

These are the words of the brilliant Dr. Kaye Monk-Morgan of Wichita State University:

“...the argument that talking about a personal or shared experience of racism by BIPOC or otherwise marginalized persons caused white guilt and a hostile environment is the equivalent of continuing to center the conversation around the voices of those with privilege. ... It’s as if freedom of speech is only afforded to those who elevate a narrative from one perspective, which by the way cares not for the feelings or esteem of the marginalized group, without providing space for a alternate narrative. ... Is speech free or not? ... Whose feelings matter?”

Furthermore, excluding the painful truths of American history helps to perpetuate a myth that justifies long-standing economic injustices.

How can build a more unified nation if we keep on suppressing the narratives of half of all Americans? Do we not want more unity.

The job of history education is to teach the truth, and although our truth has a lot of darkness, part of what makes America a great nation is that we have overcome so much and that continually work towards a better union.

Pastor Johnson