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*Occasionally we are asked "what is the Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport?" and "can I join?" We are a small group that has been meeting for years to support, discuss, and learn about systemic racism and intersectional issues generally, as well as mentor others beginning their journeys of anti-racism.*

*We support and challenge one another in our own education through books, movies, articles, podcasts, workshops, etc., and look at ways to share these ideas and information with the community, with individuals, and with others who wish to begin their own learning pods.*

We stand in solidarity with all those working to end racism, inequality, war and imperialism, while also supporting efforts to build power in working class communities of color. Collective and individual liberation for all!

This is our Facebook page, [Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport](#)

Please feel free to share this email, or give others my email address (mentalchatter@yahoo.com) so they can get on the (blind carbon copy) mailing list.

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY POTENTIAL ADDITIONS BY THE 25<sup>th</sup> of EACH MONTH.**

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S.2027/H.3191 - **An Act to Establish Indigenous Peoples Day in Massachusetts** had been held up in the Joint Committee on State Administration since September 2021. On July 12, with considerable efforts and advocacy by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, the bill was advanced and now needs to go to a floor vote before this legislative session ends in July. Now, with just **days to go** before the current legislative session

**ends, your help is needed to push the bill over the final hurdle or the process will start all over again during the next session.**

Here is an automated [online email](#) that will send a message to legislators that you want them to bring this legislation out for a favorable vote so that Massachusetts will officially celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day. You can use the language that is in the automated email and are highly encouraged to personalize it.

Our IPAC Co-Chair at Network for Social Justice, Rebecca Slisz, highlighted some points that you are welcome to incorporate:

- 1) Celebrating Columbus in Massachusetts sends the wrong message to our young people, making them believe that he was a hero when in fact he and his men engaged in the most horrific abuses.

2) By continuing to celebrate Christopher Columbus Day, we perpetuate the myths about him and teach generation after generation an untrue history and ignore the harm caused by colonialism.

3) Changing the second Monday in October to Indigenous Peoples Day acknowledges the impact of European settlement and celebrates Indigenous resilience and survival in Massachusetts as well as throughout the Americas.

4) Passage of this bill will enable Massachusetts to join Maine, Vermont, New Mexico, Alaska, and Minnesota and others in establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day.

**We don't have much time so please do this today and share widely with your networks!**

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## **Yankee Homecoming Newburyport and the Triangle Trade**

**(IN PERSON)**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

**12:00—1:00 PM**

**Program Room, Newburyport Public Library, Newburyport Public Library,  
94 State Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950**



Join Susan Harvey for this presentation on the history of slavery in Newburyport and New England.

The research she conducted at the Newburyport Public Library Archival Center represents the core material used for her master's thesis in history from Fitchburg State University: *Slavery in Massachusetts: A descendant of Early Settlers Investigates the Connections in Newburyport, Massachusetts*. Mrs. Harvey believes we have been asking the wrong questions about slavery in New England because we had no slave plantations here as existed in the southern states. It is our economic ties to the transatlantic slave trade that implicates New England in the monumental tragedy that took the lives of millions of human beings and, in doing so, formed the basis of America's economy. As Susan approached the topic of northern slavery, her initial questions were: was my family in Newburyport involved in the slave trade, and if so, how? These are questions that people all over New England are beginning to ask themselves as new information comes to light and new scholarship on the topic of northern slavery is published. Seats fill up fast!

**No Registration Required**

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Sunday, July 31 | 2:00 PM | BHTNH Offices | 222 Court St | Portsmouth

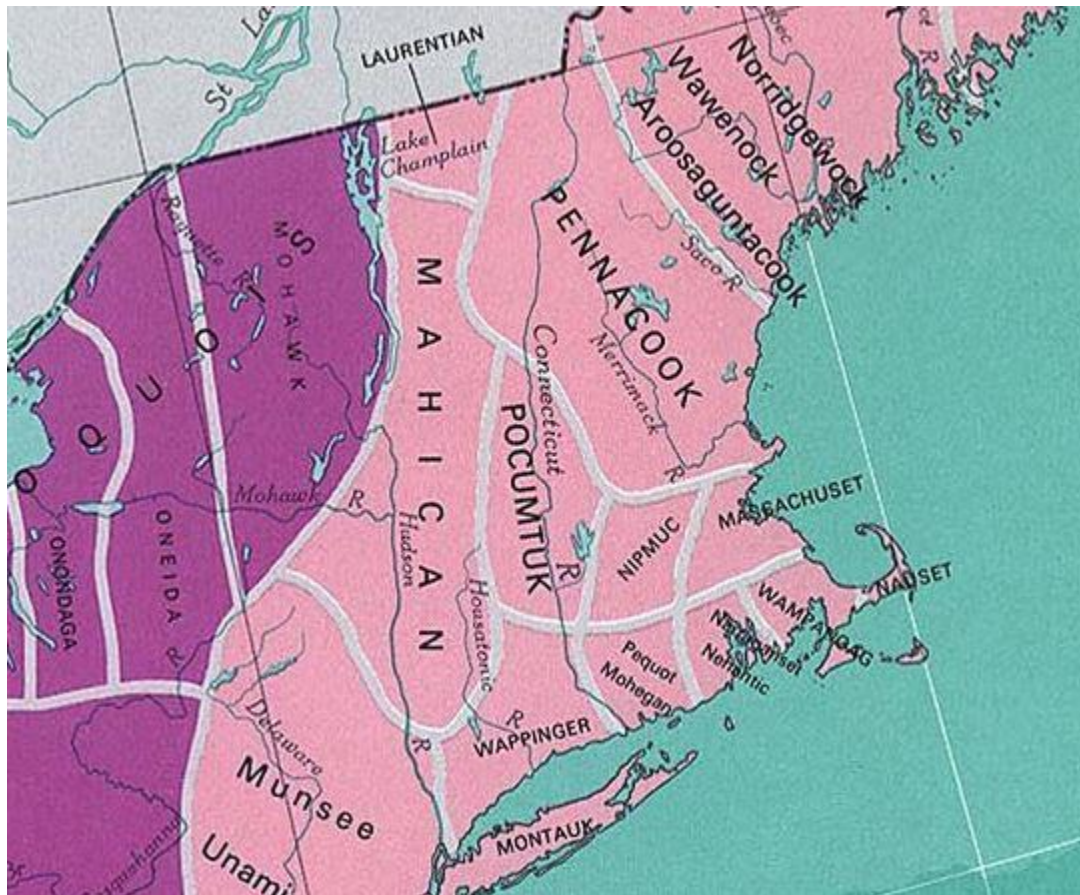
*Ain't She A Woman: Let Me Tell You Her Story*

