

Anti-Racist Task Force

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TLC's Vision: Fostering courageous thought, innovative research and practices, and local and global community engagement for a more just world.

Greetings, Colleagues -

This newsletter will respond to two major events taking place. The first is the shootings in the Atlanta area which highlight the increasing and ongoing anti-Asian racism in this country. This particular type of racism has a long and pernicious history that all too often gets lost. We will provide resources both for talking to students about anti-Asian and Asian-American racism, and for learning more about it ourselves.

The second topic is the Derek Chauvin trial that started last week and is expected to continue for several more weeks. Whether you are just hearing snippets of it on the news or are consumed with watching the live coverage, there are a lot of difficult things to hear and think about. We provide some resources for taking care of ourselves and our students and colleagues during this time.

Much gratitude to those who have come to one of our critical conversations on race! Keep an eye out for our next conversation! All are always welcome to join, whether you have attended other conversations or not, whether you are coming with answers or questions, or if you just have a desire for some human interaction.

Speaking of human connection, it has been over a year now since we all were able to see each other on a regular basis - take some time to reach out to a colleague, check in on how they are doing, and celebrate the arrival of spring!

The TLC Anti-Racist Task Force: Rhonda Hylton, Elizabeth Kenyon, Doug Ellison, Lisa Testa, Bridget Mulvey, Jen Walton-Fisette, and Marty Lash

In Memory of the Lives Lost and to Support the Victims of Hate Violence Across the US **Stand Together Against Hate: Rally and Painting of the Rock**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 5:30-6:30 PM
Kent State School of Music Field (on the corner of
Rt. 59 and Horning Road)

To ensure comfort and safety for all, please wear a mask, maintain social distance and follow the Flashes Safe Eight Guidelines. We welcome you to bring a sign of support!

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Resources for talking & learning about anti-Asian and anti-Asian-American racism

This video came from Dr. Monobe and can support us in understanding and interrupting bullying against AAPI students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-EOmAGCHmQ>

Bystander Intervention Training from Advancing Justice (Free - Registration Required):
<https://www.advancingjustice-chicago.org/what-we-do/bystander-intervention-trainings>



Resources for Learning about Anti-Asian Racism:

- The Anti Asian Violence That Came Before The Atlanta Shooting (Code Switch)
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/23/980437156/screams-and-silence>
- Yuri Kochiyama's Legacy Asks Us To Build Bridges Not Walls (Throughline)
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/29/982274384/our-own-people>
- The History of Anti-Asian-American Violence
<https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/the-history-of-anti-asian-american-violence>

Resources for Teaching about Anti-Asian Racism:

- Dear Educators, It Is Time to Fight for Asian America (Rethinking Schools)
<https://rethinkingschools.org/2021/03/23/dear-educators-it-is-time-to-fight-for-asian-america/>
- After Atlanta: Teaching About Asian American Identity and History (Learning for Justice)
<https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/after-atlanta-teaching-about-asian-american-identity-and-history>
- A 'History of Exclusion, of Erasure, of Invisibility.' Why the Asian-American Story Is Missing From Many U.S. Classrooms (Time)
<https://time.com/5949028/asian-american-history-schools/>

Resources for supporting yourself and others during the Derek Chauvin Trial

Supporting Students during the Derek Chauvin Trial (Intermediate District 287, Plymouth, MN):
<https://www.district287.org/chauvin-trial>

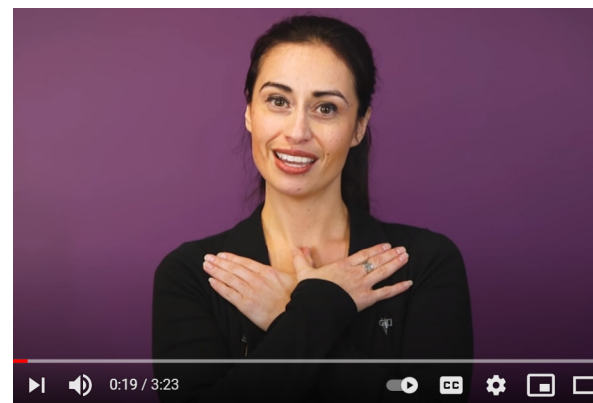
Black Lives Matter This Week and Always (Learning for Justice):
<https://www.learningforjustice.org/the-moment/march-29-2021-black-lives-matter-this-week-and-always>

From Dr. Testa: We want to acknowledge the potential triggering effect that the George Floyd trial, and other news events depicting racial violence, may have on us. The images and discussions surrounding these acts may elicit unexpected emotions.

Here is a helpful grounding technique that we can use when we find ourselves encountering ideas, concepts, or scenarios concerning violence or abuse that may trigger strong emotional responses:

The Butterfly Hug

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGGJrqscvtU&t=138s>



The TLC Anti-Racist Task Force has email!!!

Please send any ideas, queries and suggestions to our new email: ARTF-TLC@kent.edu