Staff Diversity and Inclusion Discussion Series

Participatory and highly interactive, this discussion series presents opportunities for all Notre Dame staff to share experiences, learn from each other, and ultimately grow to make the University a more diverse and inclusive place where everyone can do their very best work.

Racial Battle Fatigue
Featuring Guest Speaker, Darryl Heller
Thursday, June 28, 2018
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Morris Inn Private Dining Room

This workshop will feature discussion of microaggressions, the political climate in which they proliferate, and the fatigue that people of color experience with navigating whether to confront or ignore their daily experiences of racism. While most instances of microaggression are unintentional, their impact has enduring implications, such as elevated levels of stress and the perpetuation of inequities. Participants will gain a better sense of how to recognize instances of microaggression directed at themselves or others, and discuss the strategies for developing supportive environments for everyone.

About Darryl Heller
Prior to coming to IU South Bend, Heller was a visiting lecturer at the University of Illinois at Chicago for three years. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from the College of Charleston, his M.A. in American Studies from Columbia University, and his Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Heller has nearly 20 years of experience in the fields of human services, community development, and nonprofit management. He was co-founder of the Amistad Institute, a New York based nonprofit organization that designed and implemented educational programs for inner-city communities. Since receiving his doctorate, Dr. Heller has taught history courses in various community and institutional settings, including to prisoners at Stateville Correctional Center in Illinois, people living on low incomes on the south side of Chicago, and undergraduate students at Harold Washington Community College and the University of Chicago. He is currently the director of the IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center and the director of Student and Community Engagement at IU South Bend.

All staff welcome
Refreshments provided