



eSeminar Series on Racial Literacy and Anti-Racism

This four-session series on racial literacy and anti-racism, facilitated by Monique Vogelsang of Pollyanna, Inc., will engage ISAS educators in conversations about race and racism, anti-racism and anti-bias, and race identity. Sessions aim to provide tools, build skills, and increase knowledge that faculty, staff, and administrators can utilize and implement in classrooms and on campuses. Regardless of title or level of experience in the area of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ), these sessions *are open to all administrators, faculty, and staff* and will provide valuable learning and facilitate conversation and deeper understanding of these essential topics. As organized, this four-session series begins with a narrow scope and widens its focus with each subsequent session. Participants register for sessions individually.

eSeminar Series Session Schedule

For full session descriptions, see individual registration links on the ISAS Events Calendar under the Professional Learning tab.

Racial Literacy 101

Wednesday, September 30, 4 – 5:00 pm (CDT)

The Power of Language: The Importance of Developing and Embracing Anti-Racist Frameworks, Mindsets, and Actions – Word by Word

Thursday, November 12, 4 – 5:00 pm (CST)

Creating an Anti-Bias & Anti-Racist School/Classroom or Organization: Microaggressions and Microaffirmations

Wednesday, January 20, 4 – 5:00 pm (CST)

Ways to Build Community & Alliances: Personally and Professionally

Tuesday, March 2, 4 – 5:00 pm (CST)

About Monique Vogelsang and Pollyanna, Inc.



Monique Vogelsang is a dedicated educator and curriculum writer. Born in California, to a large, multiracial family, Monique graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor's degree in Black Studies. Upon graduating, she joined Teach for America and moved to New York City. During these first years in New York, Monique taught in Harlem public schools, and earned her Master's Degree in Teaching. She transitioned to The Dalton School, an independent K-12 institution in NYC, where she served as a classroom teacher and worked on the annual Diversity Conference. A certified racial literacy trainer, Monique is now a consultant, and curriculum specialist for Pollyanna Inc., a nonprofit working to promote and improve DEI efforts in schools across the nation. In this role, she spearheaded Pollyanna's Racial Literacy Curriculum for Grades K-8 and the Parent/Guardian Companion Guide. Currently, Monique leads professional development workshops and consultations for administrators, educators, and students interested in expanding their racial literacy.

Pollyanna's mission is to create discussion platforms for groups of people to explore issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and to share experiences and knowledge. Pollyanna believes in being eternally optimistic even in the face of challenge and exists to be part of the solution. Specifically, Pollyanna provides teaching tools and consulting services to schools and school communities that are interested in learning from others and moving their own work forward.