

# The Origin of White People: Connecting the Dots – The Past Is in the Present!

Presented by the Center for the Study of White American Culture

Thursday, March 11

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Pre-registration required.

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Open to Domus and SSAR communities. Unlimited number of attendees!

Studying the creation of a white as a race teaches us much about structural racism in the US. Knowing our history empowers us to address today's systemic racial disparities, yet that history is not taught.

The trainers will present a narrative of The Origin of White People, and trace events in the 1600s to modern crises such as mass incarceration, police violence toward People of Color, and white fragility. Discussion will follow.

## Trainers:



**Robin Alpern**, Director of Training at CSWAC. Raised in the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Robin has had a lifelong concern for racial justice and equity. Her anti-racist activism has taken a variety of forms, including study of books, films, and lectures; taking part in workshops, seminars and trainings; publishing essays, articles and reports; public speaking; facilitating community dialogue; designing and leading workshops; and community organizing. Robin has worked with several anti-racism organizations in her hometown and in the Quaker community, including mixed-race groups and two white caucus groups. She maintains ties with anti-racist leaders, both white and of color, who have served as long-term mentors. Robin has raised four children who teach her every day how to make the world a better place.



**Charley Flint, PhD** Activist, educator, and scholar, Charley Flint is Professor of Sociology at William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey. Dr. Flint is also the Coordinator of Internships in Criminal Justice; has served as the Director of the Race and Gender Project; and was the founder of ALANA, a program of and for women of color in higher education in New Jersey. Charley was the first black woman to receive a PhD in Sociology from Rutgers University in 1981, where she was an active participant in the development of the Women's Studies Program. She has published and presented on a range of subjects including the reintegration of incarcerated females, poverty and teen pregnancy, the intersectionality of race, gender and class in political attitudes as well as issues of whiteness and white privilege. She has contributed to several publications, serves as peer reviewer for the *Journal of Violence Against Women* and has been interviewed on CBS, NBC, FOX, BET and in several print media outlets on issues of race, ethnicity, criminal justice, and gender.

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