AWARE-LA Summer Institute

UNMASKING WHITENESS

EVENT INFORMATION
July 23-26, 2020

The Wesley School
4832 Tujunga Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601

AWARE-LA is a grassroots organization comprised of an all-volunteer staff. All registration fees go to program costs and sustaining the organization’s consciousness-raising activities. Facilitators offer their time in both producing and facilitating the event. We therefore ask for your understanding when our documents lack the “professional design” quality that high priced conferences can lend to their brochures and materials.

BALANCE DUE

There are three ways to pay a remaining balance.

1. At the door – Bring a check or cash to the event.
2. Venmo – Search for "Unity-bridges" and in the area that asks, What's it for? Please put either "Institute deposit" or "Institute registration." Once completed, alert Shelly Tochluk at stochluk@msmu.edu that a payment has been made.
3. Send a check payable to Unity Bridges (our non-profit fiscal sponsor) to the following:
   Unmasking Whiteness Institute
   c/o Shelly Tochluk
   Education Dept./MSMU
   10 Chester Place
   Los Angeles, CA 90007

LODGING

Some attendees seek to avoid hotel costs by staying with friends who are local to the LA area. If you choose to do this, please be sure to ask your contacts about the distance you’ll be commuting to and from the event site. There are public transportation options. But, you’ll want to check to find out what your day to day experience might be.

If you do not have any friends or colleagues in the Los Angeles area, the lodging options below might be convenient for you. Due to extended summer daylight hours, you might consider these options within easy walking distance to The Wesley School.

Distance to The Wesley School

Colony Inn North Hollywood
4917 Vineland Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601
855-516-1090

Holiday Inn Express North Hollywood – Burbank Area
11350 Burbank Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 821-8031

There have been a few times when attendees with no institutional funding or friends local to Los Angeles were able to be hosted by an AWARE-LA member. We cannot guarantee this possibility. But, if it turns out that your attendance depends upon having a hosting site, let us know, and we can at least put the word out and see if there is something we can do.
ENTERTAINMENT and TRANSPORTATION

The event location is only 3 miles from Universal Studies and Universal City Walk, which are tourist destinations. Many shops and restaurants are located in relative proximity, although not immediately near The Wesley School. Uber or Lyft might be good options for local travel while engaged in the institute.

Please note that parking at the Wesley School is limited. The parking lot is closed to attendees on Sunday morning. Street parking may also be limited. Shared rides or early arrival may be required to avoid missing part of the program.

FOOD

Simple breakfast foods such as muffins, bagels, fruit, yogurt, and oatmeal are available each morning for those who arrive before the day’s start time. Please note that coffee is not provided on site, as there are local establishments to purchase coffee nearby.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday we will bring in lunch for the group to share together. The cost for these meals is included in the registration. We will provide basic, simple meals from local restaurants near the event site. Vegetarian and vegan options can be provided upon request.

Dinner will be on your own each day.

WATER

The Wesley School has a water bottle fill up station. Please bring your own water bottle, as we will attempt to reduce waste by avoiding the purchase of single use cups.

DRESS

The Wesley School is located in an area that can be quite hot outside. Air conditioning can make it quite cool inside. Please plan to dress in layers, as you’ll be moving back and forth from warm to cool multiple times each day.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sessions will begin each day at 9AM sharp. (Plan to arrive by 8:30AM on Thursday to finalize registration.) We will break for lunch at approximately 12:30PM. Sessions will resume after lunch at 1:30PM. We will break during the evenings at approximately 5:30PM. Sunday morning will run from 9AM until approximately 2:30PM. Snacks will be provided since we do not formally break for lunch. However the snacks do not constitute a full meal.

If you are scheduling a flight out of LAX on Sunday evening, flights leaving before 5PM will be extremely challenging to make without missing the final closing process. Burbank airport is a local airport that might be more convenient for some travelers, and it is closer to the event site than LAX.

ATTENDANCE

It is extremely important that you attend all sessions. In general, we recommend that you only commit to being part of this Institute if you are willing and able to participate in all sessions. As this process builds on a model of shared community, each person’s voice becomes extremely important. Please contact us if you have a concern. Occasionally there are accommodations that can be made on a case-by-case basis.

Please email Shelly Tochluk at stochluk@msmu.edu if you have any questions.
DIRECTIONS TO THE WESLEY SCHOOL

4832 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601.

The school is located just north of the 101 Freeway and just east of the 170 Freeway.

From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) – (24 miles) Take the 405 North to the 101 South. Take exit 13A for Tujunga Avenue. Turn right onto Tujunga Avenue.

From Burbank (Bob Hope) Airport – (4.7 miles) Head east on Airport. Turn right onto N. Hollywood Way. Turn right onto Victory Blvd. Turn left onto Cahuenga Blvd. Turn right onto Burbank Blvd. Turn left onto Vineland Ave. Turn right onto W. Magnolia Blvd. Turn left onto Tujunga Ave.