2022 CRT SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHING TRUTH TO POWER
JULY 18TH - 22ND
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TEACH THE CHILDREN THE TRUTH
Greetings Friends and Colleagues,

The African American Policy Forum is so excited to be Teaching Truth to Power this year at Critical Race Theory Summer School! It is crucial that we prepare racial justice advocates to defend the right to teach truth in schools. This powerful and urgent program runs July 18 to July 22, 2022.

Seats are limited, so register here today! Events will be held daily between 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. ET throughout the week. Be sure to sign up for our listserv so that you don't miss any updates.

CRT Summer School 2022 will include a variety of plenaries, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities aimed to inform, activate, and inspire. We’re inviting parents, educators, students, social workers, legal practitioners, media professionals and concerned community members from all walks of life, because there is something for anyone to learn from the sheer breadth of options available this year!

**Daily Plenary Sessions**

- **July 18** – Everyday CRT: A Commonsense Framework for Racial Liberation
- **July 19** – Public Schools, Private Agendas: How the Assault on Racial Justice Undermines Education
- **July 20** – Strange Bedfellows: The Left/Right Convergence that Enabled the Normalization of White Nationalism
- **July 21** – Define, Do Not Defend: How to Resist the Disinformation Campaign Against CRT
- **July 22** – Transforming a Moment to a Movement: Building A New Coalition to Secure our Multiracial Democracy

For more information on how to register and our diversity of offerings, please see below. We hope to see you at CRT-SS 2022! Don’t be shy – share this with your network – friends, colleagues, and constituents.

Onward,

African American Policy Forum (AAPF)
REGISTRATION

Registration Link:
https://web.cvent.com/event/cee3600f-6c48-4b56-9767-0a468698db14/summary

Registration Cost:
We have individual, group and institutional rates ranging from $75 - $1000. To ensure that everyone is able to attend CRT Summer School, we offer partial and full scholarships.

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Group Sales:
Registration in increments of ten and five – are available and yield a 25% discount. For Purchase Orders please contact crt@aafp.org for more information.

Individual Discounts:
Individual recipients of this email are eligible for a **10% discount** using the following code during check-out: TSICAF-992000-IWANJ.
Scholarships: Group discounts and full and partial scholarships are offered. See registration page for more details.

Professional Development Opportunities:
Attendance at this year’s CRT Summer School will yield participation certificates for all attendees. Beyond using those certificates toward professional development hour accrual, professional learning credentials will be accessible for attorneys (CLE/ME), social workers (CE), and education professionals (CTLE).

On Demand Content:
Great news! This year, all CRT Summer School content will be available to all registrants after the close of the event until Labor Day. You can watch anything you missed or revisit your favorites to ensure that you are a prepared racial justice advocate ready to defend the right to teach truth in schools.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:
Please contact us at crt@aapf.org.

DAILY SCHEDULE

10-12PM (ET) Youth Plenaries
12:15PM (ET) Homeroom
1:00PM (ET) Official Day Opening
1:15PM (ET) Plenary (120 min)
3:15PM (ET) Break
3:30PM (ET) Breakout Sessions (90 min)
5:00PM (ET) Break
5:15PM (ET) Official Day Closing/Recap
5:30PM (ET) Cocktail Hour
These plenary sessions are designed to address why Critical Race Theory (CRT) has been deployed in this moment as an entering wedge, the retrenchment tool par excellence for the right into dismantling the commons, public institutions, and racial and social progress since the mid 20th century. In the most technical sense, CRT is about engaging how and why racial inequality is so visible and durable nearly 70 years after the elimination of Jim Crow and the announcement of formal equality. However, CRT is also a part of the larger universe of ideas—one that relies on indisputable historical facts, on an understanding of the embeddedness of racial power, and on the role law plays as a vehicle for both effectuating and ameliorating racial subordination.

These sessions will not only explain why and how race and CRT are being deployed in current legislative assaults on honest and inclusive education, but also what advocates need to understand about the disinformation campaign and how it has permeated even the logic of our allies, who have been proclaiming the “CRT is a graduate-level curriculum not taught in K-12.” We also aim to analyze why the particular assaults on CRT and racial justice education land differently to even those whom we count as our allies. For example, political leaders including both President Biden and Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, have properly denounced the Don’t Say Gay (“DSG”) legislation, but have been mostly silent on the anti-CRT legislation that spawned the DSG legislation.

