

A Roundtable Discussion of Racism, Antisemitism.... On Campus and Beyond

The Program in Jewish Culture & Society organized this event on the heels of recent racist and antisemitic acts on campus. What proactive steps can we take to foster an environment locally and nationally that discourages such acts and encourages diversity?

Each discussant will speak for 5 minutes so there will be ample time for open conversation

Professor Virginia Dominguez, Anthropology, co-moderator.

Brett Ashley Kaplan, Director, Program in Jewish Culture & Society, Introduction

Erik McDuffie, Professor of African American Studies and History, "The Future in the Present: Transforming the Racial Climate at UIUC."

Stephen Kaufman, Emeritus Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, "Roadblocks to Diversity"

Scott Gendell, Jewish National Fund National Vice-President, supporter of the Program in Jewish Culture & Society, "The Convergence of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel Rhetoric on Campus, and Their Goal of Delegitimizing the Jewish State"

Sayed Kashua, Visiting Professor in Jewish Studies, "Cinderella"

Rabbi Alan Cook, Sinai Temple, "Do We Not All Have One Father? Has Not One God Created Us?"

Philip Phillips, Professor of Physics, "From Campus to the Nation: Racist Ideology"

Erez Cohen, Director, Hillel, "From Safe Space to Safe Campus"

Ruby Mendenhall, Professor of Sociology, African American Studies, Urban and Regional Planning, and Social Work, "The Hard Work of Building a Diverse and Inclusive University Community"

Thursday March 31

1092 Lincoln Hall, 5-6:30pm