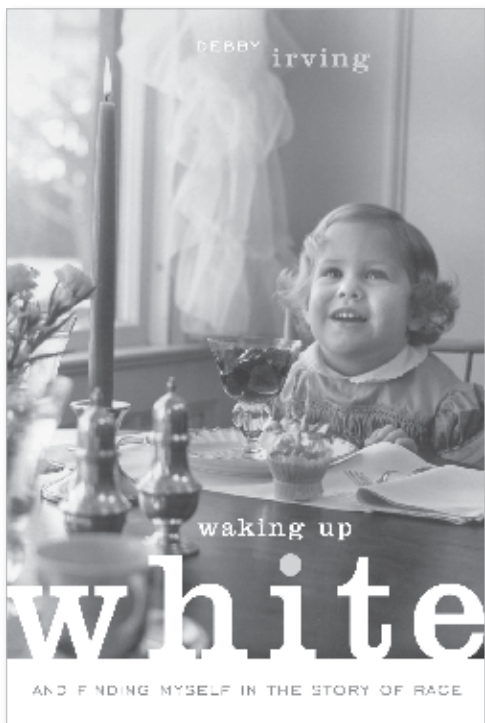


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Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race

A Presentation by Racial Justice Educator and author,
Debby Irving

Thursday, May 11, 2017
7:00 – 9:00pm *Doors open at 6:30*

I'm a Good Person! Isn't That Enough?

Using historical and media images, Debby examines how she used her white-skewed belief system to interpret the world around her. Socialized on a narrow worldview, Debby explores how she spent decades silently reaffirming harmful, archaic racial patterns instead of questioning the racial disparities and tensions she could see and feel. This workshop is designed to support white people in making the paradigm shift from 'fixing' and 'helping' those believed to be inferior, to focusing on internalized white superiority and its role in perpetuating racism at the individual, interpersonal, institutional, and cultural levels. This presentation includes pauses for reflection, dialog, and Q&A.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. *Light refreshments will be served.*

Debby Irving struggled to make sense of tensions she could feel but not explain in racially mixed settings over her 25 years as a teacher and community organizer in Cambridge, MA. A graduate school course in 2009, *Racial and Cultural Identities*, led to her understanding racism as a systemic issue and her own whiteness as an obstacle to grappling with it. Her book tells how she went from well-meaning to well-doing.



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