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Discovery Museum announces virtual 2021 Speaker Series; series kicks off with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum on kids, race, and racism on January 27

Tatum event to be moderated by WBUR's Tiziana Dearing

ACTON, MA – The Discovery Museum Speaker Series kicks off its 9th year with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, President Emerita of Spelman College who is widely known for her expertise on race relations and as a thought leader in higher education. "Talking to Kids about Race and Racism: A Conversation with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum," will be moderated by Tiziana Dearing, host of WBUR's *Radio Boston*.

Dr. Tatum is a clinical psychologist whose thirteen years as the president of Spelman College (2002-2015) were marked by innovation and growth and her visionary leadership was recognized in 2013 with the Carnegie Academic Leadership Award. The author of several books including the national bestseller *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* (now in a new 2017 20th anniversary edition) and *Can We Talk About Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation* (2007), Tatum is a sought-after speaker on the topics of racial identity development, race and education, strategies for creating inclusive campus environments, and higher education leadership. In 2005 Dr. Tatum was awarded the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education for her innovative leadership in the field. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association, she was the 2014 recipient of the APA Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology. Dr. Tatum's full biography can be found on the Museum's website https://bit.ly/DrTatum_Jan2021.

Tiziana Dearing, host of *Radio Boston* on WBUR, has been a commentator and contributor to WBUR for more than a decade and has contributed to a number of other regional and national news outlets. Prior to joining the *Radio Boston* team, Tiziana was a professor at Boston College in the School of Social Work, where she taught social innovation and leadership. A longtime anti-poverty advocate, Tiziana also ran Boston Rising, a startup antipoverty fund to end generational poverty in Boston and was the first woman president of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston. She's won a number of awards in the city, including a Pinnacle Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and Boston Business Journal's 40 Under 40.

Full 2021 Schedule:

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All 2021 events will be presented virtually via Zoom webinar, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, and are free and open to the public. Registration for all events is open now on the Museum's website at <http://bit.ly/DMSpeakerSeries>.

Five events are scheduled, with a 6th event still to be announced:

Wednesday, January 27, "Talking to Kids about Race and Racism: A Conversation with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum," with **Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum**, President Emerita of Spelman College, moderated by **Tiziana Dearing**, host of WBUR's *Radio Boston*.

Thursday, March 18, "Grandparenting a Child with Autism," with **Charlie Washburn**, retired Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Very Special Arts (now called Open Door Arts) and grandparent of a child with autism, and **Donna Danielewski**, Senior Director of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family National Center for Accessible Media at WGBH and grandmother of a child with autism.

Wednesday, April 28, "The Addiction Inoculation: Raising Healthy Kids in a Culture of Dependence," with **Jessica Lahey**, *New York Times* best-selling author.

Tuesday, June 1, "Addressing Bias in Children's Literature," with **Grace Lin**, *New York Times* best-selling author and illustrator.

Thursday, October 21, "An Empowered Life for Children with Disabilities," with **Sara Minkara**, Founder, Empowerment Through Integration

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About Discovery Museum

Discovery Museum is a hands-on museum that blends science, nature, and play, inspiring families to explore and learn together. The museum and its Discovery Woods accessible outdoor nature playscape and 550sf treehouse blend the best of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) learning on a beautiful 4.5-acre campus abutting 180 acres of conservation land in Acton, MA, about 20 miles west of Boston. Originally founded in 1982 and expanded to two museums in 1987, the museum reopened in a single, 16,000sf accessible building after a complete renovation and expansion in early 2018. Hands-on, open-ended exhibits developed by professional educators inspire curiosity and exploration, providing a fun and engaging experience for children and adults to discover their world together. Serving families and schools from towns throughout the region, the museum is devoted to informal education that enhances classroom learning. Discovery Museum is committed to accessibility, and is a proud recipient of the 2017 Massachusetts Commonwealth Award, the only winner in the Access category, and a 2018 LEAD® Community Asset Award from The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. For more information please visit www.discoveryacton.org. Discovery Museum is a community-supported non-profit organization.

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