



**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice & Accessibility (DEIJA)  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:00 AM  
Minutes**

**Present:** Rachel Dworkin (Chemung County Historical Society), Karin Wikoff (Ithaca College), Nancy Abashian (Binghamton University), Virgilio Pinto (Ithaca College) ex officio: Christine Brown, Jessica Philippe

**Excused:** Jenny Shonk (Finger Lakes Library System); Allie Shanafelter (Corning Museum Of Glass), Beth Hylan (Corning Museum of Glass, retired)

**Notes from Last Meeting ([Minutes 4/16/24](#))**

**Around the Table**

**Karin-** Karin presented on her grant funded project with Dr. Bright. They are focused on the end of the fiscal year. They have a plan to do some new projects that don't require a lot of funding. Karin is writing a chapter of a book on assessing DEIJA projects in libraries. She participated in a [group reading program](#) through Opendore in Sherwood that was about land and indigenous people from the colonial period through the early 1800s.

**Rachel-** They held pride on June 1st and Juneteenth was celebrated last weekend. CCHS tabled at both of those events. They talked to people about sharing their history and letting them know that their history matters. They are working with a local synagogue to digitize some of their materials. They also have acquired some materials related to the Underground Railroad that they are housing for another institution.

**Nancy-** Nancy presented at ENY/ACRL on IREAL. IREAL will have a 5-day in person institute beginning in Summer 2025 at Rutgers. There is a faculty planning group. CLIR and Educopia will be in charge of recruitment.

**Grants for Consulting with Dr. Bright**

The Guided DEI Engagement Webinar with Dr. Bright and the grant recipients was held on May 30 and not recorded. There were 65 registered and 45 attendees. Grant recipients are wrapping up their projects this month. Dr. Bright won't be able to consult in the upcoming year, but SCRLC will consider offering these grants again in the future.

**Cornell Student Group Project**

The group presented their final deliverables to their class and Mary-Carol, Christine and Jessica attended. They put together a newsletter to reach out to prospective cohort

members and a sample of a Handshake post. They also interviewed Cornell University Library Director, Elaine Westbrooks and we will see if she will let us share that interview more widely.

### **DEIJA Learning Opportunities**

- Fatphobia: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How to Fight It was presented by Kate Manne on June 14. The presenter discussed Fatphobia's intersections with misogyny and racism.
- [Shifting the Narrative: What does it mean to center BIPOC library worker needs?](#) Will be presented by Twanna Hodge on June 25.
- [DEIJA Learning Circle](#) – Will be open to all members and the first meeting scheduled to take place on July 16. Join us if you can!
  - The committee agreed that the learning circle should be centered around an article or a specific topic so the first meeting will be to discuss the recent webinar on “What does it mean to center BIPOC library worker needs?” (recording linked above).

### **DEIJA in the SCRLC News**

- David A. Howe Public Library adds period products to public restrooms (4/19)
- Alfred University divested from prison labor (5/31)
- The committee will help contribute news items when possible.

### **Review of DEIJA Plan (Latest Plan)**

The committee agreed that this plan should be incorporated into SCRLC's next Plan of Service. All DEIJA activities should be integrated into council goals and activities.

### **DEIJA Advisory Committee Proposed 2024-2025 Activities**

There was a brief discussion about the current activities. Christine and Jessica will prepare a list of activities for the 2024-2025 year to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Upcoming Meetings 2024-2025**

We will continue with the 3rd Tuesdays every other month at 11am. Please mark your calendars!

August 20, 2024  
October 22, 2024  
December 17, 2024  
February 18, 2025  
April 22, 2025  
June 17, 2025

Minutes taken by Jessica.