

# StirFry Seminars & Consulting

March 2009

*Recently, in an interview with Vogue, Michelle Obama shared that on election night, "I was proud as a wife, amazed as a citizen. I felt a sense of relief and a sense of calm that the country I lived in, was the country I thought I lived in. (Vogue, March 2009, A. Talley)"*

*Here are some other reactions from around the country:*

I completely understand her being proud as a wife. I was amazed as a citizen of the US that a Black man would be elected President. I was in tears, happy and yet still amazed. It was unbelievable and everybody I ran into was surprised, amazed, overwhelmed! I, too, felt a sense of relief that just maybe, Black folks would be honored in this country in a way White folks have been and didn't even deserve most times. I have wanted to think that the country we live in is the country that everybody thinks is so incredibly wonderful. I doubt what this country is about and how it has come to be the most powerful (forceful) country in the world. I even doubt the voting in of a Black man. I think the 2% that rules this country knew that it had to do something.

Linda Compton, Diversity Trainer

I, too, am amazed as a citizen, not so much that we finally have an African American president, but more so that that my fellow citizens allowed the corruption and further dismantling of our civilization to occur to this extent. "Liberty and Justice for All" has my entire life been only words, whereas "Liberty and Justice for Some" has been my reality.

David Lee, Psychotherapist

While suggestive of societal transformation, Barack Obama's election represents the continued metamorphosis of a modern American society, where things change but effectively stay the same. The complex identities of the Obama's defy and contradict the historical record. They are



embraced by a system that still delivers a certain privilege to a chosen few. If we can and will extend a "sense of relief and a sense of calm" to poor and minority Americans, we will all be able to say that this is the country we thought it was and a country of which we can be proud. That amazing possibility yet exists.

Johnny Lake, Diversity Trainer

# The Color of Fear

A Film Showing and Discussion on Race  
with Director Lee Mun Wah

FREE ADMISSION

Friday March 20, 2009 7:00pm  
Grace Cathedral • Wilsey Conference Center  
1100 California Street, San Francisco, CA. 94108

*The Color of Fear* is an insightful, groundbreaking film about the state of race relations in America as seen through the eyes of eight North American men of Asian, European, Latino and African descent. In a series of intelligent, emotional and dramatic confrontations the men reveal the pain and scars that racism has caused them. This is the dialogue most of us fear, but hope will happen in our lifetime.

## StirFry Calendar

March 3, 2009 Redwood City, CA	Unlearning Racism Not Open to the Public
March 5, 2009 Las Vegas, NV	Cultural Competency for Leaders Intro International Mentoring Association Conference/Open to the Public
March 7, 2009 Appleton, WI	Walking Across the Room Keynote & Cultural Competency for Educators Multicultural Education Conference/Open to the Public
March 7, 2009 San Jose, CA	Cultural Competency for Educational Leaders Intro Equity and Human Rights Conference/Open to the Public
March 10-11, 2009 Salem, OR	Cultural Competency for Leaders Not Open to the Public
March 16-17, 2009 Atlanta, GA	A Courageous Conversation about Race at Work Linkage, Inc. Conference/Open to the Public
March 20, 2009 San Francisco, CA	<i>Color of Fear</i> - Free Film Showing & Discussion Grace Cathedral/Open to the Public
March 23, 2009 St. Paul, MN	Mindfully Resolving Conflicts Not Open to the Public
April 2, 2009 Raleigh, NC	Cultural Competency for Leaders Intro Society for Intercultural Education Conference/Open to the Public
April 5, 2009 Phoenix, AZ	Cultural Competency for Leaders Intro American Association of Community Colleges Conference/Open to the Public
April 10-12, 2009** Berkeley, CA	Mindfully Resolving Conflicts - Beginning Open to the Public
April 18, 2009 Pasadena, CA	Cultural Competency for Educational Leaders & If These Halls Could Talk™ Intro California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference Open to the Public

\*\* Held at the Quan Yin Training Center, 2311 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA

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