

Marquette Symposium on Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice

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MILWAUKEE — The Marquette University Committee on Equity and Inclusion will host a virtual Symposium on Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice on Friday, April 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme for this year's symposium is "Spaces for Healing, Spaces for Action" and will explore issues of inequality and injustice as it relates to current events as well as how these issues impact the Milwaukee and Marquette communities. The symposium serves as an "institutional examen" – a time for the Marquette community to look inwardly at who we are and who we are called to be.

The event is open to the public and registration is [available online](#).

Members of the Marquette community will make up panels throughout the event, including:

- "Holding Ourselves to Account: Who We Are and Who We Strive to Be" with faculty of color sharing their stories, experiences and hopes for Marquette
- "A Space for Healing" with guest speaker Venice Williams, executive director of Alice's Garden, for strategies for coping and a message of hope
- "A Space for Action" with student leaders who have made a meaningful impact in the campus community

A full schedule of panels and speakers is available on the [event registration page](#).

Each spring, the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, in collaboration with the University Committee on Equity and Inclusion, hosts the Symposium on Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice. In a dialogic process, the symposium explores discrimination at the intersections of race, gender and sexuality, discuss how the campus community is working to address these issues, and offer a vision for the future of equity and inclusion at Marquette. The purpose of the university, and especially the Jesuit university, is to be a convener of difficult conversation and a leader for social justice action. As such, this forum helps prepare us to have

challenging intellectual discourse and refresh our values as an institution.