

Conversations of the Valley



RACIAL JUSTICE - LISTENING AND LEARNING

"A reckoning on race relations" is how many in the media have characterized the events and responses that we've all experienced or witnessed in 2020. *Conversations of the Valley* aims to take what can sometimes seem like far off voices in the national media -- and bring some of those voices a little closer to home.

We are grateful and honored that the following speakers will be a part of *Conversations of the Valley*:



TOPIC : "Identifying, Resisting and Responding to Racism"
DATE : Wed. Nov 18, 2020
TIME : 12 noon - 1:00 pm
FEATURING : [Jason Jackson, M.A.](#), Strategic Diversity Initiatives

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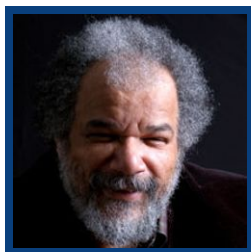
Jason Jackson is a Diversity & Inclusion Consultant for Health Partners, Inc., His experience includes Director of Multicultural Life, Macalaster College and Assistant Director of the Gender & Sexuality Center, University of Minnesota. Jason has an M.A. in Organizational Leadership & Policy Development from the U of M.

One of Jason's favorite quotes is by James Baldwin - "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

Registration is easy. There is no fee for this event.

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TOPIC: "Historical Perspective :
What Happened in this Region to Create the Disparities that Black Americans Continue to Experience Today?"
DATE : Wed. Jan 20, 2021
TIME : 12 noon - 1:00 pm
FEATURING : [Bill Green, Ph.D., J.D.](#), Professor, Augsburg University

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Registration will open Mon, Nov. 23.
There is no fee for this event.



TOPIC : "Travelways of the Dakota People in the St. Croix River Valley"
DATE : Wed. Mar 17, 2021
TIME : 12 noon - 1:00 pm
FEATURING : [Gwen Westerman](#), Ph.D., Artist, Poet, Historian and Teacher

Registration will open on Mon, Jan 25.
There is no fee for this event.

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TOPIC : "Eliminating the Power of Racial Stereotypes Through Authentic Relationships"
DATE : Wed. May 19, 2021
TIME : 12 noon - 1:00 pm
FEATURING : [Alexs D. Pate](#), Author, President/CEO of Innocent Technologies

Registration will open on Mon, Mar 22.
There is no fee for this event.

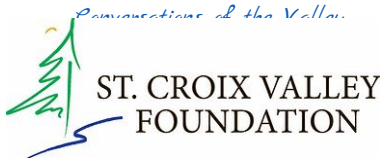
Conversations of the Valley is a community speaker series that's been informing and inspiring since 2004. The purpose is to bring community members together to address issues relevant to the St. Croix Valley region.

By talking about issues, discussing them and asking questions, community members gain insights which often lead to meaningful action.

Topics are presented 4 times per year.

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