

Anti-Black racism in planning & urbanism: a thread of resources

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The following is a list of articles, videos, and webinars that have contributed to my own learning and unlearning about anti-black racism in urban planning and urbanism. Many of these sources were shared through Twitter. The resources listed are primarily North American sources (Canada and US), short-form articles, non-academic (by which I mean non/beyond institutionally academic).

Additional work is still needed to expand this compilation to include: other geographies, experiences, and communities; bibliographies and other forms of knowledge sharing; and, longer histories and legacies of the work that came before this moment and upon which present work stands.

I am looking into how to make this a more community-generated list and living document for others to share sources.

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[Nine ideas for making our city's public space more race equitable](#)

by Carolina A. Miranda @cmonstah

[Segregated by Design](#) [video]

@sbd_film

[A Call to Courage: An Open Letter to Canadian Urbanists](#)

by Jay Pitter @Jay_Pitter

[Urban Density: Confronting the Distance Between Desire and Disparity](#)

by Jay Pitter @Jay_Pitter

[Cities in the Time of COVID-19: How do we respond to anti-Black racism in urbanist practices and conversations? Part 1](#) [video] , [Part 2 Moving to Action](#) [video]

Jay Pitter @Jay_Pitter, Orlando Bailey @orlandopbailey, Tamika Butler @TamikaButler, Anthonia Ogundele & Will Prosper @WillProsper
Part of #CityTalk by Canadian Urban Institute @CANURB

[Urban Design is not neutral](#) [video]

With Jay Pitter @jay_pitter and Tamika Butler @tamikaButler
on TVO @TheAgenda

[Urban Spaces and the Mattering of Black Lives](#)

By Darnell Moore @Moore_Darnell

[Pittsburgh: A 'Most Livable' City, but Not for Black Women](#)

By Brentin Mock @brentinmock

[The unurbanist assembly: a digital protest and teach-in dedicated to dialogue and strategies for anti-racist urban planning](#)

Destiny Thomas @DrDesThePlanner, Thrivance Group @ThrivanceGroup

['Safe Streets' Are Not Safe for Black Lives](#)

By Destiny Thomas @DrDesThePlanner

[Whose Streets? Black Streets](#)

By Amina Yasin @bambinoir

["I Can't Go Everywhere that I Thought I Could Go": When Black and Brown Cyclists Need Safety from More than Traffic](#)

By Sahra Sulaiman @sahrasulaiman

[Mobility Over Modality by At the Intersections](#)

By At the Intersections @attheintersect

[Mobility Justice and Covid 19](#)

By Untokening Collective @untokening

[Poor and black 'invisible cyclists' need to be part of post-pandemic transport planning too](#)

By Julian Agyeman @julianagyeman

[A Tale of Two Truths: Transportation and Nuance in the Time of COVID-19](#)

By Ariel Ward @dubonthestreets

[The Code of the Street](#)

By Elijah Anderson @ElijaAnderson

[Coronavirus is not fuel for urbanist fantasies: This moment should be about reassessing our broken cities](#)

By Alisa Walker @awalkerinLA

[Been Here: A Virtual 'Corner Talk' on Black Urbanism, Design, and Planning](#) [video]

Matthew J Miller @drmattjmillr, Sara Zewde, Mark Gardner @gigajellyroll

[Anti-Black Racism in the Liveable City and Canada](#)

By Jamilla Mohamud [@JamillaMohamud](#)

[Gentrifying the city: From racialized neglect to racialized reinvestment](#)

By Amanda Boston [@atboston](#)

[Pandemic patios and “flat white” urbanism](#)

By Amina Yasin and Daniella Fergusson

[Engaging Black People and Power: A public engagement and planning policy primer](#)

By Jay Pitter in collaboration with Black urbanists across North America, students, scholars, and policy experts

[Are we looking in the mirror? An open letter to community foundations](#)

By Andrew Chunilall [@AndrewChunilall](#)

[Geographies of Racial Capitalism with Ruth Wilson Gilmore](#) [video]

Antipode online [@antipodeonline](#)

["The Planner's Beginner Guide to the #BlackLivesMatter Movement"](#)

Compiled by Danielle Dirksen [@danielle2016_](#)

[A reading list of Black geographers](#)

Compiled by University of British Columbia, Dept Geography [@UBCGeog](#)

[Black Voices on the City - a resource guide](#)

Student organized database [@bvotcguide](#)

[Design as Protest: How can designers stand for, fight for, and build an anti-racist future?](#)

By Design as Protest [@designasprotest](#)

[Black Faculty Response to the ACSP Statement Following the Killing of George Floyd](#)

[On the Futility of Listening: A Statement from the Black Student Alliance at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation \[BSA+GSAPP\] to the Columbia GSAPP Dean and Administration](#)

Case examples and community action

[Ottawa, Ontario] [The tenants evicted from an Ottawa community say it's about replacing low-income residents of colour with affluent white renters](#) #DefendHerongate

[Toronto, Ontario] [Opening conversations about active transportation in racialized suburbs](#)