



**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY**  
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**Higher Education Seminar Series Brownbag**  
**Dr. Zak Foste**

*“The Dangers of Being Too Certain: How Desires for White Racial Innocence and Goodness Perpetuate the Racial Status Quo on Campus”*

**Thursday, October 17, 2019 -- 12:00 to 1:00 pm**  
Collegiate Room- Union -- *\*refreshments will be provided*



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Contemporary discourse on race typically focus on the most overtly hateful and racist individuals on campus. Although these individuals warrant our collective attention, an exclusive focus on their behaviors and actions obstructs a deeper understanding of how supposedly enlightened, progressive white students perpetuate and maintain the racial status quo on colleges and universities around the country. In this talk, Zak Foste examines three particular discursive strategies employed by white undergraduates that reproduced the racial status quo on campus. Each of these strategies highlights a preoccupation with white racial innocence, often at the expense of any meaningful critique of race relations within the institution.

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