2022 Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series



Courageous Conversations: Leaning in for Change





Sunday, February 6 | 2:00 PM | Stokel Commons, Portsmouth Middle School | Virtual & In-Person "Divisive Concepts:" A Chilling Effect on Teaching History

This panel will explore the effect of "Divisive Concepts" law and its effects on teaching history in the classrooms. Panels will also discuss the drastic decline in teaching social studies in the state.

Presenters: Nikita Stewart, Elizabeth Dubrulle, Erin Bakkom & David Watters



Sunday, February 13 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person
Absented Presence: "They All Died Off" & Other Myths About Native Americans

Panelists will discuss various issues in New Hampshire's Native American community including, inadequate representation, invisibility, access to education and tribal non-recognition.

Presenters: Paul & Denise Pouliot, Kathleen Blake, James Edgell Jr, Anne Jennison & Svetlana Peshkova



Sunday, February 20 | 2:00 PM | Stokel Commons, Portsmouth Middle School | Virtual & In-Person The Myth of the Model Minority

This panel will address the "Model Minority" stereotyping and how this concept has been used to drive a wedge between groups and to allow the ravages of racism and racist policies to continue.

Presenters: Pawn Nitichan, Samuel Hyun, Sandeep Bikram Shah & Delia Konzett



Sunday, February 27 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person The Lingual Divide: ¿Y Tu Abuela Donde Esta?

Panelists will discuss the issues of colorism within this vast group of ethnicities that although joined together by a common language and culture, experience racism outside and within their own groups. Presenters: Andres Mejia, Shantel Palacio, Pedro Altagracia & Larissa Baia



Sunday, March 6 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person

Conflicted by Race: Family Structures & Racial Ambiguities

This panel will address issues facing transracial adoptees and mixed-race Americans and how their stories help us understand the social construction of race and the development of cultural identities. Presenters: Gene Martin, Elizabeth Lahey, Sharon Tarleton & Anthony Poore



Sunday, March 13 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person Shades of Blackness: Connected by Color, Culture & Community

For this panel, Black Americans from diverse backgrounds will share their stories on what it means to live in and love their own skin.

Presenters: Deo Mwano, Selina Choate, Dottie Morris & Nadine Petty