The bottom line is that we hope that naming this deliberate tactic of racialized mis- and disinformation campaign that both conflates CRT with all anti-racist efforts, then defames CRT as racist to spur widespread confusion and ignorance, puts into sharp relief why we cannot fight back by acceding to any of the manufactured lies, even unwittingly, by suggesting that teaching about systemic discrimination in public education is something to be avoided. We must fight anti anti-racism with the most powerful anti-racist tools we have available. One of those tools is Critical Race Theory.
PLENARY 1: MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022 | 1:15PM - 3:15PM (ET)

Everyday CRT: A Commonsense Framework for Racial Liberation

Description: CRT is both a prism and a practice. Thinking of CRT in this way—as a framework for knowing and an impetus for doing—opens up new opportunities not only for understanding deployments of racial power, but for recognizing the everyday impact in order to generate collective responses to those deployments. To begin the conversation, the session will address various contexts in which the right-wing has mobilized their attack on CRT. Panelists will then demonstrate how CRT can be mobilized both to make sense of those attacks and to respond to them. A central takeaway of this plenary is that CRT is a necessary diagnostic and prescriptive tool in our struggle for racial justice.

Moderator: Daniel Martinez HoSang.

PLENARY 2: TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 | 1:15PM - 3:15PM (ET)

Public Schools, Private Agendas: How the Assault on Racial Justice Undermines Education

Description: The conservative focus on education as the site of the manufactured moral panic on CRT is a page out of the 19th century playbook. We look forward to engaging Summer School 2022 participants in these plenaries to sharpen our collective understanding about CRT and how/why it has been deployed and distorted. Each day, a new plenary will analyze how CRT fits within the universe of both anti-racism and multi-racial democracy. We hope participants will leave not only with an enhanced understanding about how race and CRT are foundational to the attacks on multiracial democracy, but also a sense of why CRT’s intersectional vision for action is indispensable to the fight for all our children’s future.

Moderator: Gary Peller.
PLENARY 3: WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022 | 1:15PM - 3:15PM (ET)
Strange Bedfellows: The Left/Right Convergence that Enabled the Normalization of White Nationalism

**Description:** In this plenary, we consider how denial and illiteracy about racism across the political spectrum have helped facilitate the rise of white nationalism and the organized assault on CRT. On the right, the language of reverse discrimination, individual liberty, and states rights has moved white grievance to the center of American politics. In response, the left has reduced antiracist ideas to the specter of destructive identity politics and wokeness while moderates have simply bemoaned extremism on all sides. These dynamics emerged in the aftermath of the George Floyd reckoning to stall and even reverse the once-in-a-generation movement to address the contemporary legacies of white supremacy. Panelists will explore how in the face of right-wing think tanks and dark money funding, colorblind and both-sides responses to resurgent white nationalism have brought our democracy to the brink of collapse. Critical race analysis reveals that to reclaim our democracy, we must understand that there is no daylight between fighting against rising authoritarianism and resurgent racism.

**Moderator:** Joe Lowndes.

PLENARY 4: THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022 | 1:15PM - 3:15PM (ET)
Define, Do Not Defend: How to Resist the Disinformation Campaign Against CRT

**Description:** Disinformation campaigns against CRT and other forms of anti-racist and intersectional education claim to be representing the majoritarian interests of parents, voters, and even students. They insist they are protecting those groups from unscrupulous educators who politicize education by teaching “divisive concepts” that
undermine learning, generate friction, and encourage white students to see themselves as villains and students of color to see themselves as victims. This session will demonstrate why CRT is necessary to challenge this disinformation. Using focus group and survey research AAPF has undertaken with Hit Strategies panelists will explain why the defensive messaging to date has been so ineffective against disinformation. Panelists will then map out the substantive and rhetorical contours of a counter-campaign through which progressives can make the affirmative case for CRT.

**Moderator:** Sumi Cho.

**Panelists:** Jermaine House, Janai Nelson, Daria Roithmayr, Mark Rosenbaum, Dorian Warren.

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**PLENARY 5: FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022 | 1:15PM - 3:15PM (ET)**

**Transforming a Moment to a Movement: Building A New Coalition to Secure our Multiracial Democracy**

**Description:** Across the country, an inspiring number of groups and individuals are leading organizing and advocacy campaigns rooted in CRT and intersectionality. Spanning many areas—the law, philanthropy, faith, voting, education, media—these efforts are directed at building more just, more equitable, and more sustainable futures. But a profound challenge of this work is that it has to contend with a political landscape shaped by many decades of right-wing attacks that have narrowed not only our collective imagination about what can and should be done, but also the tools we can employ to do this work. We hear from leading practitioners in these fields to think together about the challenges we are facing and the strategies and opportunities for overcoming them.

