



**A PebbleCreek Education Club
Monday Morning Lecture Series Presentation**



***Shooting down Racism
in the Valley of the Sun***

Dr. Matthew Whitaker

**Arizona State University
Professor of the Year**

[Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker](#) is an award winning scholar, teacher, activist and emerging voice among public intellectuals in the United States.

His presentation will cover the period between 1947 and 1954 when Dr. Lincoln Johnson Ragsdale and Eleanor Dickey Ragsdale helped destroy residential segregation in Phoenix, Arizona. In desegregating the previously all-white Encanto-Palm Croft residential neighborhood in the city during the summer of 1953, they helped stimulate a black Phoenician freedom movement that desegregated Phoenix public schools in 1953, and some of the state's largest corporations, such as Bank One of Arizona and Motorola as early as 1962. The Ragsdales, with creativity and a passion for racial equality, helped spark the Civil Rights Movement in Phoenix and lead it during its most potent period. They were supported by a growing black Phoenician population, and a budding postwar white western liberal establishment.

Their efforts to aid the African American community in Phoenix and the cause of freedom during the post-war years, placed them among the most influential leaders in American Western history. Their leadership helped tear down the rigid walls of residential segregation in Phoenix, and helped transformed the city into a more inclusive and tolerant city.



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10AM—Renaissance Theater

Admission: \$3 (At the door)

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