



## What is Critical Race Theory Anyway, and Why are So Many People Suddenly Talking about It?

*In collaboration with: Needham Diversity Initiative, Needham Human Rights Commission, Equal Justice Needham, **League of Women Voters-Needham**, Needham Unite Against Racism Initiative*

### **In-person**

*Instructor: Joshua Frank*

In this four-session course, we will explore the popular impact of the work of a few of the founding scholars of Critical Race Theory such as Derrick Bell, Kimberlé Crenshaw, and Gloria Ladson-Billings. We will engage in a case study of an earlier media controversy. Finally, we will examine the ongoing tension between the concepts of race consciousness and color blindness, and how these concepts illuminate or hinder the ongoing American dialogue about race. Limited to 50.

*Dates: 4 Thursdays, October 13-November 3*

*Time: 7:00-8:30 PM*

*Location: Needham High School, Room 728*

*Fee: \$35\**

*\*Scholarships are available for low-income Needham residents. If you qualify, please contact the NCE Program Director, Amy Goldman, for registration assistance: [amy\\_goldman@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:amy_goldman@needham.k12.ma.us) or 781-455-0400 x11214.*

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### Instructor Bio

**Joshua Frank** (he/him) worked for twenty-eight years in public schools. He has designed and taught adult education courses on race and equity in many settings. Josh completed his undergraduate education at UMass/Amherst, and received Master's degrees from UMass/Boston and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Josh serves as our President of Equity Intersection ([equityintersection.org](https://equityintersection.org)).