**Moderator:** Sumi Cho.

**Panelists:** Alvin Starks, Barbara Arnwine, Marc Lamont Hill, Lalo Alcaraz, Laura Flanders.
CHANNEL – After the Racial Reckoning: Has Philanthropy Left the Building?

Description: After George Floyd and the reckoning of 2020, philanthropic support for antiracist organizations and advocacy expanded. However two years later, there are significant doubts that this moment heralded a new era of sustainable investment in antiracism. The tentative steps towards broadening this work have taken place against a backdrop of increased resistance to race-conscious activism, much of it funded by conservative philanthropy. In this channel, we look at how US philanthropy has been situated on an increasingly divided fault line in American society, and consider how critical race theory serves as a prism to understand and expand philanthropy’s role in deepening democratic aspirations.


Sessions
- Monday – Mismatched: Philanthropy’s Response to the Call for Racial Justice
- Tuesday – A Defining Moment for Racial and Gender Justice Funders
- Wednesday – Strategies for Intersectional Philanthropy
- Thursday – Following the Money
- Friday – Gassing the Tank: A Critical Conversation about Philanthropy

CHANNEL – CRT 101: An Introduction to the Core Concepts

Description: Conservatives have created an uproar over critical race theory by misrepresenting every aspect of the movement. This channel will present an accurate picture of what CRT is all about. CRT 101 is a step-by-step introduction to the foundational ideas of CRT. The sessions are designed for those who may have little or no background in critical race theory and who want to learn the basics in an accessible, no-pressure presentation. Each session will focus on a distinct branch of CRT analysis, including the notion of identity as intersectional, the shortcomings of colorblindness as an ideal of racial justice, the analysis of how anti-discrimination law helps to legitimate rather than criticize existing social practices, the ways that the affirmative action debate demonstrated the limits of liberal reform by reinforcing false ideas of meritocracy, and how racial and other identities can be conceived in a dynamic, non-fundamentalist way.


Sessions
- Monday – What is CRT?
- Tuesday – The Social and Legal Construction of Race
- Wednesday – What’s Wrong with Colorblindness?
CHANNEL – Critical Race Judgments: The Difference that CRT Would Make

Description: A recently published book entitled, “Critical Race Judgments” asks, “Is it possible to be both a judge and a Critical Race Theorist?” It is a provocative question, and one that prompted a group of Critical Race Theorists to engage the question. CRT critics have answered “no,” as they contend that Critical Race Theory is "beyond all reason." Under this view, CRT can be neither translated into nor substantively shape the development of legal doctrine in the United States. On another view, and the one that informs this project, the answer is unequivocally "yes." The very project of Critical Race Theory is to highlight, contest, reimagine, and rearticulate “the vexed bond between law and racial power.” This channel will highlight authors from this new volume addressing how CRT can be used to allow us to rethink canonical legal opinions and expand our legal imagination about the power of law.


Sessions
- Tuesday - McCleskey v. Kemp
- Wednesday – Loving v. Virginia
- Thursday – Moore v. City of East Cleveland
- Friday – Korematsu v. United States

CHANNEL – CRT Across Borders: The Global Scope of Racial Power

Description: Although Critical Race Theory originates in the United States, scholars and activists around the globe have been engaging CRT frameworks to address the related ways in which racial subordination is replicated in the post-civil rights, post-colonial era. Panelists will trace the continuities and discontinuities of white supremacy as an ideology, the operation of colorblind racism, and the mythology of “neutral principles” across borders. This channel will explore the specificity of how systemic racism and attacks on Critical Race Theory are being reproduced in local contexts, and how CRT is being deployed to challenge structures of subordination.


