

April Reflections

Last Call for WPC 10, A Once in a Life Time Experience

This week the 10th Annual White Privilege Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, for the first and possibly the last time in our hometown.

Dr. Martin Luther King will not be there!

And hundreds of people filled with his spirit, passion and commitment to his dream of beloved community will be!

The learning, healing, and growth at this unique gathering will transform each of us now and forever.

Come join us as we come together to change our world for good!

From one spiritual being walking a human path to another,
gratefully seeking harmony,
Stephan

Conference location:

Hilton Hotel, I-240 and Poplar Ave.
939 Ridge Lake Boulevard
Memphis, TN
901.684.6664

Register on site:

Institutes: Wednesday, April 1, 8-9:30am
Conference (no partial prices): Thursday, April 2, 7-11am

For more details visit: <http://www.uccs.edu/~wpc/> or contact Daryl Miller at dmiller4@uccs.edu or 719.255.4764

Newsletter

White Privilege Conference
Taking Responsibility: Awareness, Healing, and Social Change
April 1-4
Hilton Memphis

The 10th Annual White Privilege Conference (WPC) serves as a yearly opportunity to examine and explore difficult issues related to white privilege, white supremacy and oppression. WPC provides a forum for critical discussions about diversity, multicultural education and leadership, social justice, race/racism, sexual orientation, gender relations, religion and other systems of privilege/oppression.

WPC is recognized as a challenging, empowering and educational experience. The workshops, keynotes and institutes not only inform participants, but engage and challenge them, while providing practical tips and strategies for combating inequality. For more information on the White Privilege Conference, visit their website. <http://www.uccs.edu/~wpc/>

Community Events

Common Ground

New classes are forming for the spring session. The deadline is April 3.

Common Ground consists of small groups of diverse people who have agreed to meet for several hours with a trained facilitator who leads a discussion on race relations. For information on the locations and more on Common Ground visit their website. <http://commongroundmemphis.org/>

Calvary Lenten Preaching Series

Through April 3

Monday-Friday 12:05-12:40 pm

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm

Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St.

For over eighty consecutive years during the season of Lent, Calvary Episcopal Church has hosted a preaching series featuring inspiring and diverse speakers. Through the Series, which is free and open to the public, Calvary provides numerous opportunities for spiritual renewal and growth, and a deeper relationship with God. And, of course, the famous Waffle Shop will be open for lunch each day. For more information and a complete list of speakers and dates visit www.calvaryjc.org.

Community Conversations featuring Marjorie Agosin

April 2

7 pm

White Station Middle School

Marjorie Agosin is an award-winning poet, human rights activist and the Luella LaMer Professor in Latin American Studies at Wellesley College. She has authored more than twenty books of poetry and memoir and has edited numerous anthologies dedicated to human rights in Latin America, Latin American women writers, and Latin American Jewish culture and experience. Among other topics, Ms. Agosin will speak about her experiences with Chilean women who protested against the terror of Pinochet's regime by creating arpilleras, colorful tapestries which documented the loss of their fathers, husbands, and sons who were "disappeared" under the dictator's rule. This event is free and open to the public.

Obama Phenomenon Conference: Race & Political Discourse in the United States Today

April 3-4

University of Memphis, Rose Theater Lecture Hall

This conference is free and open to the public. For a full list of events, visit <http://benhooks.memphis.edu/obamaconference.html>.

April 4 Commemoration

April 4

National Civil Rights Museum

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. Each year to commemorate his assassination the National Civil Rights Museum presents special programming and a candlelight vigil. The 2009 theme is "DESTINATION: Promised Land," and the commemoration events are listed in detail on the CRM website:

<http://www.civilrights museum.org/calendar/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=6&year=2009&month=03>.

Therapeutic Jurisprudence Seminar

April 7

1-5pm

University of Memphis, Fogelman Executive Center

The group that brought "Lawyers as Peacemakers, Lawyers as Problem Solvers" will present "Effective Representation for the 21st Century: Therapeutic Jurisprudence in Civil and Criminal Practice." The seminar will feature Professor David Wexler, internationally-recognized author and speaker. 3.25 dual CLE credit hours applied for. For more information, contact Kathy at 901.849.4680.

Intro to Mediation

April 8

7pm

Whole Foods, 5022 Poplar Avenue

Daniel LaMontagne teaches the benefits of meditation! Learn how meditation can help you achieve your wellness goals by reducing stress, creating focus and more! Classes starting the week of the 13th, come see if meditation is right for you. <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/poplar/index.php>

Eckhart Tolle Silent Meditation

April 16

7-9 pm

The HART Center, 1384 Madison, Ave.

