

Dec., 2022

*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.

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

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## **Newburyport's Annual William Lloyd Garrison Lecture**

Newburyport celebrates William Lloyd Garrison's legacy on his birthday. Every year, we invite a well known author, historian, or public speaker to talk about Garrison's life, and how it is still relevant today.

The talk focuses on the legacy of slavery, its continuing impact on the United States, and current issues around diversity, inclusiveness, and LGBTQ acceptance.

The talk will take place in-person on **Saturday, December 10 2022 at the Old South Presbyterian Church in Newburyport Massachusetts at 7 PM.**

This year, Kabria Baumgartner, a Newburyport resident and professor of history and Africana studies, will be the featured speaker.

This year, the title of the talk is: **I Will Be Heard: Antislavery Printing and Youth Activism at William Lloyd Garrison's Liberator Office**

Historian Kabria Baumgartner will examine the lesser known role that Garrison and his radical antislavery newspaper played in teaching Black youth communication arts skills that they used to advance the antislavery movement and their own careers in diverse occupations.



Kabria Baumgartner, Ph.D., is the Dean's Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies at Northeastern University where she also serves as Associate Director of Public History. She is a historian of the 19th-century United States, with a specialization in African American history.

[Register for free tickets](#)

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## **MRJ** MARBLEHEAD RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM **CONVERSATIONS**

**UP NEXT: Monday, December 12, 7-8:30 PM**  
**What Afro-Latinos Want You To Know (About Racism)**

Please [register](#) & mark your calendars

We'll explore racial and ethnic discrimination in Latin America where socio-economic status generally correlates with perceived whiteness, and perceived African ancestry is generally correlated with lack of opportunity and social status. Discover how this has affected Latinos in ways that may be unexpected. Our conversation will help us to look at our own perceptions and identify ways to understand and support this community.

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/marbleheadmuseum/items/413038/calendar/2022/12/?flow=667971&full-items=yes>

Zoom or Marblehead Museum, 170 Washington Street, Marblehead

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## Black Heritage Trail NH



Thursday, December 15 | 7:00 PM | **Black Matter Is Life Poetry Series**

*"Poetry of the Ordinary Day" With Guest Poet, Marilyn Nelson*

The Trail welcomes award-winning poet and author Marilyn Nelson as our guest poet for the second **Black Matter Is Life** virtual poetry event. Nelson, a three-time finalist for the National Book Award, is one of America's most celebrated poets.

The **Black Matter Is Life** event is a three-part program hosted by two New England scholars, Courtney Marshall, and Dennis Britton, in conversation with a featured guest poet. The series explores the vast diversity within the African American poetic tradition. Each discussion deconstructs poems grouped by a theme.

**Poems for this discussion:**

Lucille Clifton -- [Cutting Greens](#)

Kevin Young -- [Eddie Priest's Barbershop & Notary](#)

Yesenia Montilla -- [A Perfect Game](#)

Read more [here](#)

Register [here](#)

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## White People Challenging Racism

Our workshops are offered through partner community organizations.

To register, click the **Register here** link in the listing below.

**1** [WPCR - Cambridge](#)

**FEB**

Wed, Feb 1 - Wed, Mar 1, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Online via Zoom

[Register here](#)

Facilitated by Stephen Pereira and Michelle Chalmers

<https://www.wpcr-boston.org/upcoming-workshops>

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## RETHINKING “THANKSGIVING” TOOLKIT

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Me3v2fdjIPBQVkzALHhge2K8q4bCBe7cCBvVAZ11UQc/edit>

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## Barre Museum Returns Items Looted from Wounded Knee



Violet Catches, a Cheyenne River Lakota grandmother and direct descendant of Leon Holy, a survivor of the massacre at Wounded Knee, checks over the list of items to be returned to the Lakota by the Founders Museum in Barre, on November 5th, 2022

<https://changethemassflag.com/2022/11/11/barre-museum-returns-items-looted-from-wounded-knee/?amp=1>

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## Beyond the Land Acknowledgement



A self-paced e-course instructed by Megan Red Shirt-Shaw exploring land acknowledgements, the occupation of Native nations, "Land Back," and the role of higher education -- \$25.

