

Interfaith Scholar Weekend 2021 Webinar Series

"Bearing Witness from Fresno's Mason-Dixon Line"



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Join us for six interfaith conversations every Monday beginning February 15, as we consider what it means to "Bear Witness" to Fresno's history of racism and redlining.

PART I: Opening Panel: February 15, 4-5:30 pm

Three guest scholars will share their important contributions to the study of racism and redlining in Fresno.

- Moderated by **Dr. Andrew Fiala**
- Guest Scholars
 - **Dr. Malik Simba**, Fresno State University
 - **Dr. Nathan K. Hensley**, Georgetown University
 - **Uziel Jimenez**, Antiracist Educator, Co-founder Fresno Ethnic Studies Coalition

PART II: Book Study: 60-minute sessions

Four interfaith speakers and their respondents will dive into Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s best-book. Find out more on the next page.

PART III: Closing Roundtable: March 22, 4-5:30 pm

Three guest scholars and four interfaith speakers return for a powerful discussion on lessons learned and the urgent questions to call forth a new America in our communities.

- Moderated by **Jim Grant**, MA, Chair for ISW

To RSVP and for more information, learn more at

bit.ly/ISW_rsvp21



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PART II: Book Study

" Bearing Witness with James Baldwin"

Representatives from four faith traditions and respondents take a deep dive into Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s best-selling book, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*.

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**All plenary sessions are FREE and will be recorded. You do not need to be present to participate.*

Week 1: February 22, 4-5 pm

"Introduction," Chapter 1: "The Lie," and "Conclusion"



Christian Faith
Rev. Dr. Paul Binion
*Pastor of Westside
Church of God, Fresno*

Moderated by **Ashlie M. Kosinski**, Co-founder
The Wildflower Collective, Information Coordinator, ISW

Respondents

- **Rev. Anna Lopez**, New Thought Community, Fresno, indigenous cosmology and modern spirituality perspective
- **Daniel O'Connell**, PhD, Executive Director, Central Valley Partnership, Quaker-Buddhist perspective

Week 2: March 1, 4-5 pm

Chapter 2: "Witness" and
Chapter 3: "The Dangerous Road"



Reform Jewish Faith
Rabbi Dr. Laura Novak Winer
*Hebrew Union College
Jewish Institute of Religion*

Moderated by **Gaonoucci Belle Vang**

Respondents

- **Sukaina Hussain**, Deputy Executive Director for CAIR Sacramento/Central Valley, Islamic perspective
- **Lady Jessica Criner**, St. Rest Baptist Church, Fresno, Christian perspective

Week 3: March 8, 4-5 pm

Chapter 4: "The Reckoning" and
Chapter 5: "Elsewhere"



Muslim Faith
Hajj Reza Nekumanesh
*Executive Director, Islamic
Cultural Center of Fresno*

Moderated by **Mariah Cushing, M.A.**,
Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

Respondents

- **Rabbi Rick Winer**, Temple Beth Israel, Fresno, Reform Jewish perspective
- **Sister Kathleen Drilling, SSND**, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, Director of Religious Education, Roman Catholic perspective

Week 4: March 15, 4-5 pm

Chapter 6: "Ruins" and Chapter 7 "Begin Again"



Hindu Faith
Dr. Veena Howard
*Professor of Asian Religions,
Coordinator, Peace and
Conflict Studies
Fresno State University*

Moderated by **Zena Chafi**,
Community Organizer for CAIR Fresno/Merced

Respondents

- **Darren Duerksen**, PhD, Associate Professor of Intercultural and Religious Studies, Fresno Pacific University, Evangelical-Anabaptist Christian perspective
- **Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner**, Senior Pastor United Japanese Christian Church, Clovis, United Methodist Christian perspective