



# NAACP Bucks County Branch

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### How You Can Stand Up for Inclusion and Justice

#### New NAACP Bucks County Seminars Offer Insight and Ideas for Addressing Racism in Everyday Life

October 4, 2020 – The NAACP Bucks County branch today announced two upcoming seminars designed to help County residents embrace the beauty of our diversity and take action against systemic racism. “In the months since George Floyd’s murder, we’ve had countless residents ask how they can identify and battle systemic racism in their own lives,” said Karen Downer, President, NAACP Bucks County. “These Zoom seminars are a great first step for anyone interested in standing on the side of inclusion and justice.”

The public is invited to attend either or both seminars. Attendance is free but space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

- October 15, 7pm – Educating Ourselves on White Privilege

This presentation explores the different experiences people have in our country simply because of the color of their skin. Participants will learn how to identify the privilege that comes with being white and the damage that comes with being a person of color in America. Click here

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ePfSWCHGQpWtr0PGa9rv5g](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ePfSWCHGQpWtr0PGa9rv5g) to register.

- October 26, 7pm -- How to be an Ally to People of Color

This presentation describes what it means to be an ally to people of color and includes a call to action with suggestions to put your allyship into action. Click here [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I-M2vF8oTYKwjK6GBSwFgA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I-M2vF8oTYKwjK6GBSwFgA) to register.

The seminars will be led by Serita Lachesis and Ilya Moses (photos below). Serita is a mother and teacher who grew up in a multi-racial family, seeing her own privilege as a white person daily in the difference between the treatment of and opportunities afforded to her but not to her siblings of color. “We are interested in empowering people to make personal changes that can help transform our world,” said Lachesis about the work she and Moses do together. “Many people are a bit paralyzed by fear and worry about saying or doing the wrong thing. These seminars are designed to help overcome that fear and enable each of us to use our voice to build a more inclusive world.”

Ilya Moses is a father and adjunct professor of psychology, who came to the United States as a refugee from Liberia, West Africa, and confronted racism for the first time as a teenager new to the country. His life experiences and education in psychology have inspired him to seek positive social change in the world around him. "To step outside of our bubbles is a difficult ask, but it provides an opportunity to see that the flames in our country are not far away and their causes run deep. For love of one's family and nation, this is an opportunity to see and understand the causes of those flames."

Photos:

Serita Lachesis



Ilya Moses



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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization with a mission to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The Bucks County Chapter was chartered in 1951 and pursues the same mission.

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