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The Disability and Philanthropy Forum presents Dr. Subini Annamma, Associate Professor at Stanford University.

Dr. Subini Annamma:

Stop centering white supremacy in our work. In the work that philanthropy does, that seems to be the number one thing that has to happen. That means we have to reenter to BIPOC, so to Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latinx, other people of color, we have to center them instead. Center those folks and stop centering white disabled people. That seems to be, every time we try to get into a conversation, it is about what do the people closest to the desired norm, what do they have? What do they want? What do they need?

Dr. Subini Annamma:

If we really are committed to this idea of intersectionality, which I think that word is being so misused all the time, but if the way Kimberly Crenshaw wrote it in the way Audre Lorde thought about it was about intersectional oppressions. Not a stacking of identities, but what oppressions are happening. We know that the people who are multiply marginalized by multiple and intersectional oppressions are more likely to create solutions that benefit everyone in the first place. It seems that stopping centering whiteness, white supremacy, and remember that with white supremacy is ableism. White supremacy also is cis-hetero patriarchy, white supremacy is xenophobia. All of those intersectional oppressions, we need to stop centering them, and we need to center disabled people of color.

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