Dear CCDE Community:

Spring quarter is in full swing at the UW campus and we wanted to give you some updates on what we are working on and how we will wrap up our academic year.

We have continued our Interrupting Privilege undergraduate seminars in partnership with the UW Alumni Association. It has been a great success and we will looking for ways of expanding it next year. Check out what our students are writing about in Interrupting Privilege blog and see the Viewpoint Magazine story on Interrupting Privilege here.

We have four additional events and opportunities to share with you:

In partnership with numerous communities across UW and beyond, we have organized a StoryCorp event in May 2017 to generate and archive conversations between friends, loved ones, and colleagues centered on the theme of “the first time” experiencing racial discrimination. You can hear the highlights from these sessions at our Fall listening party (date to be announced).

We are also finalizing our annual conference, entitled "Racial Ecologies." The conference will in the Ethnic Cultural Center on June 1st and 2nd. Prof. Claire Jean Kim (UC Irvine) will give the keynote lecture on June 1st at 2:30 entitled "Murder and Mattering in Harambe's House." To learn more about the conference and to register, click here.

This summer we will be teaching our Engaged Scholarship class for undergraduate
students. This seminar on community engaged research methods is designed to examine the interconnectedness of power, privilege, and difference through academic-community partnerships and applied research.

Finally, we accepting application for collaborative projects on equity and social justice.

You can read more about these opportunities and what we have been doing below.

Despite the many challenges of this politically fraught year, I am heartened every day to see how so many members of the CCDE bolster our communities. I thank you for your engagement, your activism, and your commitment to making our world more equitable.

I wish you a rejuvenating spring and summer.
Ralina Joseph, CCDE Director

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**Minoritized and Marginalized**

By Nicole Harris
Featured Interrupting Privilege blog post

This week in the Seattle Times, a reporter by the name of Neal Morton struggled with the title of his article (Morton, 2017). The article was originally titled “Training program places more minority teachers in Seattle’s public schools.” This was at 4am. By 7pm that night he had updated the title to say “Innovative training program places more teachers of color in Seattle's public schools.” It is important to realize that we are not minorities. Click [here](#) to read more.

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**DNA, Race, and Reparations**
Lecture by Prof. Alondra Nelson (Columbia University)

Written by Victoria Thomas (CCDE Research Assistant)

Featured CCDE Story

The Simpson Center for the Humanities hosted Dr. Alondra Nelson, an interdisciplinary social scientist and Dean of Social Science and Professor of Sociology at Columbia University, as the Winter 2017 Katz Distinguished Lectures in the Humanities. Dr. Nelson’s lecture, *DNA, Race, and Reparations*, centered on African-Americans as early innovators and adopters of DNA technology. DNA’s genealogical life can unlock medical and forensic secrets. Examining the history of genealogy and genetics testing, Dr. Nelson posed the following question to the audience: “Do scientific stories matter in the creation of identity or do oral histories from family members matter more?” Click here to read more.

For more stories, visit our website.

May 18th, 19th, and 20th

We are deeply interested in recording oral histories that address race. To that end, in partnership with numerous communities across the UW and beyond, we have organized a StoryCorps event in May 2017 to generate and archive conversations between friends, loved ones, and colleagues centered on the theme of “the first time” experiencing racial discrimination. You can find more information here.

Announcements:

**Funding Opportunity for Collaborative Projects:**

Deadline: May 15th

We are offering four (4) project grants, each for the amount of $5,000 for the 2017-2018 academic year. The grants are available to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff and will support collaborative projects (anything from a traditional research article to podcasts to new curriculum to reading/writing groups). The focus of the CCDE’s work in the 2017-18 academic year is “Race and Media.” Our yearly programs, including our small grants program, will highlight work in race and media, and we will host the national Race and Media conference in the Spring of 2018. As such, we will privilege (but will not be
limited to) project applications that fit in our annual theme of “race and media.” You can find more information on how to apply here.

Racial Ecologies Conference
June 1st and 2nd
Ethnic Cultural Center, Unity Suite
Free to the public

The theme for the June 2017 conference for the Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity (CCDE) will be the intersection of race and ecology. The Racial Ecologies conference will bring scholars at all ranks from across the country together with locally based scholars and activists to exchange information and inspiration. Visit our website for more information and to register.

Keynote Speaker: Claire Jean Kim
"Murder and Mattering in Harambe’s House"
June 1st, 2:30-4