Sessions
- Monday – Traveling Theory: Anti-Racism without Race?
- Tuesday – In the Belly of the Beast: CRT and its UK Discontents
- Wednesday – Gender and Islamophobia
- Thursday – Intersectionality Travels Across Borders
Friday – The Empire Strikes Back: CRAIL & TWAIL Interventions

CHANNEL – CRT Advanced Topics
Description: These classes present an overview of CRT's classic interventions, providing a sharp prism to from which to understand contemporary legal and cultural debates about white supremacy. For the first time in our history, the term “systemic racism” has made its way into mainstream public discourse. But what exactly is systemic racism, and how exactly can we recognize it in action? CRT 201 offers concrete ways to understand systemic racism and spotlights some of the different contexts in which it routinely operates. In addition to showing how systemic racism functions across different areas of law, this channel will show how it is implicated in conservative “reverse discrimination” frameworks and embedded in some of the most critical institutions of social life, including the media, the criminal legal system, and education.


Sessions
- Monday – The Resurrection of Dred Scott: A CRT Lens on the Supreme Court
- Tuesday – Black Nationalism/White Nationalism
- Wednesday – “Colorblind Racism”
- Thursday – Inter-ethnic Conflict Through a CRT Lens
- Friday – Integrating CRT Into the Law Curriculum

CHANNEL – Developing the Next Generation of CRT Activists
Description: Students are on the frontlines of the attacks on Critical Race Theory – and also some of the best messengers for why we need to have access to honest and inclusive curriculum in our classrooms. This youth activation channel will cover everything from anti-racism itself to creative practices of resistance to safety in direct actions. Courses include creative approaches to abolitionist organizing, stories of youth empowerment, and much more! This channel is primarily geared towards our “next-gen” activists – current K-12, college, and graduate students. Students will graduate from this channel with the hard and soft skills necessary to be effective advocates and activists for CRT and anti-racist curriculum in their classrooms and communities.


Sessions
- Monday – Placing Yourself Into the Movement
- Tuesday – Abolition 101: Creative Practices for Liberation
- Wednesday – Lifting as We Climb: Stories of Youth Empowerment
- Thursday – Finding Your Voice: An Op-Ed Workshop for Youth
- Friday – Protest Safety in an Era of Retrenchment
**CHANNEL – Educators Take Action**

**Description:** Banning Books. Firing teachers. Censoring curricula. In the shadow of a devastating pandemic, these and other attacks on K-12 teachers have instilled a growing climate of fear and repression in public schools. The vital work of anti-racist teaching and learning has increasingly become attacked as divisive and autocratic. The Educators Take Action channel focuses on concrete examples of educators, teachers unions, teacher educators and schools taking proactive, collective action to expand anti-racist teaching and learning. Moving past the defensive and reactive climate fomented by opponents of public education, we focus on building our capacity to engage in collaborative, sustaining work that puts our principles into practice.


**Sessions**
- Monday – Teaching Indigenous History
- Tuesday – Organizing and Teaching Against White Narratives in Social Studies Textbooks
- Wednesday – Teaching with Social Movements
- Thursday – Teaching Hard History
- Friday – K-12 Campaigns for Ethnic Studies

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**CHANNEL – Everyday CRT in K-12**

**Description:** This channel is designed to look across the broad spectrum of education and how aspects of race (particularly CRT) intersect with it. We will explore the following in our daily sessions: K-12, Higher Education, Legislative Actions, Teaching, Advocacy/Activism.


**Sessions**
- Monday – CRT & K-12 Education
- Tuesday – CRT and Higher Education
- Wednesday – CRT Education and Legislative Actions
- Thursday – How to Teach About Race
- Friday – Advocacy & Activism

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**CHANNEL – From Agonizing to Organizing: Concrete Steps to Fight Back**

**Description:** For over a year, #TruthBeTold has undertaken public education and networking efforts to expose and push back against a broad backlash movement to unravel the unfinished gains of the civil rights movement. The time for agonizing about these retrenchments is over. What’s needed now is action. Accordingly, this channel will be
laser-focused on combatting the range of right-wing activism that is seeking to turn back the clock. To this end, sessions will strategize about how to organize collective actions effectively—both national activations as well as proven state-based ones that can be replicated across the states to take back public education from the hands of white nationalists, school privatization architects, and anti-gay and transphobic activists seeking to normalize exclusion. If you are ready to roll up your sleeves and fight back, this is your channel.


**Sessions**
- Monday – A National Activation on George Floyd’s Birthday: A Taste of Justice and Humanity
- Tuesday – What to do about Karen? White Women Organizing Against the Assault on CRT
- Wednesday – Repelling the Attacks on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Books
- Thursday – Leave No Power on the Table: School Board Activations Go National
- Friday – This is a National Call...

