Project Humanities presents Celebrating 10 Years of talking, listening and connecting

Project Humanities commemorates 10 years of talking, listening and connecting in a virtual celebration **Saturday, November 13** with special guest Dr. Bernice A. King, a global thought leader, advocate, orator, and the CEO of the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Change. Dr. King will join Project Humanities Founding Director, Dr. Neal Lester to discuss, "Looking Back to Look Forward: Are We Losing Our Humanity?" In addition to music, video and storytelling, the Humanity 101 High School Contest winners and the Project Humanities Undergraduate Ambassador awardees will be announced.

Register today to join this momentous and joyous event.
8th Annual Hacks for Humanity a Huge Success!

This year 49 people from 9 different countries came together to find technological solutions to some of the world's most pressing concerns. The top 3 teams were awarded nearly $10,000 in prizes and included 3 ASU students.

A big "thank you" to our sponsors, State Farm and ASU J. Orin Edson Entrepreneurship+Innovation Institute, our supporters, volunteers, mentors, and judges who made this an exciting, community-building and innovative 36-hour experience for all.

Check out winning teams, photos and more on our website.

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Announcement

*Project Humanities is thrilled to announce the addition of Alycia de Mesa to the team. As the first ever Project Humanities Associate Director, the ASU instructor and doctoral candidate brings invaluable professional knowledge, new ideas and a commitment to the Humanity 101 principles. Hear more from Alycia below.*
As a multi-racial woman (Xicana, Apache of Chihuahua, Japanese, Anglo-German) from a lower class, immigrant and Indigenous family, I grew up in a sea of people in leadership positions who did not reflect my own identity. These leaders, whether they were teachers or business people, did not look like me, talk like me, think like me, act like me, or identify as me, and I felt forced to conform to standards foreign to my own values.

After a certain age, I began to reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's quote that if I want to see change, I need to be the change in the world. The only problem is, Gandhi never said this. What he said was, "We but mirror the world. All the tendencies present in the outer world are to be found in the world of our body. If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. This is the divine mystery supreme. A wonderful thing it is and the source of our happiness. We need not wait to see what others do."

Hence, I began a journey to cultivate my inner self, learn about family and societal histories that had largely been omitted from Western dominant narratives, and eventually sought to identify, support, and advocate for solutions to injustices. What I discovered on my path of reflection and discovery is that the more I committed to my own inner change, the more I was building my capacity to serve others in a servant leadership role. I discovered my inner soul's commitment to support BIPOC young and older people alike who are attempting to do the same.

At ASU, I've been fortunate to apply my two plus decades of corporate branding and marketing professional experience to teach for the School of Sustainability for storytelling and communications for graduate students as well as core sustainability courses for undergraduates. I decided a few years ago to uplevel my educational credentials to a doctoral degree in Human and Social Dimensions in Science and Technology with the School for the Future of Innovation in Society and am halfway through my doctoral journey focused on Indigenous and people of color futures within emerging technologies such as augmented reality (AR) and artificial intelligence (AI).

What drew me to Project Humanities and makes me excited to step into this first ever Associate Director position, is that I can take my personal commitments of compassion, empathy, respect, integrity, forgiveness, kindness, and self-reflection to foster critical conversations, interactions, and programming that center those who have largely been ignored and erased from the dominant narratives in our society. Seeing this happen with my community, my institution, and the multiple, intersecting circles of young people with whom I interact is indeed the change I seek. A wonderful thing—to tie back to Gandhi's real quote—it certainly is.

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**Homeless Outreach Updates**

**Next Day of Service:** Saturday, 13 November 2021  
**New Fall/Winter time:** 7:30 am to 9:30 am

Reminder- With the holiday season upon us, Friday Sorting occurs every Friday, 2-4pm, at our Tempe warehouse at 200 E. Curry Rd. and Service Saturday occurs every other Saturday in downtown Phoenix, 7:30-9:30am, even on holidays like Thanksgiving weekend, Hanukkah and Christmas! Consider making homeless outreach part of your celebrations this year and bring a friend.

And as always, please check our [Amazon Wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/).

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