[Enroll Now](#)



## Protect the Indian Child Welfare Act.

[https://20465691.hs-sites.com/protect-the-indian-child-welfare-act?ecid=ACsprvvhweXsNbN1pDtjDuggaN2EAlIja5rvRza3bpCBFKiAcVQ1DNsypWo4ISmpcrGlX41B&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=233745617&hsenc=p2ANqtz-\\_0cKmM88Dlk50CGZ9pl4N85FmFD0IglbWVX0WFIT-JeAyZBS1eEryWE-wOhU8Q-X7YoJvn0YzQpeMLvRciaNDUggHaOUIgle364dERAKDOv65ywtY&utm\\_content=233745617&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://20465691.hs-sites.com/protect-the-indian-child-welfare-act?ecid=ACsprvvhweXsNbN1pDtjDuggaN2EAlIja5rvRza3bpCBFKiAcVQ1DNsypWo4ISmpcrGlX41B&utm_medium=email&hsmi=233745617&hsenc=p2ANqtz-_0cKmM88Dlk50CGZ9pl4N85FmFD0IglbWVX0WFIT-JeAyZBS1eEryWE-wOhU8Q-X7YoJvn0YzQpeMLvRciaNDUggHaOUIgle364dERAKDOv65ywtY&utm_content=233745617&utm_source=hs_email)

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## SpeakOut E-Course Trainings

[Enroll Now](#)

\$25, about 2 hrs.

Land acknowledgements have become a powerful introduction to convocations, graduations, meetings, conferences, and more. Despite the intent, institutions must challenge themselves to move away from performative acts, and move into commitments of real transformative change. In this e-course you will gain actionable ideas and concepts for how to move beyond a performative land acknowledgement and towards genuine relationships with Native community members. Megan Red Shirt-Shaw discusses her research into how education institutions received their land and the steps institutions can take for land-based reparations including returning institutional land back to Native nations or if this is not possible, providing free higher education to Native students whose traditional homelands the institution sits upon.

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Interesting dialogue – tune in –

Eddie Carson of "**Race Matters**" and 4th generation Newburyport community member, Jennifer Rocco Runnion, discuss a spectrum of topics such as POC, LGBTQ+ and socio-economic class within the City of Newburyport and surrounding areas. How has Newburyport evolved? Has Newburyport evolved?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHdMJsJAffs&list=PLQ9YfrM9CQqY\\_kW67IC76CErSg0uC9MI3&t=680s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHdMJsJAffs&list=PLQ9YfrM9CQqY_kW67IC76CErSg0uC9MI3&t=680s)

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# THE CONVERSATION

Antisemitism isn't just 'Jew-hatred' – it's anti-Jewish racism

<https://theconversation.com/antisemitism-isnt-just-jew-hatred-its-anti-jewish-racism-193614>

<https://www.adl.org/antisemitism>

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White discomfort causes harm

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/maine/white-folks/white-discomfort-causes-harm/>

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SPECTRUM OF OPPRESSOR RESPONSE-ABILITY  
By Kai Cheng Thom

- Denial - Oppression isn't real, or it was real but is now "over"
- Minimizing - Oppression is real, but it's "not that bad" or there were "good parts to it too." People should get over it and move on.
- Distancing - Oppression happens and is bad, but it's "other people" who are the problem and "I am one of the good ones."
- Collapse - Oppression happens and it's too overwhelming and painful to think about.
- Saviorism - Trying to become a "hero" and "rescue" oppressed people.
- Collaboration - Understanding that "my liberation is bound up in yours" even though we may have differing power, privilege, and differing roles to play. Working in true partnership to find solutions.

 [kaichengthom](https://www.instagram.com/kaichengthom)

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