race in America***, by OBI Assistant Director Stephen Menendian. He will be in conversation with OBI Director John a. Powell and Michael Omi, who was the co-author of the groundbreaking book *Racial Formation in the United States*.

Structural Racism: The Dynamics of Opportunity and Race in America explains how racial inequality in the United States is produced and perpetuated and what should be done about it. It develops the elusive concept of “structural racism,” presenting a precise definition that is clear and comprehensible, and illustrates how it operates methodically and rigorously.

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Everything is breaking.
Breaking down.
Breaking open, breaking apart at the seams.
Not that you need a newsflash—but,
we are past the brink
of the Great Breaking.
The Great Breaking is full of terror.
Discomfort. Annihilation.
And—
the Great Breaking is full of emergence.
Emerging. Becoming. Beauty.
The most rigid of us
will have the hardest reckoning days.
Perhaps that's why the ossified kings
are blowing up the world.
Terrified to break on the inside,
their terror moves through them
wild and unconscious—
like rams at war.
Inside the egg
is mystery,
darkness,
uncertainty.
birth takes time.
And it's not tidy.
It's raw, messy and marvelous.
Internally, much must break down
to make space for the new:
for conception,
for the slow, aching process
of gestating a new baby,
a new story.
There will be crying inside the egg.
Raging.
against the false machine
that lives inside.
The old structures must fracture
for the real story to come through.
We are waking,
many of us,
layer by layer,
within the belly of the Great Breaking—
cracking open
again and again,
watching the old world burn
as we stand on the edge of the new.
Protect yourself, beloved,
in these vulnerable times.
Surround yourself with beauty.
Eat beauty. Drink beauty.
Sing beauty.
Story beauty.
Make beauty with your hands,
with your heart,
with your mind.
What you focus on expands.
Thread your inner parts

with a golden beauty web.
Bring beauty to a neighbor.
Sing it with friends.
Pray beauty—
even for the faux.
Even for the foe.
Pray that the great river of remembering
washes over those
who have forgotten the most.
We are in a time of suffering.
And we are in a time of beauty.
Transformation is an intense affair.
you were made for these times.
Keep re-membering.

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/>

Check the **Social Justice Calendar**, a comprehensive Google Calendar listing actions and events around Monterey County (and beyond, if virtual). Avoid conflicting dates/times by checking the calendar before scheduling your local actions/events. Help make this a meaningful tool for the community. Contact Anita Crawley acrawley@comcast.net about adding your organization's events to the calendar.

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