

June 2021 Resources for Anti Racist Living Newsletter

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JUNE 2021

RESOURCES FOR ANTI-RACIST LIVING



NOT TO BE MISSED!

Challenging Racism: Learning to Lead

Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

June 26/27 and July 10/11 and 17/18

Online via Zoom

[Registration](#) is open now!

CHALLENGING RACISM

LEARNING TO LEAD

Summer 2021

An intense facilitation training program that provides the skills and training to facilitate any group where race or topics related to race are likely to arise. The course provides direct work on how to create safe spaces for difficult conversations in any setting.



FACILITATED BY

Tim Cotman & Shari Benites

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

June 26/27 & July 10/11, 17/18

8:30am- 12:00pm

COST: \$2500

A deposit of \$300 is required with every applicant.

MORE INFORMATION:

www.challengingracism.org/learning-to-lead



JUNETEENTH WITH CHALLENGING RACISM

Dismantling White Privilege: A Discussion with Challenging Racism and The Privilege Institute

Saturday June 19, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Online via Zoom, Donate what you can

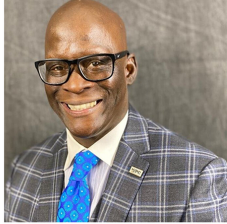
[Registration](#) is required and open now!

[Alicia Jones McLeod](#), Executive Director of Challenging Racism, will be in conversation with [Dr. Eddie Moore](#), founder and CEO of [The Privilege Institute](#). They will discuss how to define privilege, and ways to work to disrupt and dismantle privilege in our everyday lives.

There will be an opportunity for audience Q&A.

DISMANTLING WHITE PRIVILEGE

A DISCUSSION WITH CHALLENGING RACISM
AND THE PRIVILEGE INSTITUTE



DR. EDDIE MOORE

WHEN
SATURDAY
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ALICIA JONES-MCLEOD

DONATE WHAT YOU CAN; REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CHALLENGING RACISM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ALICIA JONES MCLEOD,
IN CONVERSATION WITH DR. EDDIE MOORE,
CEO AND FOUNDER OF THE PRIVILEGE INSTITUTE
HOST OF THE WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE
AND OTHER PROGRAMS.

THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE Q&A
AND DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF
DEFINING, DISRUPTING AND DISMANTLING
PRIVILEGE AT ALL LEVELS OF OUR SOCIETY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PRIVILEGE INSTITUTE:
[HTTPS://WWW.THEPRIVILEGEINSTITUTE.COM](https://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com)
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHALLENGING RACISM:
[HTTPS://WWW.CHALLENGINGRACISM.ORG](https://www.challengingracism.org)

NEWS FROM CR

Challenging Racism Gains 3 New Board Members

Challenging Racism announces the addition of three new Board members, and is excited about the breadth and depth of experience they bring to the organization.

Deborah Jackson, Ed.D currently serves as a Lecturer of Education in the Curry School of Education, Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Virginia. Additionally, she is the Executive Director and Host of the Rotary Times TV Show, which is designed to inform, serve and improve the lives of all in our communities. She also serves as a member of the Governing Board of Learning Forward Virginia, the MPBC Christian Academy, and a charter member of the Fairfax Association of Black School Educators.

Tiffany Mitchell Patterson, Ph.D is an assistant professor of secondary social studies at West Virginia University in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction/Literacy Studies. She previously taught social studies at Kenmore Middle School in Arlington, VA and in Washington, D.C. She served as a facilitator in both Challenging Racism discussions and in the

cultural competence training for APS teachers. Her research interests are advocacy, activism, intersectionality, and anti-oppressive education. She also serves on the board of Teaching for Change.

Dr. Michelle I. Marrero is the Department Chair for the English Learner (EL) Program at Langston High School in Arlington Public Schools. In addition, she is an Adjunct Lecturer in the English Language Center Department at Georgetown University. Dr. Marrero, a National Board certified teacher, specializes in teaching ESOL K-12, adult ELs, bilingual education, promoting parental involvement in education, and cultural responsiveness. As an educator for 20 years, Dr. Marrero has also taught in Puerto Rico and through Georgetown University, she has also trained teachers from around the world focusing on teaching content in a second language. She was the recipient of the 2011 Victoria De Sanchez Northern Virginia Hispanic Teacher of the Year and the Dr. Charles L. Faires Dissertation of Distinction Award for the 2018-2019 academic year. She is passionate about advocating for equal educational opportunities, especially for minority students. Dr. Marrero has presented at local, national, and international conferences.

