

# From Imagery to Reality:

"The Birth of a Nation" to #BLM and  
the Implications for DEI Efforts

OCT. 13, 2021 ● 2-4 pm ET ● 1-3 pm CT ● 11-1 pm PT

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### Presentation by

**Desmond Ang, Ph.D**

Harvard Kennedy School

*The Birth of a Nation* is best known as a controversial yet commercially successful early 20th Century film. A landmark in film history for introduction of new techniques and use of music, it is also remembered for its racist tropes and messaging.

Desmond Ang, an assistant professor of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and an applied economist whose work focuses on the intersection of race, education, and government, has been researching the impact of the film and studying its contribution to the spread and perpetuation of white supremacist values and anti-Black bigotry.

Please join the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession ("IILP") and Palo Alto Networks as we explore how a century-old racist film has influenced American thinking and attitudes about Blacks and other people of color. A panel discussion following the presentation will examine the legal profession's ongoing challenges to become more diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

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### Panelists

**Sharon Jones (Moderator)**

CEO, Jones Diversity

**Sharon Barner**

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