

1B—Whiteness and Academic Librarianship

Critical Whiteness Studies for Academic Librarianship: Problems and Possibilities, Gina Schlesselman-Tarango (California State University, San Bernardino).

Does critical whiteness studies have anything to offer to interrogations of race and racism in academic librarianship? This presentation provides an introduction to critical whiteness studies, outlining its origins, major questions, and debates. LIS scholarship that has incorporated elements of this framework will be highlighted, followed by a discussion of the criticisms of and contradictions within critical whiteness studies. The presenter will conclude by suggesting strategies for addressing these limitations while remaining committed to exposing whiteness and white supremacy at work in academic librarianship.