# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WITH SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## Waves of Resistance: Merging Waters as Pathways to Justice and Healing

Wednesday, March 13 - Saturday, March 16, 2024

"Solidarity is not the same as support. To experience solidarity, we must have a community of interests, shared beliefs and goals around which to unite... Support can be occasional. It can be given and just as easily withdrawn." — bell hooks

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### Wednesday, March 13

#### **2024 CONFERENCE OPENING**

10AM - 11AM

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### **THE INVENTION OF WHITE PEOPLE** 11:30AM - 1PM

Explore a legal history that reveals race as a construct and exposes the roots of whiteness as a mindset that is foundational to the United States, shaping every institution, workplace, and community. This talk about the inventive process of white people, will weave the intersectional trade in women's bodies and workings of class oppression.

# DR. JACQUELINE BATTALORA

Speaker, author, and trainer in workplace and educational inclusion.



# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, RACE, GENDER, AND EDUCATION

#### 1:30PM - 3PM

Artificial intelligence is a modern reality with growing influence on everything about our lives. In this talk Avriel will share her efforts to seek to make a meaningful impact through researching how online, machine learning-driven ecologies influence youth of color as they construct and affirm racialized and gendered identities. AVRIEL EPPS Al Expert, Advocate



# Wednesday, March 13

#### **RADICAL EMPATHY AND INCLUSION**

#### 3:30PM - 5PM

An engaging discussion about radical empathy and inclusion. Kazen collaborates with and promotes Deaf artists who share a passion for bringing the artistry of ASL Dance Theater to the stage, screen, and beyond. As part of their commitment to creative work with and for the Deaf community, Brandon highlights and empowers BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ artists, building multicultural bridges of collaboration and community for artists of all backgrounds and abilities.

#### **BRANDON KAZEN-MADDOX**

ASL Artist - Director -Choreographer - Dancer -Acrobat - Filmmaker



#### **CAUCUS CAFE KLATCH!**

#### 5PM - 6PM

Participants will be able to visit with each caucus and learn about their work.

#### VISIT WITH CFA CAUCUSES

Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans Caucus Black Caucus Chicanx/Latinx Caucus Disability Caucus LGBTQIA+ Caucus Native American & Indigenous Peoples Caucus Palestine, Arab, & Muslim Caucus Teacher Education Caucus Womxn's Caucus



#### WE SEE EACH OTHER

#### 6PM - 7:30PM

An engaging conversation about trans visibility and vulnerability in the home, school, work, arts, socially and life in general as a non-binary femme. **TRE'VELL ANDERSON** Journalist, Podcast Host, Authoress



# Thursday, March 14

WELCOME!

9:30AM - 10AM

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#### THE MAKING OF OUR NATION

10:30AM - 12PM

This talk is about the history of now. North American regionalism, the sociology of United States nationhood, and how our colonial past shapes and explains the present.

#### **COLIN WOODARD**

New York Times bestselling historian and Polk Awardwinning journalist



# STUDENT-FACULTY SUPPRESSION AT CSU CAMPUSES: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF INJUSTICE

12PM - 1:30PM

CSU Students and faculty have faced harassment and repression for their activism associated with the movement for justice in Palestine. This panel of faculty and students will share their experiences. Joining them will be a representative of the Palestinian Youth Movement who will briefly present the reality of student repression in Palestine. In their discussion panelist will center different approaches to restorative justice for CFA to consider regarding how it can support faculty and students in the future.

# PALESTINE, ARAB, AND MUSLIM CAUCUS

Professor John Caravello, Dr. Sang Hea Kil, and Dr. Akhila Ananth



### **REST IS RESISTANCE**

#### 1:30PM - 3PM

Rest Is Resistance is a battle cry, a guidebook, a map for a movement, and a field guide for the sleep deprived, searching for justice, and longing to be liberated from the oppressive grip of Grind Culture.

TRICIA HERSEY Artist and Theologian



## Thursday, March 14

#### **BOOK BANNING RESISTANCE**

#### 3:30PM - 5PM

Libraries and librarians are seeing an increase in challenges, censorship attempts, and bans of books and information materials that highlight (or even just hint at) LGBTQIA+, ethnic, and race issues, experiences, histories, and people. Such occurrences impact not just individual intellectual freedom – the right to think for oneself, to seek knowledge, and to express one's views through writing, film, visual art, and other information-carrying items – but also the institution of education and the enterprise of lifelong learning. A panel of librarians will discuss these challenges and how libraries and librarians are working collaboratively with others to protect the freedom to inquire, learn, and express.

# RECLAIMING THE RADICAL POLITICS OF SELF-CARE: A CRIP OF COLOR CRITIQUE

#### 5PM - 6:30PM

Participants are invited to embrace the need for radical change for liberation. Crip-of-color critique is a concept developed by Jina B. Kim that models potential affinities between feminist of color/queer of color and disability theorizing. It offers a method of analysis drawn from the intersection of antiracist, anticapitalist and feminist disability politics, highlighting the centrality of ideologies of ability to racial-gendered violence and management, as well as the refusal of women and queers of color to submit to those ideologies.