Challenging Racism is currently looking for 2 additional Board members to join the ranks. The nominations for new Board members are open until June 30, 2021. To nominate yourself or someone you know, please follow this [link](#).

The mission of Challenging Racism is to empower and inspire people to disrupt racism one compassionate conversation at a time. The addition of these proven leaders in education will help the organization enhance both its programs and its efforts to engage the community for change.

We Did It! \$10,000 for our 5K!

Challenging Racism wants to thank all of our generous sponsors and participants for our 3rd Annual “Running Against Racism” virtual 5K race. Because of you, we reached our fundraising goal of \$10K, and look forward to reaching new audiences with our mission “to empower and inspire people to disrupt racism one compassionate conversation at a time”.

This event would not have been possible without the stalwart support of our sponsors: [Arlington Democrats](#), [Mothers of North Arlington](#), [Botanica in a Box](#), Jeanne Broyhill, Phil & Alicia Cackley, Patrick & Mary Hynes, Judy & Randy McKnight, John & Ellen Schelble, and Brad & Diane Smith.

During this virtual event, the organization hosted the program “How to be an Antiracist” based on the bestselling book by [Ibram X. Kendi](#). The program was free of charge for any registered runner and was an opportunity for the runners to learn more about challenging racism in their everyday lives by digging a little deeper into the ideas from the book and discussing them with others.

While this is the 3rd annual “Running Against Racism” 5K, the pandemic restrictions prompted the organization to pivot to a virtual event for the past two years. Participants posted amazing pictures of their run/walk to social media and kept the enthusiasm high. Already looking forward to an in-person event next year, Challenging Racism seeks to expand its programs and its efforts to engage the community for change. Come join us!!



CHALLENGING RACISM RECOMMENDS

Asian Americans: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)

[John Oliver](#) discusses the large and diverse group of people who fall under the term “Asian American”, the history of the model minority stereotype, and why our conversations on the subject need to be better-informed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LECKEY FORUM 2021

CAN ARLINGTON SOLVE THE MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING PUZZLE?

June 10, 7:00 pm

Featuring Daniel Parolek of Opticos Design

The Alliance for Housing Solutions will host its annual Leckey Forum on June 10 virtually via Zoom. Keynote speaker Daniel Parolek, CEO and Principal of [Opticos Design](#), is the author of [Missing Middle Housing: Thinking Big and Building Small to Respond to Today's Housing Crisis](#). Parolek inspired a new movement for housing choice in 2010 when he introduced the concept of the “missing middle” in American housing.

Today, Opticos creates innovative architectural designs to help build walkable communities with unique, diverse housing choices that are attainable for all. Parolek spoke at the 2016 AHS Leckey Forum to help introduce the Missing Middle

Housing concept to Arlington. Since then, he and his firm have been working with communities across the country to design and implement Missing Middle Housing strategies. This year, Parolek will present the "Top Five Mistakes Cities and States are Making When Implementing Missing Middle Housing," which will be followed by a panel discussion on the implications for Arlington. What lessons can the County learn from those mistakes to help solve our Missing Middle Housing puzzle? Please join our discussion! Learn more about it [here](#).

[Registration required](#). All registrants will be entered into a raffle to receive a free copy of Parolek's book.



Educate Yourself: Online Racial Equity Workshops

A Collection by [Eventbrite](#)

June to October, 2021

Let's be better, together, by standing for an equitable society and with those fighting for justice for the Black community. Donate to organizations fighting for racial equality, participate in protests or rallies, and educate yourself on systemic and learned racism.

These online events will help you learn more — and inspire you to take action — on racial injustices and inequality. Read more [here](#).



