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Dear Colleague:

Binghamton University's U Diversity Educational Institute and Dean of Students Office, and SUNY Broome's President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, cordially invites you to **"Public Deliberation: Creating Space for Racial Justice,"** a two-day conference exploring public deliberation as a tool to advance racial justice for communities. It will be held on **November 3-4, 2017 at Binghamton University's Innovative Technology Complex (85 Murray Hill Road, Vestal, NY, 13850).**

Our organizations and communities serve as epicenters for interracial and multicultural experiences. Public deliberation provides a space for community members to discuss complex issues that can lead to positive changes. It focuses on potential approaches, and their drawbacks, payoffs and, tradeoffs as it relates to racial justice.

Faculty and staff of higher education as well as professionals from local community and educational partners are welcome to attend. Those with direct responsibilities for diversity or inclusion work or passions for diversity education are strongly encouraged to attend.

All workshops in this racial justice conference will introduce participants to how public deliberation, a civic engagement approach associated with the Kettering Foundation and practices drawn from the community-based dialogue model developed by the National Issues forum (NIF), can help communities address and engage issues of racial justice. It will provide participants with opportunities to expand their awareness and education on racial justice, learn best practices for developing dialogue on racial justice between universities, community colleges, and the surrounding community. In addition, it will identify methods to build alliances/coalitions across cultural differences, expand social responsibility through community-engaged scholarship, service and civic engagement.

We encourage you to join us. For more information, please visit [www.binghamton.edu/udiversity](http://www.binghamton.edu/udiversity) to register.

Sincerely,

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