As a nation, our inclination has been to apply and maintain band-aids in response to anyone or anything that threatens the status quo, thereby effectively denying people’s identities and experiences. As Nobel laureate Toni Morrison comments, there is an urge to “amputate the problem and band-aid the solution.” Discussion during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has illustrated both this and how removing such band-aids means uncovering deep wounds and discord-- a dangerous act because it demands we confront denials and complacency about our past, present, and future. This year’s Conversations on Diversity series looks at the ways we can remove the band-aids and treat the wounds.

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