

**PROMOTING RACIAL UNITY AND EQUITY AND
FIGHTING RACIAL PREJUDICE, DISCRIMINATION, AND VIOLENCE
SOME SUGGESTED RESOURCES**

**Lafayette College
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COMPILATIONS

Learning to Listen in Polarized Times

<https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2021/01/27/colleges-should-teach-students-how-have-conversations-across-racial-cultural-and>

Belonging: A Conversation About Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

<https://www.aug.co/blog/belonging-a-conversation-about-equity-diversity-and-inclusion>

An Antiracist Reading List (NYTimes)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/books/review/antiracist-reading-list-ibram-x-kendi.html>

If You Want to Learn About Anti-Racism, These 10 Books Are a Start (Esquire)

<https://www.esquire.com/entertainment/books/g32733124/best-books-on-anti-racism/>

10 books about Race to Read Instead of Asking a Person of Color to Explain Things to You

<https://www.bustle.com/p/10-books-about-race-to-read-instead-of-asking-a-person-of-color-to-explain-things-to-you-8548796>

A compilation of resources for white people and parents to deepen our anti-racism work. If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, start now.

[Anti-Racism Resources](#)

[75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)

Collection of poems from LitHub

Let the World Be a Black Poem: Poetry at a Time of Protest

<https://lithub.com/let-the-world-be-a-black-poem-poetry-at-a-time-of-protest/>

BOOKS

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism - DiAngelo, Robin

So You Want to Talk About Race - Oluo, Ijeoma

How to Be an Antiracist - Ibram X. Kendi

Stamped from the Beginning - Ibram X. Kendi

Police Brutality: An Anthology - Jill Nelson

Who Do You Serve, Who Do You Protect? Police Violence and Resistance in the United States -
Edited by Joe Macaré, Maya Schenwar, and Alana Yu-la itn Price, Foreword by Alicia Garza
(currently a [free ebook](#) from Haymarket Books)

They can't kill us all - Wesley Lowery

Between the World and Me - Ta'Nehisi Coates

What truth sounds like...our unfinished conversation about race in America - Michael Eric Dyson

When they call you a terrorist: A Black Lives Matter memoir - Patriss Kahn-Cullors and Asha Bandele

Twelve million Black Voices - Richard Wright

The Color of Law: A forgotten history of how our government segregated America - Richard Rothstein

The New Jim Crow: Mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness - Michelle Alexander

The Fire Next Time - James Baldwin

Superior: The Return of Race Science - Angela Saini

Racism: A very short introduction - Ali Rattansi

CAMPUS LECTURE RECORDINGS

[Dr. Daisy Reyes](#)

[Rabbi Sandra Lawson](#)

[Professor Caroline Lee & Desmond Austin-Miller '16](#)

Conversation: A Time for Repair: What Cost Racial Justice?

Jun 26, 2020

Dr. Jennifer Yanco and Prof. Wendy Wilson-Fall

Meeting Recording:

https://lafayette.zoom.us/rec/share/4-F3KK759FNJSKvK-E7ReLc7F6_eeaa80HQZqfsFyEYxcM_Vlppxx_LZswdL1clns

Access Password: Lafayette1*

Thursday, September 24, 2020: **An Inclusive and Equitable Campus**: Online lecture and Q&A featuring **Dr. Virginia Valian**, distinguished professor of psychology, Hunter College, on why men and women of color and white women have disproportionately lower representation in positions of power and prestige.

<https://today.lafayette.edu/2020/09/27/video-an-inclusive-and-equitable-campus/>

Dr. Ruha Benjamin's (Princeton University) October 7 talk to the Lafayette College community: **Race after Technology: Toward Anti-Racist Design**. Co-hosted by the Hanson Center for Inclusive STEM Education, the Resnik and Landis Speaker Series, and the Forum on Technology & Liberal Arts at Lafayette College. Dr. Benjamin's presentation was an inspiring call

to attention and action, and we look forward to following up on these ideas as a community. In case you were unable to attend, the event was recorded and is available here:

https://media.lafayette.edu/media/1_s420mk6t

(You may also view a captioned version of the recording: https://media.lafayette.edu/media/1_htge4dkk)

ARTICLES

How to Be an Active Bystander When You See Casual Racism

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/29/smarter-living/how-to-be-an-active-bystander-when-you-see-casual-racism.html?referringSource=articleShare>

The Pervasiveness of Racism in Higher Education

<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/10/16/many-people-deny-how-pervasive-racism-higher-ed-and-how-its-often-reproduced>

The Case for Reparations, The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>

The 1619 Project - New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html>

Articles with a Higher Education Focus:

The Case for an Anti-Racist Stance Toward Paying Off Higher Education's Racial Debt // Estela Mara Bensimon: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00091383.2020.1732752>

Twisted at the Roots: The Intransigence of Inequality in U.S. Higher Education // D-L Stewart: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00091383.2020.1732753>

