

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.

Welcome!

Happy new year! We are excited to welcome you back to campus and to continue the collective work we began in 2020 of ensuring that the vision of our school is as accurate as possible, while also interrogating that vision and examining our policies and practices. However, we also recognize that the events that occurred in Washington, D.C. on January 6th give us all the more reason to do our part to eradicate (as much as possible) the hate and darkness that attempt to cloud our democracy. Please take a moment to read a statement on the events issued by Kent State President Todd Diacon here: <https://www.kent.edu/kent/news/kent-state-president-issues-statement-regarding-yesterdays-unrest-washington-dc>

This issue of the newsletter features new resources we hope you find helpful as we all grapple with what it means to live in two Americas, one clearly meant to uphold the ideals and privilege of the majority, and the other meant to harm Black and Brown people in an effort to stifle their right to live and protest peacefully. We hope you enjoy the podcasts/documentaries, books, campus resources in this issue. Please read, share and spread the word!

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

“Educate that beautiful mind of yours.”

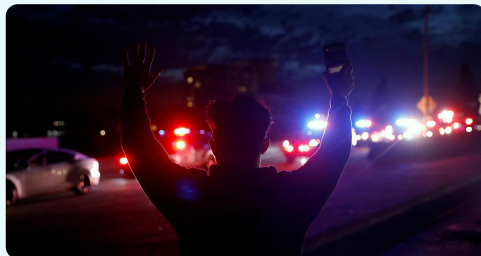
- The Think Grow Podcast on iTunes



Podcasts & Documentaries

List of PBS films/documentaries dealing with Race and Racism:

www.pbs.org/articles/2020/06/racism-in-america



Gaining Ground: The New Georgia

This podcast examines the future of democracy as we know it hinged on the outcome of two senate races in a state that shocked the nation by turning blue for the first time in nearly three decades.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/gaining-ground-the-new-georgia-trailer/id1292665011?i=1000502739797>

Slavery by Another Name (PBS)

www.pbs.org/tpt/slavery-by-another-name

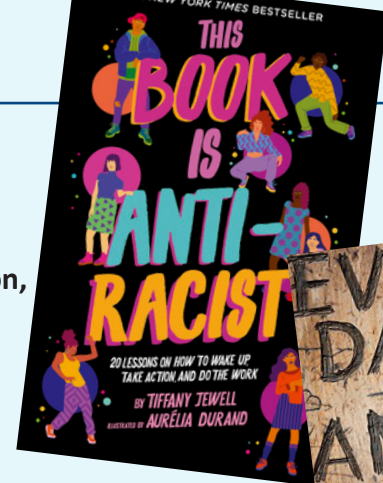


Books

This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do The Work by Tiffany Jewell, illustrated by Aurelia Durand (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2020)

Highlighted in this conversation with the author:

www.tolerance.org/magazine/fall-2020/this-conversation-is-anti-racist



Everyday Antiracism: Getting Real about Race in School
edited by Mica Pollock (New Press, 2008)

Waking Up White, And Finding Myself In The Story Of Race
by Debby Irving (Elephant Room Press, 2014)

"I read this book during my Ph.D. program and it seems as important as ever in helping us all understand stories of whiteness and how they impact worldviews." – Dr. Rhonda Hylton



Campus Resources

Kent State Establishes Policies and Procedures for Painting Campus Rock:

www.kent.edu/kent/news/kent-state-establishes-policies-and-procedures-painting-campus-rock



Online Resources

From Dr. Jennifer Walton-Fisette - The Teaching Tolerance website offers points that many faculty might be willing to engage in: <https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/leading-conversations-after-crisis>

From Dr. Elizabeth Kenyon - This Facebook group has sort of recently exploded with membership, but has been around for a few years responding to current events from a strong social justice and antiracist perspective:

www.facebook.com/groups/teachingondaysafter

The leader of the group also created this document with resources for teachers on the days after the attack on the U.S. Capitol: beyondthetoplight.com/2021/01/06/resources-for-teachers-on-the-days-after-the-attack-on-the-u-s-capitol



Facing History and Ourselves:

<https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources/current-events/responding-insurrection-us-capitol>