Reconstruction and African American Memory

Saturday, June 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Virtual Event](#)

Join the Community CoCreation Lab and its partners, the Banneker-Douglass Museum, the [Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center](#) (PGAAMCC), [Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture](#) (MCAAHC), [Reginald F. Lewis Museum](#), and the University of Maryland Black Alumni Association for this highly engaging Juneteenth virtual experience!

Attendees will enjoy a history lecture from Dr. Christopher J. Bonner, a historian and Associate Professor at the [University of Maryland College Park](#) who was most recently seen analyzing the history displayed in Will Smith's Netflix documentary, *Amend*.

Following the Juneteenth lecture, Quint Gregory, University of Maryland College Park Art History Department will give a demonstration of the Smithsonian's Freedmen Bureau Transcription project. [Register](#) today!

RECONSTRUCTION AND AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMORY
A VIRTUAL JUNETEENTH EXPERIENCE
SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, 10 AM- 12 PM
History Lecture & Freedmen's Bureau Records Demonstration
EVERY NAME MATTERS. FORGET NO ONE.

Guest Lecturer
Dr. Christopher James Bonner
University of Maryland College Park

This Program is Brought to You By:
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Inaugural Juneteenth Day of Service

[National Black United Front](#)

Saturday, June 19

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

500 Malcolm X Ave SE

Washington, DC 20032

Our goal is to provide 100 families in vulnerable communities with care packages and resources that can empower them to be more self-sustaining. Additionally, volunteers will help clean up along the Malcolm X Ave SE and Martin Luther Jr. Ave SE corridor. We are seeking donations and volunteers to help with bring this idea into fruition.

Performances by The Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers, Live DJ, gifts & more! Get tickets [here](#).



Historically Speaking: Where You Are Is Not Who You Are: An Evening With [Ursula Burns](#)

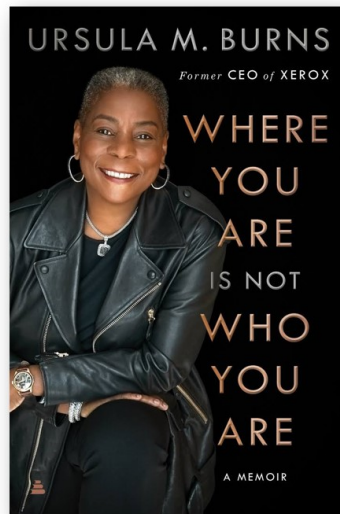
[African American History and Culture Museum](#)

Thursday, July 22, 2021

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Virtual Event, Register [here](#)

The first Black female CEO of a Fortune 500 company looks back at her life and her career at Xerox, sharing unique insights on American business and corporate life, the workers she has always valued, racial and economic justice, how greed is threatening democracy, and the obstacles she's conquered being Black and a woman.



FROM OUR FACEBOOK FEED

The Future of the African American Past Program 2021

Looking to expand and deepen your understanding of Black history? Check out The Future of the African American Past Program 2021! All of the videos from the conference are available online for free in this [link](#).

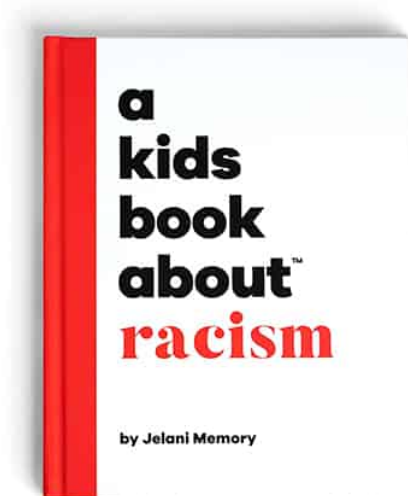
"The goal of the conference is to generate a conversation that at once describes a complex landscape that has evolved over the past three decades, and maps new directions. As they did in the 1980s when the Purdue conference was held, Americans and others around the world still turn to the histories and cultures of the African Diaspora for inspiration, and engagement with the African and African American struggle against slavery and the achievement of freedom has

deepened. But the context for these interests has changed. The narratives of slavery, emancipation, and the Civil Rights Movement, and the themes of oppression, struggle, and liberation still resonate deeply.

