President’s Weekly Bulletin – June 12, 2020

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Dear Members, Trainees & Friends,

One of the best things about SDBP is our ability to connect. Our organization, while still needing to grow in so many areas, provides an opportunity to share our common passions, goals and most of all, get to know and support each other. Maybe it took a pandemic and horrific racism to remind us how we need each other, grow from our interactions with each other, and need to connect more than once a year. Thus, out of crisis, comes creativity and opportunity.

I look forward to continuing to connect with so many more members, trainees and friends as we explore difficult topics, including racism.

I also strongly encourage everyone to participate in the advocacy action moment, shared by the Advocacy Committee and RACE CARD (Race and Children Education Collaborative of Anti-Racist DBProfessionals) by June 19, 2020. You can do this by submitting blog posts, op-ed pieces, letters to the editor, and commentaries regarding the developmental impact of racism. The theme of the encouraged posts is "Racism is a Developmental Issue."

For more information on this, click below: SDBP Advocacy Action Moment

Finally, many of you are thinking about the Annual Meeting in October! YES we will have a meeting, although it will likely be virtual. The program committee is working extremely hard to ensure that our programming will be excellent, accessible and engaging (thanks to so many of you who submitted to present)! When I think of connecting, I always think of our meeting!! We may need to be innovative, creative and virtual, but we have some incredible folks who are on top of all of this. More to come…

SDBP CONNECT – Tuesday, June 16 at 4:00pm EST
To continue to offer different times to reach different members, we will meet on Tuesday
afternoon again. We will try to alternate weeks to allow our members to engage! We will open the floor to all kinds of connection this week! No set agenda – we will continue our previous conversations and are open to discussing other topics as well.

**SDBP Connect Call JUNE 16, 2020 4:00 PM Eastern**

**Join Zoom Meeting**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83239370034?pwd=TkJRoTHplMWtaaTJnbTF4dzA0eHNYdz09

We have made the last 2 conversations on anti-racism from the SDBP Connect zoom videos available on the Members Only section of our website. For those of you who would like to listen, here is the link and they are located on the members only page under Resources:

[**SDBP members only login link**](#)

*Video: SDBP Connect Zoom - Stand Against Racism 6.2.2020*

*Video: SDBP Connect Zoom - Stand Against Racism 6.10.2020*

**My favorite resources of the week:**
I continue to work through our anti-racism resources!

[**Anti-Racism Resources**](#)

**Self Care Reminder:**

![Warmly, Robyn Mehlenbeck President, SDBP](image)