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Greetings,

Please accept this article submission to the Understanding and Dismantling Privilege Journal. We look forward to your feedback through this process.

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We envision this article to stimulate thought and reflection for diversity educators and justice advocates at any stage in their development. For some, this will introduce a new worldview or reshaping of a contemporary reality through the lens of racism and White privilege. For others, this article will serve as a challenge to adopt new tools and tactics in political discussions and in our work towards comprehensive immigration reform.

Author Biographies:

Vijay Pendakur currently serves as the Director for the Office of Multicultural Student Success at DePaul University. He holds a B.A. in History and East Asian Studies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and an M.A. in U.S. History from the University of California – San Diego. Vijay is an experienced trainer and facilitator on issues of social justice and diversity education and has worked with organizations such as the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the American College Personnel Association, Dominican University, Washington University – St. Louis, along with other universities and organizations. His primary research interests are Asian American history and identity, postcolonial theory, 20th century civil rights history, and the implications of “post-race” politics. Vijay is currently in the doctoral program in education at DePaul University.

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Sincerely,

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