

National Prevention Town Hall



PREVENTION IS
LA PREVENCIÓN ES

Radical

Shifting Power, Taking
Risks, & Showing Up

Retomando el Poder,
Arriesgándonos y
Diciendo Presente

September 14-15, 2022

12pm Eastern, 11am Central, 9am Pacific

This virtual event is free and open to all. [Register today!](#)

Description

Prevention is radical. It is rooted in the belief that our collective liberation is possible, even as we navigate persistent white supremacy, attacks on our bodies, and violence in our communities. Radical leadership is about being intentional. Intentionally **shifting power, taking risks, and showing up**.

Creating a world free from violence requires us to boldly and unapologetically confront and dismantle white supremacy, anti-Blackness, and other forms of oppression. It means acknowledging the impact of colonialism, slavery, and other historical trauma on our hearts, practices, and structures. **It requires us to live into our values** - individually, in relationship with others, and in our organizations and larger movement.

This National Prevention Town Hall will uplift innovative prevention approaches in the Pacific Coast region of the United States that are **community-driven, rooted in cultural strengths, and focused on relationship building**. Together, participants will explore how our work is connected to and impacted by our current social and political reality, and what part each of us plays actualizing collective liberation.

Goals

Build community, highlight regional challenges and innovative approaches, and move participants to transformative action.

Audience

Advocates, activists, organizers, those impacted by violence, and others interested in transformative approaches to prevention that center racial equity.

Strategy

Storytelling centering the voices, experiences, and leadership of Black, Brown, and Indigenous individuals.

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Speakers & Session Schedule

Featuring *Renee Kim*, Town Hall Event Weaver



DAY ONE

Session 1: Understanding and Interrupting Anti-Blackness and White Supremacy in our Movement

Featuring *Valériana Chikoti-Bandua*, Executive Director of Social Justice Fund NW & Founder of Necessary Interruptions LLC and *Darin J. Dorsey*, Principal/Co-Founder of Rooting Movements

Session 2: Panel Discussion: Truth Telling: Rejecting What Divides Us and Imagining New Ways

Featuring *Aleese Moore-Orbih*, Executive Director of CPEDV; *Tami Truett Jerue*, Executive Director of AKNWRC; *Jennifer Khalifa Ponce*, CPEDV Director of Prevention Strategies; and *claire barrera*, Facilitator

DAY TWO

Session 3: Rooted in Community: Reflections on a 20 Year Journey

Featuring *Tara Peterson*, Executive Director of YWCA Glendale & Pasadena and *Zoë Flowers*, CEO of Soul Requirements Inc.

Session 4: Is Our Movement Ready to End Anti-Blackness? Despite Everything, the Overrepresentation of White Women & Underrepresentation of Black Leaders in Prevention Continues

Featuring *Michelle Osborne*, Principal & Owner of Michelle M. Osborne, J.D. & Associates, LLC

Both days will include time for grounding and restorative practice, small group processing in breakouts, and calls to action.

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Recommended Readings

Speakers have offered the following recommended readings to frame our discussions and prepare participants to engage with the content.

FREE MATERIALS

Friendship, Freedom, Ethics, Affinity: Towards Revolution & Decoloniality Through Relationality

Excerpts drawn from *Joyful Militancy: Building Thriving Resistance in Toxic Times* by carla bergman & Nick Montgomery. <https://bit.ly/3wJJ0ZR>

How the Mainstream Movement Against Gender-Based Violence Fails Black Workers and Survivors

By Madison Pauly. <https://bit.ly/3TteJ6w>

Insiders say RAINN, the nation's foremost organization for victims of sexual assault, is in crisis over allegations of racism and sexism

By Bradford William Davis. <https://bit.ly/3RpKmfC>

The Braid that Binds Us: The Impact of Neoliberalism, Criminalization, and Professionalization on Domestic Violence Work

By Gita R. Mehrotra, Ericka Kimball, & Stéphanie Wahab. <https://bit.ly/3pWhtM3>

Blindspot: The Hidden Biases of Good People

By Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald. <https://bit.ly/3CIK13g>

Moment of Truth Letter

Signed by 47 Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalitions. <https://bit.ly/3B28grS>

BLM Co-Founder's Ode To Black Women During Commencement Speech

By Taryn Finley. [Read the article here](#) and [watch the video here](#).

HERE and There: An Open Letter to White Women in the Movement to End Gender-Based Violence

By Arlene Vassell. <https://bit.ly/3RnfBbj>

The Overrepresentation of White Women Leadership in the Movement to End Gender-Based Violence

By Dr. Nkiru Nnawulezi. Coming soon! <https://bit.ly/3T0Qsbj>

Why is the gender-based violence movement pushing away Black advocates?

By Ashley Carter. Coming soon! <https://bit.ly/3TM0j1w>

Loretta J. Ross' Website

<https://lorettajross.com/>

SUGGESTED BOOKS

- *Grammar of the Imagination* by Gianni Rodari
- *The Revolution Will Not be Funded* by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence
- *How to Be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi