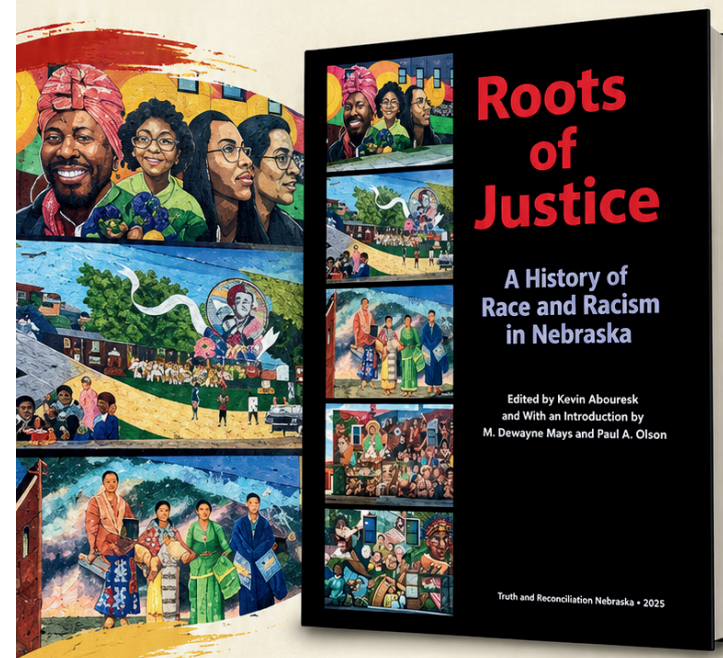




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ROOTS OF JUSTICE: A History of Race and Racisim in Nebraska



September 26, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Check-in and Coffee

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Panel Discussion

Featuring authors from “Roots of Justice: A History of Race and Racism in Nebraska.” Gabe, Emira, and Sharon. Dr. Dewayne Mays, President of the Lincoln Branch NAACP and co-chair of the Truth & Reconciliation Steering Committee, will provide an overview of the history of the Roots of Justice: A History of Race and Racism in Nebraska project and an update on its current status.

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Peacemaker of the Year Awards Presentation

12:00 p.m. Lunch by Freedom Thompson

1:00 p.m. Peace and Justice Workshops

Anti-War:

“Civil Dialogue as a Tool for Peacebuilding”

Social Justice:

"Voting: a right for all, accessible to some, impactful for all"

Environment:

“AI, Datacenters, and Energy Democracy”

2:00 p.m. Annual NFP Membership Meeting

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KEYNOTE PANEL “Roots of Justice: A History of Race and Racism in Nebraska”

NATIVE AMERICAN CHAPTER



Dr. Gabriel Bruguier is an Assistant Professor and Research Specialist Librarian at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries. He is an enrolled member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe and grew up in Vermillion and Sisseton, South Dakota. He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, a B.A. in philosophy from University of Minnesota Morris, and a Licentiate in International Relations from the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla. Dr. Bruguier was previously the Education and Outreach Coordinator at the Mid-America Transportation Center at Nebraska, where he oversaw three outreach programs. His efforts have been dedicated to helping Native American students gain a space and be more visible in higher education.

REFUGEE CHAPTER



Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić is an Associate Professor of Practice of Global Studies in the School of Global Integrative Studies at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. As a cultural anthropologist, her research focuses on refugee resettlement, migration, immigrant integration, and community responses to migration. She is co-author of "Recent Arrivals: Refugee Resettlement in Nebraska" in *Roots of Justice: A History of Race and Racism in Nebraska* and co-editor of the forthcoming University of Nebraska Press volume *The Lives of Immigrants and Refugees: Tales of Migration, Hope, Grief, and Finding Home in Nebraska*. Her current work examines the history of refugee resettlement in Nebraska and the ways communities build belonging for newcomers.

ASIAN AMERICAN CHAPTER



Sharon R. Ishii-Jordan, Ph.D., is Professor Emerita of Education, and former associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Creighton University. Prior to Creighton, she taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Richard Young Memorial Hospital in Omaha, the Omaha Public Schools, and in Japan. Her research focused on disability education and English language learners, as well as teacher training in Northeast India, and her avocational research/presentations have included Japanese American historical experiences and Asian American history in Nebraska. As a sansei (third generation Japanese American) she is involved with cultural preservation, education and policy through the Japanese American Citizens League. She occupies her time in volunteer work through her church, social justice committees, the Nebraska Asian Pacific Leadership Alliance, and the Radio Talking Book Network. In addition, she stays busy traveling, gardening, and spending time with her granddaughter.

WORKSHOPS

ANTI-WAR

Makaela VanMoorleghem: “Civil Dialogue as a Tool for Peacebuilding”



Mikaela VanMoorleghem is the President of Communicators for Women Religious (CWR) and serves as the Director of Communications and Marketing for the Notre Dame Sisters, Omaha Province. With more than two decades of experience in nonprofit communications, marketing, and strategic planning, she is committed to helping mission-driven organizations amplify their impact and tell their stories with clarity and purpose.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Rachel Gibson: "Voting: a right for all, accessible to some, impactful for all"



Rachel M. Gibson is currently the Vice President of Action for the LWVNE. She previously served on the Fair Maps redistricting committee. Education Policy Action Team and the Social Policy Action Team. Before starting at the League, she spent 10 years as an advisor, educator, and program coordinator in higher education. She earned a Bachelor’s and Masters from the University of Kansas.

ENVIRONMENT

Ryan Wishart: “AI, Datacenters, and Energy Democracy”



Ryan Wishart is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Creighton University and teaches in the Sustainability and Environmental Science programs. His most recent work research examines national energy policy networks, energy democracy, and transportation environmental justice struggles in the Midwest. He has contributed to City of Omaha and Nebraska-wide climate justice planning efforts.

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