

Dear Graduate Community,

We write to you today in support and solidarity for the Black community and those who are standing up against the injustices faced by Black Americans in this country. Our hearts go out to the families of Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, David McAtee, George Floyd and to the countless others affected by these all too common tragedies. We cannot stand idly by while innocent Black Americans are brutally murdered by police with impunity.

As an academic institution, we have to reckon with our role in perpetuating the disenfranchisement of Black and Brown people in this country caused by systemic and institutionalized racism.

As the Graduate Student Senate we'd like to affirm our commitment to promoting a safe and antiracist environment for the graduate community at UNH, and we ask the members of our community to do the same. As Dr. Angela Davis said, "In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be antiracist". Our university must be a safe space free from discrimination for our minority populations and we must hold ourselves accountable for supporting, affirming, and advocating for our fellow Black students, faculty, and staff.

We invite you to look through, read over, or listen to this educational material. We have also included additional mental health resources at the bottom of the email.

<https://aapf.org/publications>

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

<https://www.thediversitygap.com/podcast-1>

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

It's not enough to pay lip service, we must act.

In solidarity,

Karla Oñate Melecio, GSS VP

On behalf of the Graduate Student Senate

Mental Health Resources for BIPOC Right Now:

<https://therapyforblackgirls.com/>

<https://www.sistaafya.com/>

<https://www.inclusivetherapists.com/>

<https://www.nqttcn.com/>

<https://www.healhaus.com/offerings/> (offer live streamed yoga and meditation classes)

The Graduate School will also be hosting a graduate student discussion group facilitated by by Michele Holt-Shannon from [NH Listens](#) and Peg Goetz from [PACS](#).

"A Chance to Connect" Graduate Student Group Meetings via Zoom: Friday June 5, 3-4:30pm; Monday June 8, 4-5:30pm; Tuesday June 9, 12-1:30pm.

Please register for one of the following: [June 5 registration](#), [June 8 registration](#), [June 9 registration](#). The three dates are to ensure that all who wish to connect are able to do so.