

StirFry Seminars & Consulting

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TIME PASSING

Recently, at the NCORE Conference in New Orleans, I shared with the participants, in a standing-room-only workshop, that it was 33 years ago that I first began doing this diversity work. Prior to that, I was a Special Education Resource Specialist in the San Francisco Unified School District for 25 years. I was amazed, even back then, how time felt like it had passed by so quickly. And, now I find myself once again looking backwards with the same amazement and awe at the time that has passed and all the memories that I've accumulated along the way. In the film *Joe Black*, Brad Pitt asks an elderly Jamaican woman about her life and she shares: "Ah, I have collected a lot of wonderful postcards filled with the faces of people I have met and loved."

I think that is the way I best remember it all...more as a feeling and as a connection. Moments that were indescribable and miraculous, filled with tears and rage, and the pure joy of seeing someone finally feeling validated and understood. The stories I have witnessed others share were always different and yet alike in so many ways. Even the moments of fear that seemed insurmountable when my workshops began, slowly melted away because of the honesty and authenticity of hearing each other's journey of what it took to get to this room and the comradery of our shared desire for a better world.



As I stood in front of the room at NCORE, I looked out at a sea of familiar faces, many that had invited me into their classrooms and workplaces throughout the years. Yes, we had grown older, but our hearts and souls were still committed to this work. We each understood that it wasn't just for our families, but that the next generation was depending on us to keep the dream and the torch alive and burning. That even when the times were hard and the resistance overwhelming, similar to what it feels like today, this was also a part of the journey.... the part that tests our resolve to be a mirror and a bridge.

Each person, each workshop, each mistake and experience that brought me to this place today, shaped who I was and who I became. So, on this day, I smile and I cry remembering what James Baldwin once wrote: "There are two days that are important in our lives - the day we were born and the day we find out why."

Lee Mun Wah

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for Diversity Trainers, Educators & Therapists: 5-Day Intensive

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July 25-29, 2018

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July 25-29, 2018 ** Berkeley, CA	Cross-Cultural Facilitation Skills for Diversity Trainers, Educators & Therapists 5 Day Intensive StirFry Seminars Berkeley Training Center • Open to the Public
August 1, 2018 Los Angeles, CA	What's Missing in Our Classrooms? and Responding to Discriminatory Incidents at School • UCLA California Teachers Association (CTA) Summer Institute • Open to the Public
August 7, 2018 Minneapolis, MN	TBA • Not Open to the Public
August 10, 2018 Oakland, CA	Keynote - An Unfinished Conversation • Not Open to the Public

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