

# Please Join Us for a Series of Special Events with Social Justice Educator [Dr. Cheryl Matias](#)



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MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



## Social Justice Dine & Dialogue

***"How Did Social Justice Become 'a Dirty Word'? Reinvestigating Our Commitment to Humanity"***

Friday, February 22, 2019, 6-8 p.m. [Rancho High School](#)

This is a public event, co-facilitated by local youth, and organized around topic focused on educational equity for Southern Nevada's P-12 students. Community members (individual or group affiliated) working to develop youth leaders and/or interested in social change are encouraged to join the conversation. Light snacks served. Please [RSVP here](#). For more information please contact: Christine Clark [chris.clark.unlv@me.com](mailto:chris.clark.unlv@me.com) or 702-985-6979. Participants at this event can earn **UNLV CEUs**. Licensed personnel (teachers, counselors, nurses, etc.) will receive 0.2 FREE CEUs; non-licensed personnel can also receive these CEUs for a nominal fee of \$35.

## Youth Voices Rising

***"Hear Me, See Me, Respect Me: Empower Youth Voices in Spoken Word"***

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Nevada State College, [NSE 329 \(Building B\)](#)

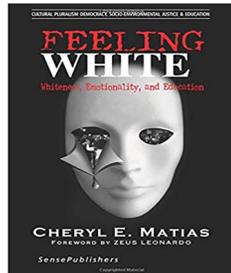
This is a youth-focused event, open to the public, especially members of educational/community-based entities that are meaningfully engaged with young people in our community. Light snacks served. Please [RSVP here](#). For more information please contact: Irene Cepeda at [Irene.Cepeda@nsc.edu](mailto:Irene.Cepeda@nsc.edu) or 702-281-0133. Participants at this event can earn **UNLV CEUs**. Licensed personnel (teachers, counselors, nurses, etc.) will receive 0.2 FREE CEUs; non-licensed personnel can also receive these CEUs for a nominal fee of \$35.

## Professional Development

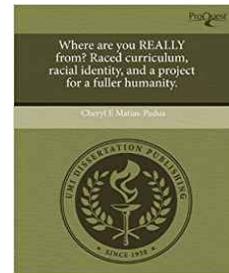
***"In a Time of Perversity: Whiteness, Emotionality, and the Need for Racially Just Education"***

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 1-4 p.m. UNLV, [Hendrix Auditorium \(HEA\)](#)

This event is a **UNLV CEU-earning** professional development offering geared for PK-12 and college/university educators, open to the public. Licensed personnel (teachers, counselors, nurses, etc.) will receive 0.3 FREE CEUs; non-licensed personnel can also receive these CEUs for a nominal fee of \$35. Light snacks served. Please [RSVP here](#). For more information please contact: Christine Clark [chris.clark.unlv@me.com](mailto:chris.clark.unlv@me.com) or 702-985-6979.



Dr. Cheryl E. Matias



Cheryl Matias, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Urban Community Teacher Education in the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado, Denver. She studies the emotionality and psychoanalytics of whiteness. She the faculty coordinator of Research Advocacy in Critical Education (R.A.C.E.), a new think tank and support system for Coloradan researchers, activists, staff and students committed to justice and advocacy in critical education. She has designed an academically rigorous standards-based history curriculum on the evolution of race and racism in American society and its impact on the symbiotic development of racial identities of Black, White, Latinx/Chicanx, and Asian Pacific American high school students. Through this curriculum, high school students learn to analyze race in society and bridge that understanding to their positive development of their own racial identities. As a female faculty of color (Pinay) and motherscholar (of three children, including twins) she works for towards social justice in all realms of society for the hope of a better fuller humanity. She is also an avid Lakers fan and a Bachata ballroom dancer.

These events are collaboratively supported and/or sponsored by:

UNLV's [Abriendo Caminos/Opening Pathways for Students of Color into the Teaching Profession: Giving Back to the Community through Teaching](#) project, funded by the [Nevada Department of Education \(NDE\)](#), Great Teaching and Leading Fund (GTLF), Dr. Norma A. Marrun, PI. The "signature" program of the project, [#Love2TeachLV](#) works to recruit Students of Color from six Clark County School District (CCSD) high schools to college and then into teaching.

Touro University of Nevada's (TUN) [Code Switch](#) grant project funded by the [NoVo Foundation](#) U.S. Girls of Color Strategic Strategy, Dr. Tonya Walls, PI, an equity-focused university-community-school collaborative with [Teaching and Uniting Ladies to Inspire Positive Success \(TULIPS\)](#) and local K-12 schools through the [Peterson Academic Center](#).

TUN's internally-funded equity-focused Project LEAD [EquityMatterz](#) participatory action research project meant to determine how best to sustain and retain educators of color committed to racial equity and social justice in P-12 schools in Southern Nevada.

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