Critical Theory and Social Change: Confronting Racism in the Contemporary U.S.

A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP
Organized by the Social Thought & Political Economy Program at UMass Amherst

No registration required. For information, email stpec@sbs.umass.edu.

**Thursday**
March 24

6:30 p.m.
Opening Reception
Cape Cod Lounge
Student Union Building

7:00 p.m.
Keynote Lectures by
Mariana Ortega & Touré Reed
Cape Cod Lounge

Back-to-back lectures by two scholars who share a commitment to anti-racist organizing but represent different academic disciplines and adopt different theoretical approaches to analyzing racism

**Friday**
March 25

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Breakout Sessions
Campus Center
Rms. 804-08, 905-09, 911-15 & 917

Small group dialogues among students, faculty, and community members about the tools critical theory offers for anti-racist social movements

2:30-4:00 p.m.
Closing Plenary
Cape Cod Lounge

Opportunity to share workshop discussions, recognize differences, and identify strategies for moving forward in solidarity

**HOW?**
How do we understand the roots of racism and its consequences for people and communities? How do we interpret the different forms racism takes, its relationship to capitalism, and its intersections with other types of oppression? How do we analyze the dynamics between racist ideologies and racist social structures? And how do diverse social and political theories inform the strategies we adopt in anti-racist organizing?

**Keynote Speakers**

**Mariana Ortega**
A philosopher at John Carroll University where she organizes the Latina Feminist Roundtable.

**Touré Reed**
A historian at the University of Illinois Chicago who analyzes the complex intersection of race and class in the United States.

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