**CHANNEL – Getting Critical with DEI**

**Description:** We now find ourselves in the midst of a full-on war against racial and social justice, equity, and inclusion, as state after state signs on to CRT and protest bans. Such censure laws create a chilling effect everywhere—from higher education and the government to the private sector. The sessions in this channel explore how DEI professionals might approach their work using a CRT lens. Panelists will address how CRT can be applied in health delivery and education, in university administration, the corporate world, and public sector. Participants will learn skills and strategies to address the backlash environment confronting DEI practitioners on the ground and how they can “manage up” as needed to promote DEI objectives and demand institutional accountability.


**Sessions**
- Monday – What CRT in Health Education & Delivery Matters
- Tuesday – DEI Through a CRT Lens
- Wednesday – From George Floyd to Don’t Say Racism Laws: Managing DEI in Retrenchment
- Thursday – Why DEI is Harder in Higher Ed than the Military & Corporate World
- Friday – The Future of Equity in Admissions, Hiring, and DEI after Harvard & UNC
CHANNEL – Indigeneity & Decolonization

Description: This channel will examine the history, background, theory and practice of indigenous peoples' contemporary decolonization efforts, focusing specifically on the Land Back movement, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People, decolonizing philanthropy, the tribal disenrollment epidemic and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Channel classes will explore and analyze the relevance and usefulness of Critical Race Theory in developing the tactics, strategies and practices employed by indigenous human rights defenders. The racial dynamics and institutions targeted by these racial justice campaigns will also be considered.


Sessions
- Tuesday – Data Sovereignty & Missing Indigenous Women + Children
- Wednesday – Critical Indigenous Divestment Strategies
- Thursday – Disenrollment
- Friday – Land Back Movement

CHANNEL – Intersectional Frameworks for Social Welfare and Care Work

Description: Those in the “helping professions” are responsible for understanding how systems, institutions, and policies influence the life outcomes of individuals and communities. Social workers, school counselors, psychologists, sociologists, wellness practitioners, and other professionals play a crucial role in alleviating and mediating inequality by making sure that people have access to healthcare, education, and social welfare services to improve their quality of life. This course introduces students to (1) key readings and theories of critical race theory (CRT), (2) how to engage practice from a CRT prism, and (3) CRT’s implications in various fields tasked with serving and protecting individual and collective social welfare. Critical reflection and dialogue are expected and promoted to prompt ideas for practice and improve scholarly advocacy efforts and endeavors expected of experienced theorists, leaders, and practitioners.


Sessions
- Monday – CRT & Intersectionality: A Case Study #SayHerName
- Tuesday – The Case for CRT in the Fight for Social Change
- Wednesday – Social Welfare Policy & the Foster Care System
- Thursday – Why Race & Gender Matter: Intersectionality & Trauma Informed Care
- Friday – Youth in Action: Artivism as Community Engagement
**CHANNEL – Intersectionality Still Matters!**

**Description:** For more than three decades, academics, lawyers, community organizers, and social policy makers have been mobilizing intersectionality to advance various racial and gender justice projects. As the scope of such engagements has grown to take on multiple axes of subordination, intersectionality has now entered popular culture as a commonly referenced term. Yet, all too often the structural and historical dynamics that it seeks to capture are sidelined by an overarching focus on non-structural expressions of identitarianism. In this channel, discussants will work through the intersectional dimensions of contemporary inequalities, ranging from police violence and forced pregnancies to the assaults on affirmative action and the global rise of neo-fascism.


**Sessions**

- Monday – CRT & Intersectionality: A Case Study #SayHerName
- Tuesday – Requiem for Roe: The Press’s Refusal to Understand Bodily Autonomy and Gender Equity
- Wednesday – Intersectional Justice Beyond Diversity
- Thursday – Intersectionality Travels Across Borders
- Friday – Intersectional Media Fails & Reclaiming an Intersectional Future

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**CHANNEL – Keeping the Faith: Galvanizing Faith-Based Organizers for CRT**

**Description:** Critical race theory is under attack from evangelical conservatives who are framing CRT as anti-Christian. Denominational statements and bans at leading seminaries are fueling the current racial retrenchment. In a sense, White evangelicalism has been the grassroots of the anti-CRT movement. Yet CRT’s roots in the abolitionist and civil rights tradition reflect deep investments in faith-based values, honoring both the human family and power of redemption. The deep and profound historical connections between racial justice advocacy and religion invites us to ask: Why have evangelicals demonized CRT? What longer histories lie behind White evangelicalism’s hostility to CRT’s objectives? Can people of Christian faith embrace CRT as a coherent part of their spiritual, intellectual and political lives? These are just some of the questions this channel will explore.


