

CATALYST

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MULTICULTURAL GROWTH REGARDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC CONCERNS

Engaged in recognizing and “re-storying” ourselves for a multicultural Unitarian Universalist future

Compelling New Books:

Are you looking for ways to engage your congregation in deeper discussions during the summer months? Check out these exciting new titles from **Skinner House Books**, available from the **UUA Bookstore** (www.uuabookstore.org):



Darkening the Doorways: Black Trailblazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian Universalism

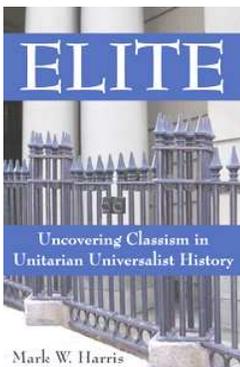
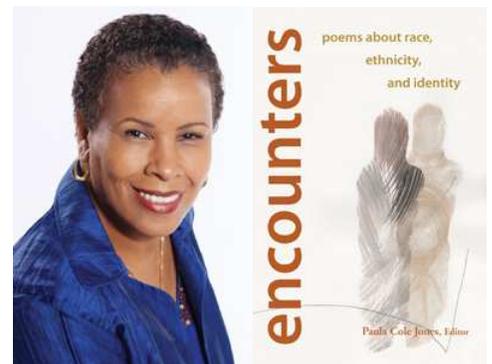
by Mark D. Morrison-Reed

A powerful and necessary history of the troubled path of African Americans in our faith, drawing together profiles, essays, and archival documents to revive their memory and point toward a multicultural future. To view the discussion guide, visit http://www.uua.org/documents/skinner/darkening_discussion.pdf.

Encounters: Poems about Race, Ethnicity, and Identity

by Paula Cole Jones

With unflinching honesty, well-known and emerging poets from diverse backgrounds help us walk in their shoes as they struggle to claim authentic identity in today's culture. A discussion guide for *Encounters* is in the works—we'll announce it here when it's completed, so keep reading!



Elite: Uncovering Classism in Unitarian Universalist History

by Mark W. Harris

A provocative and critical look at class in Unitarian Universalist history, and a crucial new resource for the historical understanding of Unitarian Universalism and a call for greater economic diversity. To view the discussion guide, visit http://www.uua.org/documents/tapestryfaith/discuss_guide_elite.pdf.

For more book recommendations and discussion guides, visit <http://www.uua.org/leaders/idbm/multiculturalism/tools/57776.shtml>.

Exciting New Resource:

Good news! **Multicultural Welcome: a Resource for Greeters in Unitarian Universalist Congregations** is now available. This brand new, brief training resource builds awareness around how our congregations can be fully and truly welcoming, explores how to integrate membership with our lived faith and social justice work, and offers strategies for developing competencies of inclusion and practicing your welcome. To view it, visit http://www.uua.org/documents/idbm/multicultural_welcome.pdf.

Building the World We Dream About:

Building the World We Dream About is a program to help congregations develop their capacities to cross borders of race and culture. Multicultural Growth & Witness is now offering introductory workshops and short courses to jumpstart congregational engagement with this resource.

Workshops have been held at congregations such as the **UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel, CA**, and the **UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, NY**, as well as for the **Joseph Priestley District** at their 2011 Worship Arts Festival, the **Florida District** at their Racial Justice Conference, and for **Metro New York District's** Committee on Anti-Racism and Diversity.

Have you facilitated Building the World We Dream About? We are working to develop a network of people who have facilitated or are currently facilitating this program to support you in your work and help other congregations engage most effectively with this valuable resource. Please email Alex Kapitan, Congregational Justice Administrator, at akapitan@uua.org to be a part of the excitement!

Upcoming Events:

- July 9 - July 15, Ferry Beach: **Dr. Mark Hicks** will lead a Building the World We Dream About course during **Religious Education Week**. (<http://bit.ly/ferrybeachREweek>)
- July 16 - July 23, Star Island: **Janice Marie Johnson** will lead a Building the World We Dream About course at the **Lifespan Religious Education Conference**. (www.starreweek.com)
- July 27-31, UU Church of Arlington, VA: **Taquienna Boston** will lead a plenary session at the **UU Musicians Network Conference** entitled "Building the Multi-Vocal Community: Music Ministry in a Multicultural World." (<http://www25.uua.org/uumn/conf/2011/index.htm>)
- July 31 - August 6, Loveland, CO: **Alicia Forde** will co-lead the Beloved Community "track" at the Mountain Desert District's **Russell Lockwood Leadership School**. (<http://rlls.mdduua.org>)
- August 18-21, Ocean Grove, NJ: **Janice Marie Johnson** will bring the lens of Transformative Multicultural Sensibility to UULTI, the UU Team Leadership Institute of the Central East Regional Group of the UUA, at UULTI by the Sea. (<http://www.cerguua.org/uulti/uultibythesea.html>)

Dream with us. Strategize with us. Build community with us. Support us...Join us in this holy work.

Living our faith,



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