

# Social Justice Education: A Pathway For Inclusion

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# A Personal Backstory

"As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation — either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course."

Martin Luther King Jr.

# **How We Started**



## **Road Trip!!**



















Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice

# Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation Mission Statement

LEARNING, AND INNOVATION

To enhance teaching effectiveness, thereby improving student learning.

# Faculty Input

Formulated the mission statement
Crafted the direction
Created pathways
Receive input from school representatives
Facilitate PD workshops
Provide feedback
Communicate concerns

## Structural Guides

### State Guide

https://www.njcommunitycolleges.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NJ-General-Education-Foundation-2022.pdf

### Strategic Plan

https://myhudson.hccc.edu/College%20Service%20Day%20Docs/Hudson%2 0is%20Home!%20HCCC%202021-24%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf#search=Strategic%20Plan

### **PACDEI Plan**

https://www.hccc.edu/abouthccc/dei/pacdei.html

# Infusing Inclusion in Higher Education

Professional Development Workshops

Construction Management Curriculum Update

**General Education Committee** 



Nationally Recognized Certificate
Professional comradery/community

# Working Through Experiences

The brutal murder of

Our son,

Our father,

Our cousin,

Our brother,

**GEORGE FLOYD** 

and other significant family losses

### **Annual Book Discussions**

### **Continuing the Conversation on Race Matters**

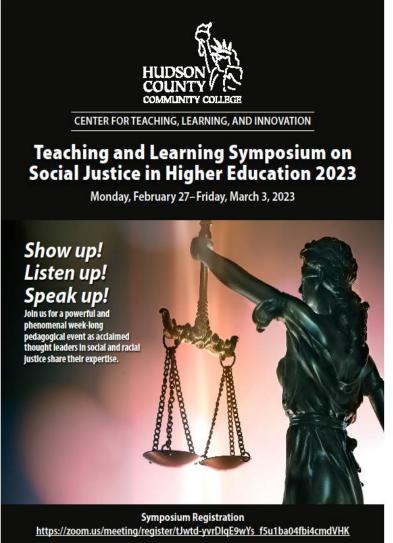
- **Year 1** "White Fragility" by Robin DeAngelo
- **Year 2** "Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America" by Ibram X. Kendi
- **Year 3 -** Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education.
- **Year 3-** National Day of Prayer Recognition
- National Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education, Institutionalized 2024
- AY-2024-2025: "Doing the Right Thing: How Colleges and Universities Can Undo Systemic Racism in Faculty Hiring" By Dr. Marybeth Gasman
- 2025: National Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education. February 24 28, 2025.

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** 

### **Teaching and Learning Symposium** on Social Justice in Higher Education

February 26-March 1, 2024







### Tuesday, March 1

8:55 a.m.

Paula Roberson, Ed.D.

Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

**Teaching and Learning Symposium on** 

**Social Justice in Higher Education** 

Registration Required - Click Here

March 1 – 4, 2022

SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Land Acknowledgment

Veronica Gerosimo

Assistant Dean, Student Life & Leadership

Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., HCCC President Sheila Y. Oliver, Lieutenant Governor, State of New Jersey

Faculty Address

Michael Ferlise - HCCC Professional Association President

Natalie Akel, Student Poet Laureate

Introduction of Speaker

Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker

Rebecca Lowell Edwards

Chief Communications Officer, American Civil Liberties Union

"Justice and power must be brought together, so that whatever is just is powerful and whatever is powerful is just."

~ Blaise Pascal

### Hudson County Community College

Engage, Empower, Educate: Every Action Counts!



### Call for Proposals

Submit Proposals by October 30, 2024

Ready to make an impact in higher education? Join us at the virtual Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education 2025.

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# Recap: How to Get Started

### **Utilize available resources:**

Leaders

Faculty

**Subject Matter Experts** 

**Community Partners** 

Internal and External Partners

### Start small

Monthly and/or weekly workshops

Develop a thematic focus

# Recap: How to Get Started

### Partnerships are important

Reach out to nearby institutions

Create a dependable core group

**Internal Committees** 

Create an advisory board

Sister institutions

Aspirational institutions

Like-minded community groups

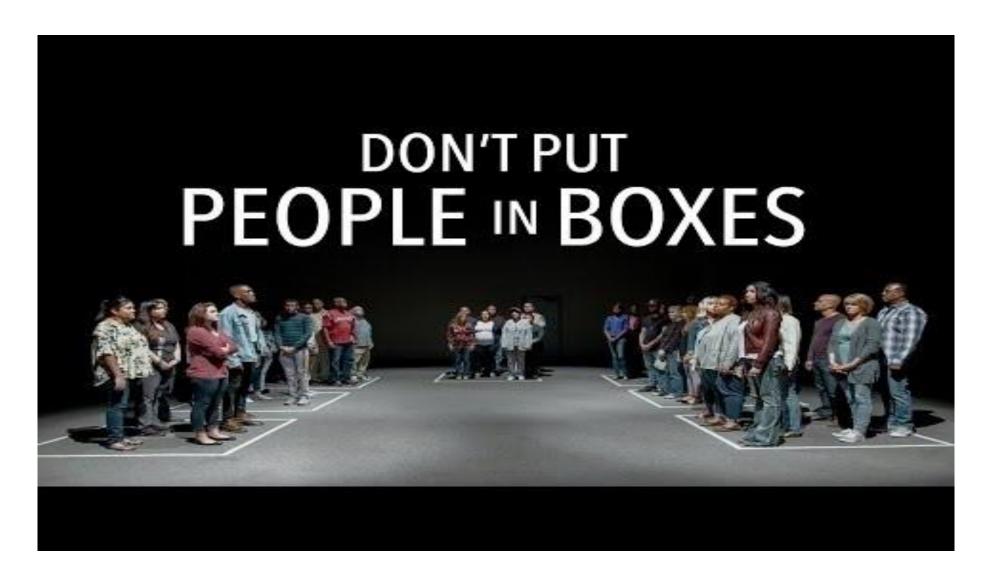
# Recap: How to Get Started

- 1. Use various modalities
- 2. Reach out to local governing agencies:

They will come pro bono

- 3. Tap your state board of education leaders
- 4. Utilize institutional leaders (union, faculty senate)
- 5. Invite and embrace your students in decision-making
- 6. Assess and modify what works and what doesn't
- 7. Be aware of current trends and issues in education and the world

# New Hope Church Inclusion Activity





# Thank you

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