**Sankofa\* Tour Guide: Valerie Fagin**

Can you imagine the hustle and bustle of a prosperous colonial seaport town? This tour invites you to discover the world of early Portsmouth from the perspective of African American women. In spite of enslavement and hardship, these women fought for freedom, defied a sitting president, and educated generations of children to follow. Hear their stories about love, faith, and struggle as you walk past the homes of their enslavers.

Read about the tours and register [here](#)

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Thursday August 4th, 10 to 11:00 am.

## Uncommon Ground- Pawtucket Spaces and Colonized Places on the Molodemak River Frontier

Firehouse Center for The Arts in Market Square, Nbpt. Join Kristine Malpica on this walking tour that explores local and regional history of Pawtucket-Pennacook spaces and colonized places on the *Molodemak* (Merrimack in English) River frontier. The river served as a vital intratribal conduit of socio-economic and political interaction for Native groups, as well as cross-cultural exchange and conflict with English colonists.

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A SURJ WEBINAR

# BEYOND ZERO SUM

Heather McGhee and Erin Heaney on **white people's shared interest** in racial and economic justice

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 5:00 PT / 8:00 ET



*“The narrative that white people should see the well-being of people of color as a threat to their own is one of the most powerful subterranean stories in America. Until we destroy the idea, opponents of progress can always unearth it and use it to block a collective action that benefits us all.”*

– Heather McGhee, The Sum of Us

*“White privilege is real, but it’s not an organizing strategy.”*

– Erin Heaney, SURJ National Director

As we fight to protect civil liberties and block white nationalism in the days ahead, white people must have a clear understanding of why we’re in this work.

At SURJ, we believe that racism is employed by the wealthy elite to make white people believe they have more in common with a white billionaire than the people of color in their neighborhoods. From the inception of this country– from the creation of white identity to the racist backlash to Civil Rights– this is a strategy that has continually been employed to keep power in the hands of the few.

**The truth is, white people have so much to gain— a shared interest– in fighting for racial and economic justice.**

All of us will benefit from a world where our communities have the resources they need. In these times when organizing white people away from the Right and corporate power is critically important, SURJ organizes white people around the reality of shared interest.

**[On Thursday, August 4th at 5 pm PT / 8 pm ET](#)**, join me in conversation with Heather McGhee, political strategist and author of “The Sum of Us,” to explore the history of strategic racism and how white people can organize their own communities away from a “zero sum” mentality and towards an understanding of their shared interest in fights for justice.



## White Supremacist/neo-Nazi groups -- What is NS 131, and why do they matter to us?

Article -- <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/nationalist-social-club-nsc>

Greater Boston piece -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLpMiwe9LPA>

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### **Redlined Forever?** – 24 min. podcast

Racial segregation in American cities is no accident. Building on research from her award-winning book, *Segregation by Design*, political scientist Jessica Trounstein of UC Merced examines how local land use regulations aimed at protecting the property values of white homeowners have generated segregation across racial and class lines that persists today—and how that segregation brings serious inequities in access to quality schools and public amenities. But just as segregation resulted from policy choices, Trounstein shows how desegregation can be a purposeful choice, too, with the right regulatory decisions.

<https://pennreg.org/episode-3/>

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[National Black Womens Justice Institute](#)

## **How the child welfare system destroys Black families—and how abolition can build a safer world – 6/22/22 – 1 hr.**

Racial and gender inequities are embedded in U.S. systems and institutions, including the child welfare system. These inequities produce barriers and disadvantages that increase Black women's and girls' risk of coming in contact with law enforcement, courts, and places of confinement. And when we do come into contact, the interactions can be devastating and traumatizing.

In this conversation, NBWJI Executive Director Dr. Sydney McKinney and Dorothy Roberts, professor at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Program on Race, Science and Society, will discuss Roberts's new book, "Torn Apart: How the Child Welfare System Destroys Black Families—and How Abolition Can Build a Safer World."

Dorothy Roberts, an acclaimed scholar of race, gender and the law, joined the University of Pennsylvania as its 14th Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor with a joint appointment in the Department of Sociology and the Law School where she also holds the inaugural Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mosell Alexander chair. Her pathbreaking work in law and public policy focuses on urgent contemporary issues in health, social justice, and bioethics, especially as they impact the lives of women, children and African-Americans. She is the author of more than 100 scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as a co-editor of six books on such topics as constitutional law and women and the law.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIFLLfX6mso>

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### **Protesting safely --**

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## Look beyond mass surveillance

Some really sound advice about how to address gun violence –

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## End cash bail – and donate to cash bail funds

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## Unpack politically charged terms -- Illuminating --

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## Address biased reporting on monkeypox

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## “Benefit of the doubt” gives plenty of room for violence and lies

July 6, 2022 by Samuel James

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/>