Ken Armstrong will lead a silent group according to the guide given at eckharttolle.com. This will include a silent meditation for 10 minutes, watching a DVD of Tolle talking about his spiritual teachings (an hour to an hour and a half) and closing with 10 minutes meditation. A donation of \$5 is suggested. For more information, contact Ken at celto38@hotmail.com.

Servant Leadership Banquet

April 17

6:30-8:30pm

The Village, 2509 Harvard

Friends will gather for a potluck dinner and share papers from the various Servant Leadership Memphis classes. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Down to Earth Day

April 19

Shelby Farms

The annual Earth Day Celebration at Shelby Farms Park is a weekend of events celebrating nature, community, health and our environment. The celebration plays a key role in educating the region about developing sustainable practices, demonstrating what businesses throughout the region are doing to help the environment and showcasing Shelby Farms Park as the model for progressive environmental thinking and practices. The event is free. For more information visit the Shelby Farms website.

<http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/sfpc/down-earth-celebration-0>

World T'ai Chi (Taijiquan) and Qigong Day

April 25

9:30am-1pm

University of Memphis, McWherter Library Ellipse

This free local celebration of Chinese culture and community building will be held at the University of Memphis, hosted by the Confucius Institute and the Department of Health & Sport Sciences. The event will include greetings by Dr. Kung, Director of the Confucius Institute and 75th generation descendant of Confucius, as well as demonstrations by experts in T'ai Chi Ch'uan (Taijiquan), Qigong and other

internal martial arts and open practice for people of any age or fitness level. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Wright at 901.678.3480 or pwright2@memphis.edu.

Earthfest

April 25

10am-2pm

Lichterman Nature Center, 5992 Quince

EarthFest is a family-friendly celebration of Earth Day that includes musical entertainment, an Earth Day Parade, games, canoeing demonstrations, environmental information, earth art activities, animal presentations and fun for the whole family. Picnic and relax by the lake or follow walking trails winding through forest, lake and meadow habitats. Explore new exhibits in the Visitor Center and view animals native to the Mid-South in the Backyard Wildlife Center building. For more information, visit the Lichterman Nature Center website. http://www.memphismuseums.org/li-event_program-6540/

Life Learning Circle: Dreaming Big

Wednesdays, April 22-May 13

7-8pm or

Tuesdays, April 28-May 19

9:30-10:30 am

Memphis Jewish Community Center, 6560 Poplar Ave.

Dreaming Big is for those who want to harness their core passions into daily productivity powered by natural energy! Using the book *Dreaming Big* by Bobb Biehl, Cynthia Schulz, Life Coach, will take you through a 31day adventure of finding, clarifying, and enjoying your dream! This 4-week circle is \$45 for MJCC members and \$65 for non-members and includes the price of the book. For more information, contact Amy Israel at 901.761.0810 or aisrael@jccmemphis.org.

Life Learning Circle: Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway

Sundays, April 19-May 24

2-3pm

Memphis Jewish Community Center, 6560 Poplar Ave.

Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway Life Learning Circle will walk you through the book *Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway* by Dr. Susan Jeffres. Facilitated by Cynthia Schulz, Life Coach, you will have the opportunity to really examine your fears, understand them and move through them in order to open your mind and nourish your growth. This 6-week circle is \$65 for MJCC members and \$85 for non-members and includes the price of the book. For more information, contact Amy Israel at 901.761.0810 or aisrael@jccmemphis.org.

Compost 101

April 26

1:30-2:30pm

Memphis Jewish Community Center, 6560 Poplar Ave.

Join the Sustainable Living Movement and learn how you and your family can compost! Come to the Memphis Jewish Community Center and work with Compost Specialist Sharon Johnson! Bring the following items: gloves, uncooked veggies and fruit waste, egg shells, used coffee and tea grounds, grass clippings, leaves, twigs, news paper with no color ink. A plastic container will be provided for you! \$8 for MJCC members and \$16 for non-members. For more information, contact Amy Israel at 901.761.0810 or aisrael@jccmemphis.org.

Life Learning Circle: Letting Your Kids Fail Forward

April 29

9:15am

Memphis Jewish Community Center, 6560 Poplar Ave.

Letting Your Kids Fail Forward is our first Life Learning Circle for moms and dads. Cynthia Schulz will be examining the lessons from the book Blessings of a Skinned Knee as we look at letting your kids fail with grace and love. B.Y.O.C. (Bring your own coffee) and join us on April 29th at 9:15 am. Look for more of these one time Life Learning Circles for Mom's and Dad's as we examine many topics. \$5 for MJCC members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, contact Amy Israel at 901.761.0810 or aisrael@jccmemphis.org.