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Long Island Harvest
The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless
Long Island Progressive Coalition
Alliance for Quality Education in New York
Erase Racism
The Anti-Racist Alliance
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Women’s Fund of Long Island
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Women of Color NJ Anti-Racism Alliance

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The Social Science Research Institute at Farmingdale State College promotes excellence guided by ethics in fostering scientific and social advances. Altruism and civic engagement together serve as both the means to human success and the goals of cultural and technological progress. The SSRI is committed to social justice and community advocacy and supports multidisciplinary social research to benefit the residents and organizations of the Long Island region and beyond. The Social Science Research Institute promotes diversity as one of the most valuable ways to attain regional and national excellence, works to gain assistance for those groups who face special challenges, supports active organizations and businesses which can benefit the region and protect and improve the environment.

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Jonathan Kozol

Jonathan Kozol has devoted nearly his entire life to the challenge of providing equal opportunity within our public schools to every child, of whatever racial origin or economic level. At the present time, Jonathan is the most widely read and highly honored education writer in America. Kozol is the author of numerous award winning books including: Death at an Early Age, Rachel and Her Children, Savage Inequalities, Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation, The Shame of the Nation, and Fire in the Ashes: Twenty-Five Years Among the Poorest Children in America.

Kishi Animashaun Ducre, PhD

Kishi Animashaun Ducre is an Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies (AAS) at Syracuse University. A Fulbright scholar and activist, Dr. Ducre is the author of A Place We Call Home: Gender, Race, and Justice in Syracuse.

V. Elaine Gross, MSW

V. Elaine Gross, President of Erase Racism, has extensive experience in research, program development and evaluation at public and private agencies in Boston and New York. Throughout her career, Ms Gross has focused on exploring the systemic causes of social, political, and economic inequities and finding ways to counteract those inequities. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Elaine to The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council. Most recently, she was honored with a Trail Blazer Award by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District.

Stacey Scarpone

Stacey Scarpone, Executive Director of the Women’s Fund Long Island, has over fifteen years of experience nationally and internationally in the philanthropic sector. She is experienced in building collaborative partnerships between non-profit, civil society and the private sectors, and developing and managing initiatives that respond to and promote solutions to social challenges worldwide.

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Program

9:00 am On-Site Registration
Continental Breakfast
Meet the Organizations

9:30 am Welcome
Dr. Miriam K. Deitsch
Director, Social Science Research Institute
Dr. W. Hubert Keen, President
Dr. Lucia Cepriano, Provost

9:45 am Session I: The Persistence of Inequality in Modern Society: Race, Gender, and Environment
V. Elaine Gross, Erase Racism
Stacey Scarpone, Women’s Fund of Long Island
Dr. Kishi Animashaun Ducre, Syracuse University

11:00 am Visit the Organizations’ Exhibits

11:15 am Session II: The Persistence of Inequality in Modern Society: Education, Immigration and LGBT Issues
Dr. Dana Friedman, Early Years Institute
Daniel Altschuler, LI Civic Engagement Table
Dr. David A. Powell, Hofstra University

12:15 pm Special Presentation: Huddled Masses (Based on the Emma Lazarus poem The New Colossus) Performed by the cast of LIBERTY A Monumental New Musical Composer – Jon Goldstein, Lyrics - Dana Leslie Goldstein

12:30 pm Lunch – Keynote Address: Jonathan Kozol

2:00 pm Book Signing
Jonathan Kozol
Dr. Kishi Animashaun Ducre

2:30 pm Round Table Discussion Groups: Racism, Women’s Issues, Environment, Education, LGBT Issues and Gay Marriage, Poverty and Hunger, Immigration

3:30 pm Closing Remarks
Summary
What’s Next?