### **CAPITALIST STATE VIOLENCE**

#### 5PM - 6:30PM

Police violence is global. Capitalism fosters violence and the state deploys it particularly against low-income communities while also attempting to pacify them and the broader public. U.S. policing tactics are imported around the world. This talk explores the similarities between policing in Sao Paulo, Brazil and South Los Angeles. Specifically, how police and police violence constructs race, space, and citizenship, and how they create authoritarian enclaves.

## REIMAGINING SAFETY/POLICE PRISIONS AND ABOLITION

#### 6:30PM - 8:30PM

A documentary screening and Q & A exploring the worldwide protests following the 2020 murder of George Floyd included calls to defund or abolish the police until a sharp rise in crime gave politicians and police supporters the fuel they needed to suppress the movement. Unfortunately, a detailed conversation about transforming public safety was never had. In this film (shot on iPhone), 10 experts discuss how policing and incarceration create more harm than good, why the system persists, and what changes can be made to make everyone safe.

#### LIBRARIANS COMMITTEE

Ginny Barnes, Lisa Cheby, Amanda Grombly, Raymond Pun and Catherine Paolillo



### DR. SAMI SCHALK

*Professor of Gender & Women's Studies, Author* 



# DR. SEBASTIÁN SCLOFSKY

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, CSU Stanislaus



## MATTHEW SOLOMON

Filmmaker, Author, Conflict Resolution Facilitator



# Friday, March 15

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9:30AM - 10AM

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# WHY DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO BE ABOUT RACE?

#### 10:30AM - 12PM

TV and film producer, NYT Bestselling author, TV news commentator, former white house aide and educator Keith Boykin takes us on a sankofa inspired look at race and politics in America.

#### **KEITH BOYKIN**

TV and film producer, national political commentator, New York Times best-selling author, and a former White House aide



# CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS

#### 1PM - 2:30PM

Best-selling author Isabel Wilkerson wrote The Warmth of Other Suns and Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents. Wilkerson will discuss modern-day caste protocols built on the structure of an unspoken system of human ranking. She has identified eight pillars that underlie caste across civilizations, including divine will, heredity, and dehumanization.

A reminder that recording is not permitted for this event and, for the Q&A portion of our program, Ms. Wilkerson would love to hear your thoughts about both of her books.

#### **ISABEL WILKERSON**

Pulitzer Prize winner and author of the critically-acclaimed bestsellers The Warmth of Other Suns and Caste



### JOURNEY OF STORY AND POETRY 3PM - 4:30PM

This will be an amazing engagement with an award-winning poet and short story writer, novelist, essayist, and playwright. She embraces the brave, the humorous, the raw, the sexual, the outrageous, the quiet and unnoticed, those living in the underbelly of the life in California, her native state.

#### JUDY JUANITA

Award-winning poet and short story writer, novelist, essayist, and playwright



# Friday, March 15

### VICTORY! VICTORY! PARA LAS PROMOTORAS!

#### 5PM - 6:30PM

Enough is Enough! Ya Basta will share with participants their fight to amend state law so that sexual violence prevention trainings moved away from perfunctory videos to an inperson peer educator consciousness-raising activity. Assembly Bill 547, the Janitor Survivor Empowerment Act, was signed into law in 2019. Ya Basta's work serves as a guide to CFA in its present effort centering Title IX understanding and enforcement. YA BASTA Womxn's Caucus



#### **TRIVIA**

#### 6:30PM - 7:30 PM

Come have fun and test your knowledge of labor history, ethnic studies, LGBTQIA+ liberation, CFA and conference speakers.

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### MINDFULNESS IN THE MOVEMENT: EMBODIMENT AS A POLITICAL ACT 6:30PM - 8PM

Oftentimes, wellness is secondary when it comes to social change. How can learn to take care of one another while taking care of ourselves? What does mindfulness look like when we incorporate it with our efforts to mobilize communities? Participants will be taken through a guided meditation accompanied by sound healing, gentle movement activities, creative writing prompts, and a brief discussion about self and collective care. Walk away with tools to practice mindfulness and a renewed sense of purpose in your mission and vision.

# JUNE "JUMAKAE" KAEWSITH

Professional Artist and Wellness Consultant



# Saturday, March 16

# GENTLE YOGA FLOW: AWAKENING THE OCEAN WITHIN

#### 8:30AM - 9:30AM

Water was our first home as we formed in our mother's belly, and makes up over 60% of who we are - just like the earth. Water reminds us of the ebbs and flows of life. And yet, so many of us have spent the majority of our lives being led by a fire in our belly that can inevitably lead to burnout when not mindfully tended to. We will be clearing any stagnation through gentle yoga and guided meditation, while inviting the element of water as an ancestor that can teach us how to soften in our body while honoring the waves within.

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#### WELCOME!

10AM - 10:30AM

## HOW THE CLASH OF STRUGGLES IN AMERICA FOR RADICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE CREATE NEW FUTURES, SOME INTENTIONAL AND SOME NOT, SOME MOVING US FORWARD AND OTHERS NOT 11AM - 12:30PM

A religious scholar, former Department Chair of African American Studies at Princeton and current MSNBC political commentator Eddie Glaude has a wealth of knowledge, experience and insight culminating in this visioning talk. Glaude wants to help us, our nation, imagine itself differently when it comes to race matters.

# **A CLOSING REFLECTION**

1PM - 2PM

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### DR. EDDIE GLAUDE, JR.

New York Times Bestselling Author & James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor, Princeton University





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