**Sessions**

- Monday – White Evangelicalism: The Grassroots of the Anti-CRT Movement
- Tuesday – The Roots of Christina Hostility: From Cotton Mather to State CRT Bans
- Wednesday – Keeping the Faith
- Thursday – Why So Much Resistance to Antiracism
- Friday – Teaching and Acting in White Evangelical Contexts
**CHANNEL – Learning to Lead: CRT Empowers Parents & Community Organizers**

**Description:** Many parents and community members have identified that they need to do SOMETHING to push back against anti-CRT efforts, but have no idea where to start. This development series will teach you how to step into leadership with confidence and a basic plan for success. Utilizing the knowledge and advice of individuals who have successfully created movements and/or organizations that advocated for equity-based causes or have assumed leadership in successful organizing efforts, participants will learn what they need to do to step into the activism roles that create the most impact.


**Sessions**
- Monday – Placing Yourself Into the Movement
- Tuesday – Vision and Action That Create Change
- Wednesday – Building Knowledge, Experience, and Power
- Thursday – Activating Your Constituencies
- Friday – This is a National Call

**CHANNEL – Media Malfeasance in an Age of Backlash**

**Description:** The vicious attacks on critical race theory and public education we've witnessed over the past two years have not been incubated in a vacuum. The past six years of acute democratic decline have made it painfully clear that a media ecosystem devoted to noncommittal both-sides-ism works to empower forces of antidemocratic reaction that are openly hostile to the truth and the preservation of our multiracial democracy. And the social mediasphere compounds this baseline derangement in countless ways, by erecting self-insulating and customized feedback loops of disinformation, driven by algorithmic stimulation of outrage, petulant and performative online confrontation and free-floating rancor, racial grievance, and titillation. This channel features a series of discussions highlighting how the failures in public discourse have produced failures of intersectional justice on the ground—and how outlets like AAPF's The Forum are dedicated to creating a new and better discourse.


**Sessions**
- Monday – Sound and Fury: How the Media has Failed the Cause of Justice
- Tuesday – Requiem for Roe: The Press’s Refusal to Understand Bodily Autonomy and Gender Equity
- Wednesday – Impunity and the Press Lords: Using CRT to Redefine Public Interest and Accountability
- Thursday – The Journalist as Educator and Historian: Reporting on Race in an Age of Backlash
- Friday – Intersectional Failures & Fascism: How We Must Reclaim an Intersectional Future
CHANNEL – Messaging the Movement: Define, Don’t Defend

Description: Since the weaponization of CRT as “boogeyman” to foster a narrow “school choice” agenda emerged and gained momentum over the past year and half, progressives who reject that agenda have nonetheless left the right-wing disinformation campaign largely intact, mostly issuing mild denials that seek to distance from CRT to avoid scrutiny. This disavowal strategy that proclaims that “CRT is not taught in public schools,” is not only morally compromised, but also ineffective, as we saw in the 2021 Virginia Governor’s race, where Glenn Youngkin unseated the Democratic incumbent. To get to the bottom of what messaging is needed to secure electoral victories in the upcoming midterms, AAPF has been conducting original research to see whether a race-aversive or robust racial justice message resonated most with base voters. This session will unpack that research and its implications for proactive messaging that galvanizes.


Sessions
- Monday – Beyond Playing Defense: What the Research Tells Us
- Tuesday – Reframings: A Role-Play Workshop on How to Talk to the Media
- Wednesday – The Affirmative Case for Anti-Racist Education
- Thursday – Where is the “Race” in the Race-Class Narrative?
- Friday – This is a National Call

CHANNEL – Requiem for Armative Action: The Assault on Racial Justice

Description: Meaningful racial equity in education is essential to the future of Black Americans and the health of our multiracial democracy. For some 40 years the Supreme Court has affirmed the use of race as a factor in admission to institutions of higher education in colleges, graduate and professional schools; and enabled academic institutions to work toward reducing the barriers created by systemic forms of racism. But, with the Harvard and UNC cases coming before the Supreme Court this fall, the future of affirmative action looks dim despite the strong lower court opinions vindicating current policies at both schools. This channel will explore the manifestations of white supremacy that fuel the legal attacks and shape the dominant conceptual framing of the affirmative action debate. In so doing, it will present ways to reimagine legal arguments, messaging and activism to support meaningful forms of racial equity in institutions of higher education.