But what comes next in the popular understanding of African American history and its relation to American history? “The Future of the African American Past” conference will provide an opportunity for historians to share research and ideas, take stock of recent trends, and set an agenda to guide future inquiry. We intend to do this in a way that captures the imagination of public audiences as well as the interest of historians.”



RECOMMENDED BOOKS FROM OUR INSTAGRAM FEED



A Kid's Book About Racism by [Jelani Memory](#)

Yes, this really is a kids book about racism. Inside, you'll find a clear description of what racism is, how it makes people feel when they experience it, and how to spot it when it happens. This is one conversation that's never too early to start, and this book was written to be an introduction for kids on the topic.

Jelani Memory is an African American entrepreneur, thinker, and constant learner. He lives in Portland OR, with his wife and six kids. He still wants to be an artist when he grows up.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide



WHITE RAGE

"An extraordinarily timely and urgent call to confront the legacy of structural racism
... and to show its continuing threat to the promise of American democracy."
—THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

CAROL ANDERSON

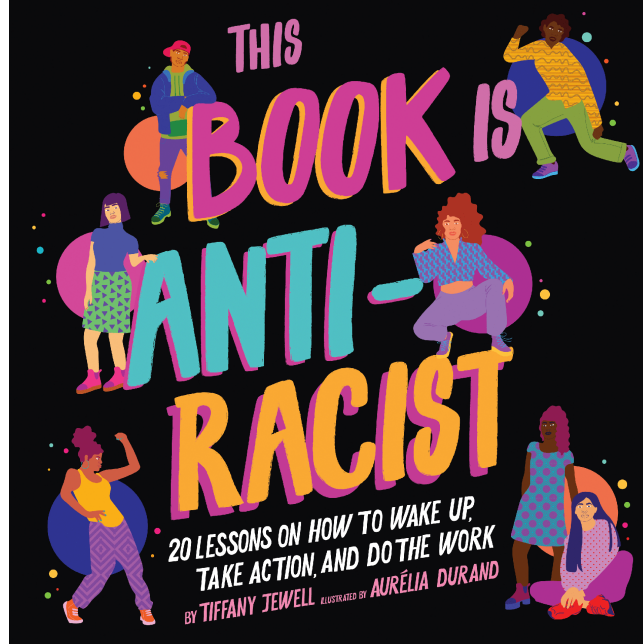
BLOOMSBURY

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by [Carol Anderson](#)

As Ferguson, Missouri, erupted in August 2014, and media commentators across the ideological spectrum referred to the angry response of African Americans as black rage, historian Carol Anderson wrote a remarkable op-ed in The Washington Post suggesting that this was, instead, "white rage at work. With so much attention on the flames," she argued, "everyone had ignored the kindling."

Since 1865 and the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, every time African Americans have made advances towards full participation in our democracy, white reaction has fueled a deliberate and relentless rollback of their gains. The end of the Civil War and Reconstruction was greeted with the Black Codes and Jim Crow; the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision was met with the shutting down of public schools throughout the South while taxpayer dollars financed segregated white private schools; the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 triggered a coded but powerful response, the so-called Southern Strategy and the War on Drugs that disenfranchised millions of African Americans while propelling presidents Nixon and Reagan into the White House, and then the election of America's first black President, led to the expression of white rage that has been as relentless as it has been brutal.

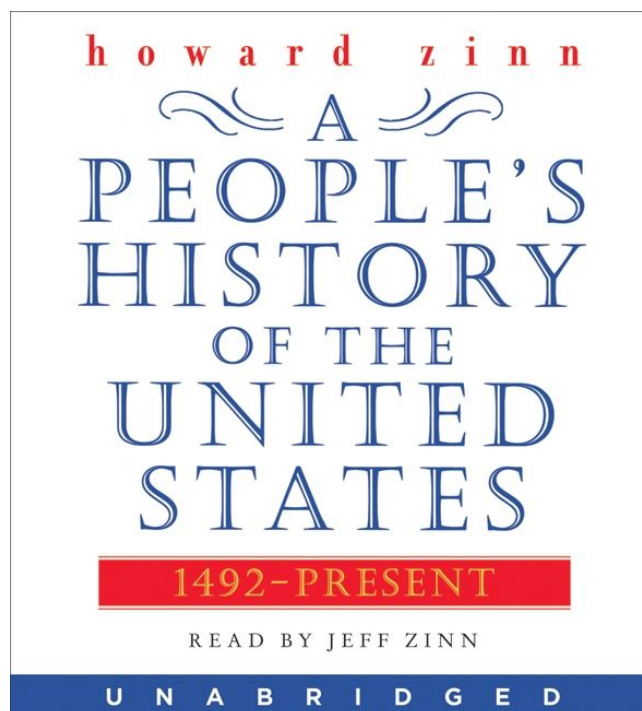
Carefully linking these and other historical flashpoints when social progress for African Americans was countered by deliberate and cleverly crafted opposition, Anderson pulls back the veil that has long covered actions made in the name of protecting democracy, fiscal responsibility, or protection against fraud, rendering visible the long lineage of white rage. Compelling and dramatic in the unimpeachable history it relates, White Rage will add an important new dimension to the national conversation about race in America.



