



SAVE THE DATE!

COLLABORATIVE DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Bridging the cultural divides

APRIL 24-26, 2019

Robert W. Plaster Student Union, on the campus of Missouri State University

A Missouri State University Signature Event

Missouri State University's Collaborative Diversity Conference (CDC) will focus on sharing with education, community, business, corporate and public sector leaders, regional, statewide and national best practices in diversity and inclusion.

Essential for corporate, non-profit, educational and government sectors

Join a statewide showcase of:

- Community-based approaches to promote and develop diversity and inclusion initiatives to address contemporary community issues
- Unique opportunities that promote access, success and equity for historically underrepresented groups.
- Creative examples of research-based diversity program implementation in higher education
- Targeted approaches to cultural competence/ consciousness, intervention for all community stakeholders

Registration opens: November 26, 2018

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Meet our 2019 plenary speaker

Prof. Irshad Manji

Irshad Manji is the winner of Oprah's first-ever "Chutzpah Award" for boldness.

A Muslim who openly stands for the dignity of women and minorities, she has founded the award-winning Moral Courage Project, based at the University of Southern California.

"Moral Courage" means doing the right thing in the face of your fears. It's a skill that empowers individuals to cooperate across differences – differences not only of race, culture and gender identity but also of ideology, viewpoint and values.



EO/AA/M/F/Veterans/Disability Credit: Moral Courage Project

Prof. Manji's forthcoming book, "Don't Label Me", calls for moving beyond the labels that distort and diminish human beings. She shows how each of us can develop our moral courage muscle to outwit our own brain. The brain reacts defensively whenever we're disagreed with, but if we don't learn to transcend that initial, fearful, impulse, then what hope is there for healing polarization, fostering trust, and earning the wider support that's needed for sustainable change?

By cultivating a habit of moral courage, Prof. Manji argues that we can replace "dishonest diversity" – labels – with "honest diversity" – relationships that honor the individuality of people and the reality of different perspectives within any group.

Get ready for a provocative take on diversity that will inspire all of us to rethink how we view each other—and ourselves.

The 2019 CDC will include:

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Pre-conference: Facing Racism Institute