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Project Equality Aims to Build Interfaith Bridges with 2017 Diversity & Inclusion Summit



KANSAS CITY, MO (February 1, 2017) — Project Equality invites the Kansas City community to participate in its 2017 Diversity and Inclusion Summit. This year's Summit addresses equality as it relates to diverse religious beliefs, exploring the theme: *Many Beliefs, One Community: Building Interfaith Bridges*.

The Summit begins with an 8 am breakfast on Friday, February 24 in Pierson Auditorium on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. An address by this year's keynote speaker, Mr. Eboo Patel, follows along with opportunities for attendees to learn about Kansas City's current interfaith landscape, talk with panelists from local religious organizations, and enhance their interfaith knowledge and skills in an afternoon workshop setting. The summit will conclude at 3 pm.



Eboo Patel is a leading voice in the movement for interfaith cooperation and the Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core, a national non-profit working to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. He is the author of *Acts of Faith*, *Sacred Ground* and *Interfaith Leadership*. Named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best Leaders of 2009, Mr. Patel served on President Obama's Inaugural Faith Council. He is a regular contributor to the public conversation around religion in America and a frequent speaker on the topic of religious pluralism.

A Rhodes Scholar, he holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University. For over fifteen years, Eboo has worked with governments, social sector organizations, colleges and universities to help realize a future where religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.

Registration is open at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2711472. Tickets for \$50 (\$25 for high school and college students) include admission, breakfast, lunch, and on-campus parking. For more details on the Project Equality 2017 Diversity and Inclusion Summit, contact Kirk Perucca at 913-486-7010 or kirk@projectequality.org.

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Project Equality recognizes the REACH Healthcare Foundation for sponsoring the keynote speaker.

About Project Equality: Project Equality's Diversity and Inclusion Summit brings together leaders in the civic, educational, financial, governmental, health, corporate and legal communities to discuss where we are on the road to full inclusion, but even more importantly, what strategies will make equality and access a reality for all.