

April 12, 2022

10am – 11am ET (New York), Zoom

Attendees: Polli, Elison, Merry, Jill, Josephine, Lucy, Rita, Kai, Lynn, Naomi (N = 10)

Inaugural Meeting of the Decolonizing Psychology Interest Group

- Polli had asked attendees in advance of the meeting to watch Rama Charan Tripathi's ICP 2021 talk (29 minutes).
- Polli chaired this first meeting
- After introductions from all attendees, Polli introduced the focus of this Interest Group
- Polli then moved to discussing the talk by Tripathi and led an open discussion of it.
- Attendees shared observations, discussed what they connected with in the talk.
- Polli then invited the group to provide input on what would be helpful for group members to work on:
 - Database or list of articles and books, with good global representation
 - Lynn mentioned that there is a listserv dedicated to decolonizing – we may want to connect with the organizers
 - Josephine proposed choosing topics that offer different viewpoints and then getting into discussion of these topics.
 - Merry suggested we explore the idea of what it means to “decolonize one's mind” – what would it mean for how we teach and do research?
 - Lucy encouraged us to take an approach that involves “discovering and finding out” (in addition to reading).
 - Lynn noted importance of reading widely about Indigenous perspectives, from Indigenous writers.
 - Josephine and Jill encouraged searching for literature and source material outside the usual Psychology search engines/databases and expanding terminology beyond what we use in Psychology, to uncover works we might not otherwise find.
 - Lynn suggested inviting speakers to our group
 - Josephine and Lucy discussed the power of story-telling
 - Lucy volunteered to lead the next meeting and will lead the process of story-telling

Next meeting: Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 10am ET (New York). Lucy will lead the group in a process of story-telling.