



Race: The Power of an Illusion is a provocative three part series that questions the very idea of race as biology. Scientists tell us that believing in biological races is no more sound than believing the sun revolves around the earth. So if race is a biological myth, where did the idea come from? And why should it matter today? This series challenges long and deeply held assumptions and provides the opportunity for people to examine their beliefs about race, privilege, policy and justice.

Each portion of the series is covered in a three hour workshop. Participants engaging in all three sessions experience the greatest impact.

Episode 1: The Difference Between Us. Participants will examine the contemporary science-including genetics-that challenges our assumptions about human groups.

Episode 2: The Story We Tell. Participants will explore the roots of the race concept, including the 19th century science that justified it and how it gained such a hold over our minds.

Episode 3: The House We Live In. Participants will come to understand that while race is a biological myth, racism gives different groups vastly different life chances.

Sessions are being held at 5:30 p.m. on three consecutive Thursdays; December 3, December 10 and December 17, 2009. Cost for the training is \$40 per person/per session OR \$100 per person for all three sessions. Participants are encouraged to consider taking part in all three sessions. Registration is required and each session is limited to 40 individuals.

The series is being held at the YWCA of Rockford office located at 4990 E. State Street, Rockford, Illinois. For additional information and to register, contact Danita Lewis at 815.316.6122 or email danita@ywcachildcaresolutions.org.

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