

Please join us as

V. Elaine Gross, MSW
President, ERASE Racism

delivers the

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at Touro Law Center

225 Eastview Drive
Central Islip, NY 11722

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Wine and Cheese Reception at 6:00 p.m.
Lecture to Follow



Elaine Gross is founder/ president of ERASE Racism, a regional not-for-profit that under her leadership has been recognized locally and nationally for its cutting edge work addressing institutional and structural racism. ERASE Racism leads public policy advocacy campaigns and programmatic initiatives and engages in a variety of research, education and consulting activities to expose forms of racial discrimination and advocate for laws and policies that help eliminate racial disparities in housing, community development, public education and health. Long Island, New York has been and continues to be the site and key focus area of ERASE Racism's work, which has begun expanding to encompass statewide and tri-state regional activities with related national work and implications. By strengthening civil rights laws, influencing regional leaders, and dispelling myths about race and racism, ERASE Racism has inspired more than 1,000 individuals to join as partners.

Ms. Gross earned a MSW from Boston University in policy, planning, and non-profit management. She began her career, which has focused on counteracting the systemic causes of social, political, and economic inequities, by developing and managing human service delivery systems and tenant advocacy initiatives for the Boston Housing Authority; by serving as Vice President for Programs at the Urban League; and as Community Relations Director of the Lead Free Kids Project at Boston Health and Hospitals. She was Deputy Director of the Boston Housing Partnership, a premier public/private partnership supporting community development and affordable housing in fragile inner-city neighborhoods. Moving to New York, Ms. Gross served as a Program Officer for the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock, where she developed a portfolio of grants across the United States for projects focused on human rights and economic development. She then served as the founding Executive Director of Sustainable America, a New York-based national NGO that promoted sustainable, equitable development practices and policies. In June 2001, Ms. Gross was hired by the Long Island Community Foundation to launch the ERASE Racism Initiative. In 2004, ERASE Racism became an independent not-for-profit corporation.

A former member of the Long Island Regional Planning Council and its Leadership Advisory Cabinet for the LI 2035 Sustainability Plan, Ms. Gross was appointed by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council, where she is highly regarded as playing a significant leadership role. She also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Long Island Index of the Rauch Foundation and the Advisory Board of The Energeia Partnership, The Academy of Regional Stewardship at Molloy College.

Ms. Gross has received numerous awards, served on various boards, and is the author of many published articles.

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