What Is RAW?

RAW Truth Sessions allow participants in CTTT-RVA’s Racism At Work program the opportunity to explore how the artificial social constructs of race and racism have been intentionally and systematically woven into the very fabric of American society in general, and Richmond in particular.

This page hosts the key documents that trace our journey to explore one of the most challenging conversations of our time.

RAW Truth Session Summaries

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**RAW Truth Session #1 Dr. Sabrina Dent** (January 27, 2021)
*Racism and Systemic Racism: What are They & How Do They Relate?*

**RAW Truth Session #2 Rev. Benjamin P. Campbell** (February 24, 2021)
*Richmond’s “Unhealed History”*

**RAW Truth Session #3 - Dr. Thad Williamson** (April 28, 2021)
*Racism At Work in Economics and Community Wealth Building*

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Mission Statement

RAW (Racism At Work) is an initiative of Coming To The Table - RVA, a local nonprofit affiliate of a national organization focused on providing leadership, resources and a supportive environment for acknowledging and healing wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States’ history of slavery. RAW events will:

1. Expose participants to the historical events and policies that form the deep roots of contemporary structural and systemic racism, and

2. Serve as a call to action against the many forms of systemic inequity that continue to [plague] the lives of African Americans in Richmond and beyond.

“Racist legacy laws and modern racist practices are all part of the same system and it needs to be changed now.” DaShanne Stokes