Can We Talk?
WEDU PBS Hosts A Community Conversation About Race

Tampa Bay, FL – The death of George Floyd under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer launched a national dialogue about race in America. With more than 60 years’ experience as the convener of tough conversations and community impact, WEDU PBS will host an honest conversation about race in our region with a one-hour virtual town hall. Can We Talk? A Community Conversation About Race will premier on Friday, July 24 at 9:00 p.m.

Hosted by Dalia Colon, Rob Lorei and Ernest Hooper, the one-hour virtual town hall explores topics from the Black Lives Matter movement to public health, white allyship to social reform. Community members open up, debate, and share perspectives on the issues that often divide us. The special WEDU original program creates opportunities to listen to each other, understand each other and learn ways to make meaningful change in our community.

Guests also scheduled to participate include:

- Eric Deggans - NPR Journalist/Author of “Race-Baiter: How the Media Wields Dangerous Words to Divide a Nation”
- Charlayne Hunter-Gault - Emmy and Peabody Award-winning Journalist
- Dr. B. Lee Green - VP of Diversity and Communications, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Donna Davis - Cofounder of Black Lives Matter, Tampa
- Lorielle Holloway - Owner, Cultured Books, St. Petersburg
- Dr. Nikel Rogers - Psychologist
- Nestor Ortiz - CEO, 16 Point Compass Consulting
- Wally B, Founder - Hear ’Em Say Youth Arts Collective
- Crystal Marie Fleming - Author of “How To Be Less Stupid About Race”
- Reverend Justin LaRosa - Hyde Park United Methodist Church
- Sam(ira) Obeid - Program Director, Community Tampa Bay
- Craig Fox – Bay Area Dream Defenders
- Britanny Deas – USF, first Black student body president
- Brian Butler - CEO, Vista Communications

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