



Graduate School

2021 Perkins Prize Honorable Mention – Building Allyship Series: Video Transcript

[Static collage of four images lasts for the duration of video, containing a Zoom grid, a PowerPoint slide for a session titled, “Anti-Blackness: What Is It and How Can We Combat It?”, a PowerPoint slide for a session titled “Performative Allyship,” and a PowerPoint slide titled “The Personal is Political.”]

Marguerite Pacheco: Hello, I am Marguerite Pacheco.

Kavya Krishnan: I'm Kavya Krishnan.

Samantha Bosco: I'm Samantha Bosco.

Marguerite Pacheco: And we're members of the Building Allyship board.

Kavya Krishnan: We are so humbled to have received an honorable mention for the Perkins Prize for interracial and intercultural peace...

Samantha Bosco: ...and congratulate Cornell for Black Lives on all of their impactful work.

Marguerite Pacheco: The Building Allyship series was designed to empower people who wanted to change their behavior to be better, critical allies to those who are less privileged.

Kavya Krishnan: Access to the series is extended from the Cornell Graduate School out to other academic institutions and industry professionals who are invested in learning.

Samantha Bosco: Our events this year will focus on critical versus performative allyship...

Marguerite Pacheco: ...anti-Blackness...

Kavya Krishnan: ...homophobia and transphobia...

Marguerite Pacheco: ...and intersectionality through the lens of “Latinidad.”

Samantha Bosco: Panels included both members of these groups and scholars who study these issues...

Marguerite Pacheco: ...which made for robust, open, and thoughtful conversations.

Kavya Krishnan: In each session we explained what critical allyship is in this context and how oppression works on different axes.

Samantha Bosco: This gave people a deeper understanding of why they specifically had the power to change things and how that power could be used.

Marguerite Pacheco: At the end of every session, we wanted people to walk away with concrete things they could do to be better allies to those around them...

Kavya Krishnan: ...and we're excited to continue this work next year as we dive into more topics.