

INCLUSION MATTERS CONFERENCE



2.23.18 | 1–5PM | FREE ADMISSION

REGISTER ONLINE @ [HTTPS://INCLUSION-MATTERS-2-23-18.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://inclusion-matters-2-23-18.eventbrite.com)

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE | STUDENT UNION EAST | 900 OTAY LAKES ROAD | CHULA VISTA, 91910

Inclusion Matters is a year-long conference, taking place in four parts, that examines essential elements of inclusion and the benefits of diversity in order to develop more equitable and productive environments. This year's conference will focus on race and race relations, scaffolding increasingly challenging topics and concepts related to building more inclusive environments.

This conference will be useful for educators, students, and community members alike who are interested in becoming more informed on issues of inclusion. From faculty members who would like to enhance their course curriculum and increase their level of cultural fluency, to students interested in thinking more critically and learning to more effectively engage in issues of diversity, to anyone interested in increasing their understanding of diversity issues in order to better support inclusive and equitable environments, Inclusion Matters presents an opportunity for all to engage.

PART III of the Inclusion Matters Conference builds on the learning and discussions that took place in Part I and II, though prior attendance is not required for participation. While Part II looked internally at group membership, Part III will look more closely at how we can work effectively across cultures. This interactive session invites participants to enter into brave spaces for authentic dialogue, with a focus on healing and movement toward bridge building.

featuring

Shakti Butler, Ph.D.



Shakti Butler, Ph.D., filmmaker and Founder/President of World Trust, is a dynamic educator in the field of diversity and racial equity. Dr. Butler engages audiences with participatory keynotes and workshops, often using clips from her films. Known as a catalyst for change, she is hired by organizations seeking broader support for their diversity and inclusion goals.

Dr. Butler is a multiracial African-American woman (African, Arawak Indian, and Russian-Jewish) whose work as a creative and visionary bridge builder has challenged and inspired learning for over two decades. She is the producer and director of groundbreaking documentaries including *The Way Home*, *Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible*, and *Light in the Shadows*. Her film *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity* uses story, theater and music to illuminate the larger frame of structural/systemic racial inequity. Her newest film, *Healing Justice*, explores the causes and consequences of the current American justice system and its effect on marginalized communities.

Dr. Butler received her doctorate from the California Institute of Integral Studies in the School of Transformative Learning and Change. She holds an MA in Guidance and Counseling from Bank Street College of New York and graduated Magna Cum Laude from City College of New York.

Part IV on Friday, April 27, 2018