This Book is Anti-Racist by [Tiffany Jewell](#)

History teaches us that there are some issues we absolutely cannot be neutral on. This book propels young people to take a proactive approach in the fight against racism. They'll dive into concepts like ethnicity, identity, and the history of racism, and how they're shaped by oppressive systems to this day.

With 20 chapters in all, there are activities to kindle the self-reflection and growth necessary for a lifetime of anti-racist work. It's an essential read for anyone, from those who've found themselves at the receiving end of prejudice to those who are unsure how to intervene in racist conversations, and it's a great place to start introducing terms to a middle school age child.



A People's History of the United States by [Howard Zinn](#)

Known for its lively, clear prose as well as its scholarly research, it is the only volume to tell America's story from the

point of view of—and in the words of—America's women, factory workers, African-Americans, Native Americans, the working poor, and immigrant laborers. As Zinn shows, many of our country's greatest battles—the fights for a fair wage, an eight-hour workday, child-labor laws, health and safety standards, universal suffrage, women's rights, racial equality—were carried out at the grassroots level, against bloody resistance.

Covering Christopher Columbus's arrival through President Clinton's first term, *A People's History of the United States* features insightful analysis of the most important events in our history. This edition also includes an introduction by Anthony Arnove, who wrote, directed, and produced *The People Speak* with Zinn and who coauthored, with Zinn, *Voices of a People's History of the United States*.

FILMS TO WATCH THIS MONTH



Selma (2014)

Directed by [Ava DuVernay](#), the powerful drama *Selma* tells the incredible story of how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the epic march from Selma to Montgomery to secure equal voting rights in an event that forever altered history.

55 years after the historic marches from Selma, as we witness the expression of decades of collective pain, we should reflect on Dr. King's words: "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

We hope this film will encourage people throughout the country to examine our nation's history and reflect on the ways that racial injustice has influenced our society. The key message of *Selma* is the importance of equality, dignity and justice for all people. Clearly, that message is as vital today as it was in 1965.



The Half of It (2020)

Directed by [Alice Wu](#), it stars Leah Lewis, Daniel Diemer, Alexis Lemire, and Collin Chou. The Half of It received the Founders Award for Best Narrative Feature at the 2020 Tribeca Film Festival. The film is a modern loose retelling of Cyrano de Bergerac in which teenage Ellie Chu begins writing love letters on behalf of the inarticulate Paul Munsky to his crush, Aster Flores.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CR

Challenging Racism is looking for volunteers to join us as we design and implement a range of fundraising and outreach activities for the Executive Director and Board.

Volunteers help plan events, build partnerships, conduct outreach via social media, apply for grants, and design programs for organizations in need of our conversations.

All skills are needed and welcomed and volunteers can choose their areas of expertise to help with. Areas we currently need volunteer assistance with are:

- Grants writing
- Handling Press Releases & Public Relations
- Fundraising for 2021 including our 3rd Annual Running Against Racism Virtual Run/Walk, Giving Tuesday and many more
- Marketing and Squarespace knowledge to help with our Website
- IT & Database management to help with Google Drive

Please complete the form below and feel free to contact us at volunteer@challengingracism.org

Volunteer Form



If you want to support our mission, you can donate here. Thank you!

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