

OREGON ASSOCIATION OF SCHOLARS



“Oregon State University Asks White Faculty to Seek Psychotherapy for ‘Internalized Dominance’, Hosts 2-Day Group Therapy Session for ‘Corrective Action’”

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Oregon State University has asked all white faculty to address a mental illness of “internalized dominance” and has invited them to a 2-day therapy session with licensed psychologists where they will be offered “corrective action”.

In a notice sent to all faculty, instructors, and advising staff on April 3, the university’s Counseling and Psychological Services unit offered the medical services to “white identity professional faculty”. The notice was sent by Michele Ribeiro, a licensed psychologist and “certified group psychotherapist” at the university.

At the therapy sessions, the licensed psychologists and group psychotherapists will treat white faculty for “internalized dominance”, an attached poster states. The faculty will also be treated for “white identity and institutional racism” and the “cycle of socialization” and, as part of their therapies, will be asked to “identify ways dominance shows up and how to dismantle oppressive systems.” The May 5 and 6 sessions are to be held on campus.

In a statement, OAS President Bruce Gilley called the sessions “racist and offensive”: “The planned psychotherapy sessions for white faculty are akin to hate speech and should be immediately cancelled,” Gilley said. “They will do nothing to enhance respect and honest pluralism at Oregon State and will exacerbate the effects of the deeply divisive ‘equity and inclusion’ policies pursued at that institution.”

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REFLECTION & CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Examining White Identity & Internalized Dominance



May 5th
6:00 – 8:00pm
MU 213

May 6th
9:00am – 4:00pm
MU 213

A 1 1/2 day experiential retreat for OSU Faculty and Staff to begin or continue to:

**Examine White identity and institutional racism*

**Reflect and share experiences of our cycle of socialization*

**Identify ways dominance shows up and how to dismantle oppressive systems*

**Build a community of aspiring social justice allies*

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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to our second annual **Examining White Identity Retreat for current OSU Faculty and Staff** on **May 5th from 6 to 8pm** and **May 6th from 9am to 4pm**. The retreat will be presented in a similar format as last year. The expectation is that participants will attend both Friday and Saturday sessions. For more information please contact Michele.Ribeiro@oregonstate.edu or Rachael.Weber@oregonstate.edu

To register please visit https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_0qVq6P3PUpEGu69
Thank you.

Kind Regards,
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