Sessions
- Monday – The Assault on Affirmative Action as Precursor to the Backlash Against CRT
- Tuesday – Notes from a Child of Apartheid
- Wednesday – Intersectional Justice Beyond the “Best Black”
- Thursday – Affirmative Action Messaging: Demanding Institutional Transformation
- Friday – The Future of Equity in Admissions, Hiring, and DEI after Harvard & UNC

**CHANNEL – Rise of White Nationalism**

**Description:** Across the week we will examine the growing threat of organized, right-wing racism. Monday will feature veteran organizers from Western States Center, an organization on the front lines of fighting white supremacy, reproductive justice, and LGBTQ rights and freedoms. On Tuesday, we will look at how democracy itself has been put under grave threat by a growing racist right-wing. On Wednesday we will look at the mobilization of “parents rights” as a way to advance racist, heteropatriarchal policies in schools. On Thursday we will examine the past, present, and future of white Christian nationalism as an authoritarian threat. Finally on Friday we will analyze the central role of masculine violence and oppression on the right.

**Facilitator:** Joe Lowndes. **Presenters:** Jessica Acee, Megan Black, Stephen Piggott, Lindsay Schubiner, Scot Nakagawa, Nancy MacLean, Robyn Marasco, Philip Gorski, Alex DiBranco.

**Sessions**
- Monday – White Nationalism Today
- Tuesday – The Racial Assault on Democracy
- Wednesday – Racialized Parents’ Rights and the Anti-CRT Campaign
- Thursday – The Rising Threat of White Christian Nationalism
- Friday – The Intersectional Dimensions of White Male Grievance

**CHANNEL – The Fire this Time: Principals and School Leadership Respond to CRT**

**Description:** In every school house and school district, educational leadership bears the responsibility of navigating external policies and legislation that govern the institutions while simultaneously cultivating school culture. Oftentimes the two—adhering to school district policy and inclusively meeting the needs of the students—are in conflict. Principals and superintendents, however, are fighting back. This channel provides guidance, exemplars, and discourse around building schools where the curriculum and practice reflect the analytic practices that are truly necessary to move toward a multiracial democracy.


**Sessions**
- Monday – What is an Anti-Racist Teacher? What Does Anti-Racist Teaching Look Like in the Classroom?
- Tuesday – Antiracism, Liberatory Practices, and Curriculum
- Wednesday – Courageous Conversations
Thursday – Superintendents Who Move Toward Racial Justice
Friday – Leadership Networking and Resources: Spotlights on Schools and Practice

**CHANNEL – Things my Teacher Never Taught Me**

**Description:** Not all American students are exposed to the same topics. In some states, a school aged child can learn about Rosa Parks. In others, students can not. This channel delves into forbidden knowledge and provides teachers with practical tools to provide instruction.


**Sessions**

- Monday – The Radical Rosa Parks
- Tuesday – EVAC Movement: Empowering Black Youth
- Wednesday – Introducing the Black Panthers: A Mixer
- Thursday – The Forbidden Class on White Privilege
- Friday – How Red Lines Built White Wealth: A Mixer on Housing Segregation

**CHANNEL – Voting Rights Under Fire: The Rise of Voter Suppression and the Threat to the Attainment of Multiracial Democracy**

**Description:** The Voting Rights Act has long been regarded as the crowning achievement of the Civil Rights Movement, born of a long and bloody struggle to secure a meaningfully inclusive democracy. Yet, the gutting of the Act has opened the door to a wave of anti-democratic measures ranging from vote suppression and gerrymandering to other measures designed to burden voters of color “with surgical precision.” In this channel, participants will not only learn about how the current threats to democracy are unfolding through traditional and innovative tactics of racial repression, but also how the attack on democracy is linked to the attack on antiracism, protest, and voters of color. At AAPF, we’ve been saying that there is no daylight between racial justice and democracy. Come to this channel to hear experts and activists explain why that is so.

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**Sessions**

- Tuesday – Racial Violence to Deny Voting Rights: Understanding the History and Overcoming the Hate
- Wednesday – The U.S. Supreme Court Destruction of America’s Experiment of a Multicultural Democracy
- Friday – Re-Enslavement of the Vote