

SUPPORT FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF COLOR AND THEIR FAMILIES

Navigating the Road Ahead Intersections of Adoption, Race & Schools



Join us for Pact's 2nd annual conference for adoptive parents of color and their families. Workshops and discussions will focus on supporting adoptive children of color throughout their educational journey from early childhood through high school and beyond. Adoptive parents, foster parents, and waiting adoptive parents of color are all welcome!

November 11, 2017, 9 am–4 pm

First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 685 14th Street, Oakland, CA

This year's keynote speaker is Theopia Jackson, PhD, who will speak about trauma and learning differences. The day's workshops will focus on:

- Activism and schools
- Adoption in the classroom
- The importance of play
- Supporting children with learning differences



Tickets are available at www.pactadopt.org/apoconference

Speakers



Theopia Jackson, PhD, is currently the Program Chair for Clinical Psychology in the Department of Humanistic and Clinical Psychology at Saybrook University in Oakland, CA and is practicing at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland in the Healthy Hearts program. In addition, she is the 2017–2019 President Elect for The Association of Black Psychologists, Inc. Dr. Jackson has a long history of providing child, adolescent, and family therapy services, specializing in serving populations coping with chronic illness and complex trauma. Dr. Jackson and her husband of 30+ years are the proud parents of three children, her best teachers. Honoring culturally-centered spiritual healing of creativity and resiliency, Dr. Jackson espouses: *"What you help a child to love can be more important than what you help him [or her] to learn."* —African proverb

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Elayne Chou, PhD, is passionate about helping individuals realize their potential. With 18 years of professional private practice experience, she specializes in working with Asian-Americans. She has consulted to organizations large and small, conducting teleseminars, trainings, and workshops on career and leadership development, and cultural diversity topics. Dr. Chou is a Senior Consultant with Leadership Alliance, a talent management consulting firm. She serves on boards of the Adoption Museum Project, Pact, and Aurora School. She lives in Oakland with her 9-year-old daughter, adopted from Taiwan as an infant, and husband.



Frank Davis, PhD, has twenty years of clinical experience and has worked in various mental health settings (i.e., community college and elementary school based, early childhood day care centers, adult day treatment and community based outpatient) and with various populations (i.e., adults, children, families, and couples). Overall, his approach is warm, person-centered, and collaborative. Dr. Davis has extensive training in and understanding of family systems, psychodynamic, attachment, trauma, and multicultural focused psychotherapy, and thus uses an eclectic approach to fit the unique needs of his patients.



Joemy Ito-Gates is a mixed heritage transracial adoptee of Japanese and Irish descent. She is in her 14th year of teaching in the Berkeley public schools. Joemy created and co-facilitated an after school program with Lisa, modeled after an arts based summer camp she used to direct called FUSION, for mixed heritage and transracially adopted youth. She has written and implemented curricula that address the specific needs and experiences of adoptive students as well as students of color. Her most important job is being the mother of a joyful, passionate, and opinionated toddler.



Lisa Kelly, MA, a mixed race adoptee, has a master's degree in education and is a 6th grade English teacher in the Oakland public schools. She and her brother are kinship adoptees by a white father. Lisa understands the importance of adoptees of color coming together to collectively explore and learn about their culture, ancestry, and identity.



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