Unrelenting Inequality at the Intersection of Race and Class // Laura I Rendón: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00091383.2020.1732772>

Building the Racial Equity Ecosystem for Sustainable Change // Tia Brown McNair, Eric N. Ford, & J. Goosby Smith: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00091383.2020.1732789>

Navigating a Campus Racial Crisis: Building Capacity, Leading Through Trauma and the Recovery Process // Adrianna Kezar & Sharon Fries-Britt:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00091383.2020.1732795>

Combating Anti-Asian Racism and Violence

<https://6abc.com/aapi-asian-american-racism-violence-against-asians/10433049/>

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/02/811363404/when-xenophobia-spreads-like-a-virus>

<https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/the-revival-of-the-yellow-peril-culture-and-scapegoating-during-covid-19-e6c52e5fcb12>

<https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/breaking-the-silence-asian-pacific-islander-american-mental-health-in-the-covid-19-era-7c2397e242a7>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/readout-department-justice-s-efforts-combat-hate-crimes-against-asian-american-and-pacific>

<https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-news/asian-american-racism-violence-1127876/>

<https://medium.com/awaken-blog/on-anti-asian-hate-crimes-who-is-our-real-enemy-207ee7354926>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/words-matter-as-asian-american-leaders-urge-action-against-hate-crimes>

<https://news.lafayette.edu/2018/02/07/deconstructing-the-model-minority-myth/>

POEMS

- Poems by Hanif Abdurraqib:
 - “I Don’t Remember the Whole Summer When “Do The Right Thing” Dropped”
 - <https://theoffingmag.com/poetry/two-poems-by-hanif-willis-abdurraqib/>
 - “my wife says it’s a good thing humans don’t hold fear”
 - <http://www.wintertangerine.com/my-wife-says>
 - “I Don’t Know Any Longer Why the Flags Are At Half-Staff”
 - <https://westernbeefs.com/abdurraqib/03>

- “In Defense of ‘Moist’”
 - <https://westernbeefs.com/abdurraqib/03>
- “Let America Be America Again” - Langston Huges
 - <https://poets.org/poem/let-america-be-america-again>
- “won’t you celebrate with me” - Lucille Clifton
 - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/50974/wont-you-celebrate-with-me>
- “A Small Needful Fact” - Ross Gay
 - <https://poets.org/poem/small-needful-fact>
- Citizen - Claudia Rankine
 - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/56848/citizen-you-are-in-the-dark-in-the-car>
- Can’t unsee - Evie Shockley
 - <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/745455>

PODCASTS/TED TALKS/VIDEOS

Let’s get to the root of racial injustice (Ted Talk) - Dr. Megan Ming Francis, University of Washington

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s>

A decade of watching black people die (NPR/Code Switch)

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/29/865261916/a-decade-of-watching-black-people-die>

Health disparities by race (The Ezra Klein Show)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/why-the-coronavirus-is-so-deadly-for-black-america/id1081584611?i=1000474196638>

Anti-Blackness in the Arab World

<https://scenearabia.com/Life/Arab-Anti-Blackness-Racism-and-the-Violence-that-Doesn-t-Get-A-Hashtag?M=True>

Seat at the Table: Marianne Williamson speaks with Anand Giridharadas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojkPxrJOZsg>

Racial Equity in Higher Education: Turning Student Activism into Real Change - Dr. Vijay Pendakur

<https://www.ecornell.com/keynotes/overview/K070820/>

Black Minds Matter - Series by Dr. J. Luke Wood & Dr. Donna Y. Ford

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqcR8rR0NU8>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1dML1IHO6E>

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75C5EuxyjXU&feature=youtu.be&t=1302>

COVID-19 & RACIAL INEQUALITY

The Coronavirus Pandemic Has Intensified Systemic Economic Racism Against Black Americans - Steven Greenhouse

https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-pandemic-has-intensified-systemic-economic-racism-against-black-americans?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=the-new-yorker

Mikael Awake, assistant professor of English at Lafayette, wrote a piece for *The New Yorker* about the National Football League's plans to move forward with a fall season despite the risk it poses to athletes, nearly two-thirds of whom are Black. Awake also discussed the NFL's handling of concussion research and sideline protests against police brutality in the piece.

https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/the-comorbidities-of-the-national-football-league?utm_source=CJR+Daily+News&utm_campaign=82df1a4927-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_31_05_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9c93f57676-82df1a4927-174515745&mc_cid=82df1a4927&mc_eid=c2f4d364ab

Nandini Sikand, associate professor of film and media studies at Lafayette, shares her experience with virtual instruction in a piece she wrote for Medium.. As the College switched to remote instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sikand noticed students struggling with the transition.

<https://news.lafayette.edu/2020/06/08/expert-commentary-remote-instruction-exposes-in-equities/>