

# RACE, ADOPTION & AUSTIN: BECOMING A TRANSRACIAL FAMILY

We are partnering with Adoption Knowledge Affiliates for this parents-only event.

Rowena Fong, Ed.D., from the UT School of Social Work will moderate the panel of guest speakers that includes Amy Ford, Jade Jones, Nyla Lengacher, Genevieve Norman, and Zach Turner.

**When:** Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Settlement House, 1607 Colony Creek Dr., Building B

**Cost:** Free to members

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Rowena Fong is the Ruby Lee Piester Centennial Professor at the University of Texas at Austin in the School of Social Work. She does teaching, research and training in the area of transracial adoptions with a specific focus on intercountry adoptions from China.



Amy Ford is a former foster parent and adoptive mother of three daughters ages 10, 8, and 5. Taking all of the mistakes she made and lessons she learned in the process of parenting children of a different race, Amy wrote the book *Brown Babies Pink Parents* to help other parents navigating the same unfamiliar waters.



Nyla Lengacher, LCSW is an Interracial adoptee from a closed adoption. Within the last three years she has been reunited with her biological family on both sides. She currently serves on the board of Adoption Knowledge Affiliates and has a private psychotherapy practice.



Genevieve Norman was the first baby in Texas adopted from the People's Republic of China through an accredited adoption agency. "Growing up, finding a balance between American culture and Chinese culture was very important to me. I recently graduated from Austin College with a double major in Business Administration and Chinese Studies. I'm excited to be a part of FCC."



Zach Turner is 20 years old and attending the University of Texas in San Antonio. He was domestically adopted as an infant by caucasian parents and has two siblings who were also adopted transracially. Jade Jones is 19 and also attending the University of Texas in San Antonio. She is biracial with parents of Hispanic and African American descent.