



Racism in the Age of Trump

A Convocation, held via Zoom, of the Unitarian
Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council

**Saturday, May 9, 2026, 11 a.m.-1 pm Central time
(Starts at Noon Eastern, 10:00 am Mtn, 9:00 am Pacific)**

3 Featured Speakers address aspects of this issue



Media and Racism. Dr. Lanier Frush Holt is an associate professor in the School of Communication at The Ohio State University. His research sits at the confluence of journalism, media effects, and social psychology. In particular, he investigates the underlying psychological mechanisms that operate when audiences are exposed to race-related news media and examines how that influences their opinions about Blacks. The specific questions his research seeks to answer are: How does the relationship between racial and ethnic identity operate differently for Blacks than Whites,



Racism in Trump Administration Policies. Dr. Alan Spector has worked for racial justice in general since his college days at the Univ. of Wisconsin, later as an SDS organizer. While working toward his PhD in Sociology at Northwestern, he helped found the International Committee Against Racism with Dr. Finley Campbell. He was a professor at Purdue Univ. Calumet/Northwest for 45 years and has given dozens of presentations on issues of race-ethnic justice and served as President of the Association for Humanist Sociology.



Racism is not hate; its trauma trolled. The Rev. Dr. Thandeka, PhD, is a Unitarian Universalist theologian, minister and small group consultant, founder and President of [Love Beyond Belief™](#), creator and co-director of the [Universal Connections](#) small group project and [The Untrolling Project](#). Thandeka's books and essays have helped secure her place as a "major figure in American liberal theology" (*The Making of American Liberal Theology: Crisis, Irony, and Post-modernity*, 1950-2005). She has taught at The Czech Unitarian Academy in Prague, Williams College, Harvard Divinity School and Brandeis University.

There will be time for questions and comments by those in attendance after the three presentations

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