

Resources for further learning from Parker J. Palmer and Sherry Watt

For books, videos, podcasts and articles by **Parker J. Palmer** see:

[Parker J. Palmer • Center for Courage & RenewalCenter for Courage & Renewal \(couragerenewal.org\)](http://Parker J. Palmer • Center for Courage & RenewalCenter for Courage & Renewal (couragerenewal.org))

- In particular we recommend:

The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life
To Know as We Are Known: Education as a Spiritual Journey
A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life

<https://couragerenewal.org/parker/writings/>

- In particular we recommend:

<https://couragerenewal.org/parker/writings/grace-great-things/>. Called "The Grace of Great Things," it's an adaptation of the keynote address delivered at the conference on Spirituality in Education, sponsored by the Naropa Institute May 30-June 3, 1997.

For additional online resources see:

Dead Poets Society: What Makes a Great Teacher? (featuring the work of Parker J. Palmer)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=vcpH2bjcXHo>

Courage & Vulnerability: Corona and the Wisdom of Elders
[Parker Palmer -- with Mary Pipher and Michael Penn | Awakin Call](#)

Parker Palmer: An Elder's Look Back at Healing Our Divided Selves and Worlds
[Parker Palmer | Awakin Call](#)

[Community Conversation with Parker J. Palmer and Rabbi Dr. Ariel Burger | Global Oneness Project](#)

For more information about **Sherry K. Watt** see:

[Sherry K. Watt | UI Center For Human Rights - The University of Iowa \(uiowa.edu\)](#)

Books:

Designing Transformative Multicultural Initiatives Considerations: Theoretical Foundations, Practical Applications, and Facilitator Considerations by Sherry K. Watt and MaryBeth Gasman

Our New Book: *The Theory of Being: Practices for Transforming Self and Communities across Difference* will be out in **August 2022** from [Stylus Publishing](#) (see description below).
See also the coupon for pre-ordering on the Welcome Table.

Here is an excerpt from the book's description:

This book presents a state of the art -- robust and adaptable process, The Theory of Being, that offers strategies for working across Difference and for embarking on constructive dialogue around the issues that drive us apart, both individually and collectively. Whether around racial, gender, and/or social class inequity, core beliefs, uses of power or other points of cultural conflict, this book offers a research-validated approach, developed and refined over twenty years, to engage in difficult dialogues. The Theory of Being includes personal, relational, and community practices that support individuals and communities to better work through the difficult dialogues necessary to transform systems of structural inequity. It describes and offers applications of Being to help the reader understand and apply principles and practices that invite openness to controversy through facilitating deep reflection and shifting the focus of conflict from an individual focus to centering the issue of contention as a Third Thing about which participants can more safely express experiences and emotions.

Here is an earlier blog that introduces our approach entitled: [When Addressing Anti-Racism—Not Just What, But How: Introducing The Theory of Being](#). I have attached an article that describes our approach in the context of working within an organization.

Our team works in partnership with those who want to use our services in order to learn adequately about the context of the request and learn whether and how we can be a productive partner. Our services range from single webinar (introductory workshop), skill-building workshops, skills-building workshops and consultations, standalone consultations (with no workshop), to Being Circles. We generally arrange a short meeting to learn about your organization's specific goals and needs and tailor our offering based on those; hopefully these descriptions can provide you an overall view of the work.

Other stories:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4749674615115527> or <https://education.uiowa.edu/news/2020/11/office-hours-sherry-watt> (short podcast)

<https://dailyiowan.com/2022/03/06/increasing-stamina-in-difficult-dialogues-university-of-iowa-professor-awarded-for-research/>

[Sherry K. Watt | The On Being Project](#): A collection of essays engaging humans and patterns of racism

The Being Institute: Transforming Self and Society [The Being Institute – Transforming Self and Society](#)

The Privileged Identity Exploration Model [Sherry Watt General PIE Handout-Updated.pdf \(oregon.gov\)](#)