

## Reporting Hybrid Meeting of 13 June 2022

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 6/6 Club Assembly (Zoom & Pizza Works)  
**This Week:** 6/13 Winston Grady-Willis: Critical Race Theory (Zoom & Pizza Works)  
**Next Week:** 6/20 Tuskegee Airmen event  
Public Event @ Ballston Town Hall  
**Coming Up:** 6/27 Club Changeover, Member Induction and Picnic at Whetten's on Ballston Lake Picnic

**Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm.** Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link and password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate. Note: Some Meetings are now hybrid with an in-person option.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower & Dan Stec. Find us at [bhblrotary.org](http://bhblrotary.org) and on Facebook*

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves*

### PROFESSOR WINSTON GRADY-WILLIS SKIDMORE COLLEGE: CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Professor Grady-Willis joined those club members at the Pizza Works, addressing them directly while speaking to others remotely via Zoom. He is professor and founding director of Black Studies at Skidmore. Earlier he was associate professor of American Studies and a member of a three-person diversity and inclusion leadership team. Previously he served as director of the School of Gender, Race and Nations at Portland State University and professor and chair of Africana Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver.



Critical race theory (CRT) is an intellectual and social movement and loosely organized framework of legal analysis based on the premise that race is not a natural, biologically-grounded feature of physically distinct subgroups of human beings but a socially-constructed (culturally invented) category that is used to oppress and exploit people of color. Critical race theorists hold that racism is inherent in the law and legal institutions of the United States insofar as they function to create and maintain social, economic, and political inequalities between whites and nonwhites, especially African Americans. Critical race theorists are generally dedicated to applying their understanding of the institutional or structural nature of racism to the concrete (if distant) goal of eliminating all race-based and other unjust hierarchies. It is not part of the K-12 public school curriculum, but a field for graduate – particularly law-school studies.

In a successful effort to deflect public attention from the problem of racism and to manufacture a provocative social issue that would galvanize conservative Americans, Trump and other Republican leaders opted to attack CRT, which they characterized as a false, anti-American creed of radical leftists and anti-white racists, warning that leftist teachers were attempting to indoctrinate America's children by teaching CRT in public schools.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Stec urged club members to attend the Tuskegee Airman event at the Ballston Town Hall at 6 PM next Monday 6/20 characterizing it as a good program.
- The following week's 6/20 meeting will be held at the Whetten residence on Ballston Lake. Changeover to the 2022-2023 leadership will be celebrated. Up to five new members will be inducted into the club. Panera Box lunches can be ordered through Suzette Ray for \$18/person.
- Laura Lee pitched the new Lake George book *Stewards of the Water* to be launched at the Lake George Historical Association on Saturday 6/18 at 11 AM.

Reported by Fred Bailly