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Worcester Public Library Presents a Film Discussion on “Race: The Power of an Illusion” with Moderator Stephanie Williams
Virtual Event will be held Friday, July 17

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library invites the public to join us for a film discussion on the award-winning documentary, “Race: The Power of an Illusion,” moderated by Stephanie Williams, Cultural Humility Practitioner, on Friday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m. The program will be held virtually over Zoom, and registration is required at https://tinyurl.com/y85s26uh.

The documentary discusses the origins of race, challenges the idea of race as biology, and examines its impact on institutions and social policies. Patrons can access this three-part documentary free through Kanopy, a streaming service available to patrons with a valid library card. Each episode is approximately one hour long. Find it at https://mywpl.kanopy.com.

“Before we can enable systemic [structural/organizational] institutions to take action we must do the work on ourselves,” Williams said. “This means immersion in a rigorous examination of our worldviews, our own privilege and points of disadvantage in order to connect with the range of diversity within the organizations we serve and the places we show up in.”

Attendees are encouraged to watch all three parts of the series and may submit questions prior to the discussion upon registration. The discussion will take place in a Zoom Webinar. Attendees will be able to ask questions of the
moderator through the Q&A feature. WPL strives to provide a safe and respectful place for the community to have a dialog on race through this event.

Stephanie Williams is a native of Worcester, MA. She previously served as the Director of Multicultural Affairs at Anna Maria College and Multicultural Affairs Liaison at Becker College for several years, where she provided visual leadership and strategic direction around disrupting “business as usual” to achieve social change, developing new approaches to educational and engagement around diversity and inclusion, multiculturalism, and social justice. Her demonstrated success led her to a career in state government where she has spent the last five (5) years utilizing her MBA, working with marginalized populations in areas such as financial stability, economic self-sufficiency and personal growth. She is an active member of the community whose passion drives her to build and foster relationships with diverse professional organizations both at the local and national level. She has a Master’s Degree in Business, is a Certified Life Coach and Certified Court Mediator.

For more information on the Worcester Public Library and a complete list of resources and services visit, https://www.mywpl.org/. For more information on the “Race: The Power of Illusion” film discussion contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or lsheldon@mywpl.org.