One of the key problems confronting universities today is the significant gap between the rhetoric and reality of diversity on campuses. What does diversity really mean? What do we understand by “notions of belonging”? How can we address faculty alienation, marginalization, and inequalities, as well as institutional tokenism? What does it mean to recruit and retain diverse faculty? How can our universities support research, teaching, service, policies and practices that shift the existing hierarchies of knowledge production and relations? What are some strategies universities can use to transform place and belonging to build diverse and inclusive communities in a range of contexts?

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