

Subject: *Pursuing Racial Justice Together* Learning Series Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce *Pursuing Racial Justice Together*, a distinguished learning series presented by the Division of Diversity and Inclusion that will explore themes related to race, racism, and systemic inequities. From high-impact public intellectuals in conversation with Purdue faculty to interactive seminars on bias intervention, this series provides multiple entrance paths to larger conversations about the work that lies ahead in the pursuit of equity and justice.

Ibram X. Kendi, historian and author, *How to Be an Antiracist*, 7:00 p.m. Sept. 2

Ben Crump, civil rights attorney and lead attorney for the family of George Floyd, 7:00 p.m. Sept. 10

Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Speakers, 7:30 pm. Sept. 16

Dolores Huerta, labor and civil rights organizer

Julián Castro, politician and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Maria Hinojosa, journalist, anchor, and executive producer

Patrisse Cullors, artist, author, and co-founder: Black Lives Matter, 7:00 p.m. Sept. 24

Rebecca Nagle, writer, activist, and host: *This Land* podcast, 7:00 p.m. Oct. 6

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, sociologist and author: *Racism without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America*, 7:00 p.m. Oct. 7

UNH PowerPlay Bias Awareness & Intervention, an interactive seminar on bias intervention featuring an applied theatre troupe, multiple sessions Oct. 21-23

Democracy in Black: A Panel Discussion 7:00 p.m. Oct. 27

Michele Norris (host), journalist, author, and former NPR host

Eddie Glaude, Jr., religious scholar and author: *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*

Soledad O'Brien, journalist and executive producer

Tara Setmayer, political commentator and former congressional communications director

Bryan Terrell Clark, actor, singer, and songwriter who recently played the role of George Washington in *Hamilton: An American Musical*, 7:00 p.m. Nov. 10

A Virtual Seminar with Mahzarin Banaji, experimental psychologist and co-author: *Blindspot—The Hidden Biases of Good People*, 7:00 p.m. Nov. 11

You can find more information about the series, as well as sign up for email updates and RSVP for specific events, by visiting the following website: <http://purdue.university/racial-justice-series>

Below, you'll find recommendations on how you might incorporate these events into your courses and other activities. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email them to PRJT@purdue.edu.

Thank you for your help promoting these important events,

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Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion

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Pursuing Racial Justice Together **Recommendations, Readings, and Other Resources**

Share the Series Information and Encourage Participation

- Share the series website and encourage students and colleagues to RSVP
- Connect students to the texts listed in the below series bibliography
- Engage and share the related guides assembled by the Libraries and School of Information Studies:
 - [Diversity, Inclusion, Racism, and Anti-Racism Resources guide](#)
 - [Black Lives Matter guide](#)

Host a Virtual Watch Party

- Ask all members of your class, lab, or department to RSVP separately so that they each receive a link to the event livestream
- On the night of the event, use a platform like Microsoft Teams, Slack, or Discord to create a chat channel that allows your group to share thoughts as the event occurs
- Schedule a post-event Zoom or WebEx call to discuss the event and share takeaways
- Let us know your plans by emailing PRJT@purdue.edu

Create an Assignment that Involves Watching an Event

- Whether mandatory or for extra credit, direct your students to RSVP for and then watch an event
- Create a short reflection assignment that asks students to report on their main takeaways from the conversation, any questions they have coming out of the event, or any connections they found between the event and the content of your course
- After each event, recordings will be available for archival and educational use—email PRJT@purdue.edu for more information

Share your Questions and Ideas with Us

- Would you like help creating an assignment that engages with this series?
- Do you have an idea for connecting with others around these topics?
- Let us know by emailing PRJT@purdue.edu

Selected Series Bibliography

This list represents texts published by upcoming speakers; many are available digitally through Purdue Libraries and School of Information Studies.

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