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Deconstructing Coloniality/Creating Decoloniality in Community Psychology

**CRA (Community Research and Action)-West and
PsySR-West (Psychologists for Social Responsibility) Conference**
Hosted by the Community Psychology, Liberation Psychology,
and Ecopsychology Specialization
Pacifica Graduate Institute, Santa Barbara, CA

Decoloniality is a necessarily ongoing project that should take place in multiple localities--attentive to local colonial and neoliberal histories and realities, struggles of resistance and cultural resilience, and the assets and needs of communities and their members. Critical and committed community psychologists need to understand and deconstruct coloniality and its impact on theory and practices that represent hegemonic regimes of truth. How do we center epistemologies and ontologies that have been silenced in the academy, such as those of Indigenous Psychologies of the Global South that emerge from multiple localities and are based on paradigms that are discordant with US-Eurocentric social sciences? How do we eliminate the promotion and maintenance of paradigms that desecrate the environment and manufacture racism, sexism and structural violence? This conference invites students, committed community psychologists, scholars of related disciplines and areas in psychology, practitioners, advocates, activists, policymakers, and communities to gather and create answers to these important questions. We will share, imagine, dream, and co-construct ways to facilitate emergent decolonial praxes.

Conference Format: Graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, as well as community members and professionals in the non-profit sector, are invited to propose presentations in a variety of formats:

- Paper presentation (e.g., oral presentation of research or community practice/action project) (20 min)

- Interactive roundtable (e.g., panel discussion with 3-5 presenters on a focused topic relevant to Community Research and Action) (60 min)

- Posters (e.g., visual presentation of a project)

- Innovative sessions (e.g., workshops; multimedia presentation, film or art projects) (60 min)

Call for Papers: The call for presentations will go out in early August.