

Jan., 2023

*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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## YWCA Greater Newburyport

### 30th Annual MLK Jr. Event

Please join us for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. This year's event will be on **Th., January 12, 2023, 6 pm**

**Newburyport Senior Community Center**

**331 High Street in Newburyport.**



Our event will feature artists from Elevated Thought who will help audience members reflect on quotations from "The Trumpet of Conscience", Dr. King's last work before his assassination on April 4, 1968. Artists from Elevated Thought will lead discussions on quotations from the work and then guide groups of attendees in creating art that is reflective of the quotations. Art will then be combined into one collage representing reactions to the words of Dr. King.

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Thursday, January 19 | 7:00 PM | Virtual Poetry Event  
*"Connections" with guest poet, L'Merchie Frazer*

For the closing program in the series, guest poet [L'Merchie Frazier](#) joins Courtney Marshall and Dennis Britton to discuss these poets and poems:

Danez Smith - ["dogs!"](#)

Sterling Brown - ["Ma Rainey"](#)

Ruth Foreman - ["Poetry Should Ride the Bus"](#)

Read more [here](#)

Register [here](#)

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## Don't Miss

**Conversations on Race: Monday, January 23 at 7p.m.**

### **Untold Stories: A History of Black People in Lynn -- Panel Discussion**

Join Lynn Museum/LynnArts Executive Director Doneeca Thurston, Board member Iris Kimber, and Lynn resident Tara Agaba to highlight the importance of diverse stories. Hear the process behind their exhibition "Untold Stories" which explores the history of Black people in Lynn from colonial times to present day. Open conversation will follow.

**Registration details coming soon.**

[infomrjteam@gmail.com](mailto:infomrjteam@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Marblehead-Racial-Justice-Team-Conversations-on-Race-and-White-Privilege-1631670277068180>



### **Revisiting the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising | Monday, January 30 | 7:00PM-8:15PM | Virtual Program**

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, please join us for a talk revisiting the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on its 80th anniversary. As part of this program, Canadian playwright and Labour Organizer Darrah Teitel will give a brief dramatic reading of her work *Forever Young: A Ghetto Play*, which recently premiered at the Great Canadian Theatre Company. Teitel will be joined by Salem State University Professor of English and Research Associate for the SSU Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Dr. Stephenie Young. Register [here](#). Network for Social Justice

The City of Newburyport and the **Newburyport Black History Initiative (NBHI)**, Dr. Kabria Baumgartner, Cyd Raschke and Geordie Vining are organizing an event at the beginning of Black History Month in February 2023 to celebrate the installation of the first NBHI historic interpretive sign. The date is **Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm.** (A fallback bad weather date is the following Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.)

This first interpretive sign focuses on “*A Black Neighborhood in Historic Newburyport*,” marking the location of a once-thriving but now long-gone African-American neighborhood nicknamed “Guinea Village” and the adjacent railroad bridge known as “Guinea Bridge” – a name that lingered into the 1980s even though its history had been largely forgotten. The Initiative is working to illuminate some of the community’s history that has been largely overlooked or forgotten, and is installing interpretive signs in the everyday public landscape of Newburyport’s core. The signs will center the stories of Black Americans who lived and worked in Newburyport from the pre-Revolutionary War era to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The 2/1/23 event will be held outdoors on the Clipper Rail Trail adjacent to this first NBHI historic interpretive sign, with remarks from the Mayor, our team, and other leaders and a ritual ribbon cutting. A videographer, Dianne Steimel, is interested in filming the event. The adjacent Graf Skating Rink off of Low Street will allow parking for the event on their lot next to the Rail Trail.

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## Date and time

**Thu, February 2, 2023, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST**

## Location

Online

## Refund Policy

No Refunds

Upstander Project is pleased to invite you to this special live online screening of *The Territory* with a live Q & A with the filmmaking team.

*The Territory* provides an immersive look at the tireless fight of the Indigenous Uru-eu-wau-wau people against the encroaching deforestation brought by farmers and illegal settlers in the Brazilian Amazon. With awe-inspiring cinematography showcasing the titular landscape and richly textured sound design, the film takes audiences deep into the Uru-eu-wau-wau community and provides unprecedented access to the farmers and settlers illegally burning and clearing the protected Indigenous land. Partially shot by the Uru-eu-wau-wau people, the film relies on vérité footage captured over three years as the community risks their lives to set up their own news media team in the hopes of exposing the truth.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-territory-live-online-film-screening-and-qa-tickets-484389230227?utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=notification&utm\\_campaign=following\\_published\\_event&utm\\_term=The+Territory+Live+Online+Film+Screening+and+Q%26A&aff=ebemoffollowpublishe-mail](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-territory-live-online-film-screening-and-qa-tickets-484389230227?utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&utm_content=notification&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_term=The+Territory+Live+Online+Film+Screening+and+Q%26A&aff=ebemoffollowpublishe-mail)

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## Action Items from SURJ Boston-

### Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) Film

The **WLRP** is bringing back to life the Wampanoag tribes' sacred privilege and right to their ancestral language after more than 150 years of dormancy. This film available online, **As Nutayuneân — We Still Live Here**, tells the remarkable story of this cultural revival by the Wampanoag of Massachusetts.

### Join BEJA for a town hall on School Climate & Safety

How is school climate related to student safety and discipline and what are the impacts? How can schools keep students safe, without adding to a negative school climate? Learn more at BEJA's first of a series of virtual town halls on Th., Jan. 26 &/or 2/9 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. **Register here.**

### □ Demand Decarceration for Women in Middlesex County

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan has the power to stop the devastation of women's lives, family separation, and community destabilization that comes with criminal prosecution. If you live in Middlesex County, or represent an organization or congregation based or active in the county, please **read more and sign on here.**

**SURJ Boston Weekly Action Hours, Wednesdays 12-1pm** - SURJB facilitators guide participants through calls, emails, petitions, fundraisers and more. They will provide context on the many calls to action and insight on how each action item is related to the larger fight for racial justice. **Sign up here.** *Starting in 2023, SURJ Action hours will be Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm.*



## 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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## BHTNH 2023 EWH TEA TALK SERIES



# BRINGING IT BACK

CONVERSATIONS WE STILL NEED



Sunday, February 5 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person  
**Before European Contact: Changing The Ways We Present Our History**  
This conversation aims to foreground the silenced stories of the Indigenous and African American experiences before European contact.  
Presenters: Anthony Bogues, Anne Jennison, Akeia de Barros Gomes & Meghan Howey



Sunday, February 12 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person  
**The Paradox of Education for Black & Brown Children**  
For this panel presenters will discuss the effect "divisive concepts" laws have had on teaching excluded perspectives in their classroom with particular focus on NH.  
Presenters: TBA, Sarah Robinson, Erin Bakkom, Judy-Ann DeRosier & David Watters



Sunday, February 19 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person  
**Beyond 40 Acres: Land Ownership and Black Wealth**  
Panelists will share stories of upwardly mobile Black communities and how they have recast the borders of white spaces.  
Presenters: Lydia Clemmons, Christle Rallins-Jackson, Keith W. Stokes (TBC) & Karen A. Spiller



Sunday, February 26 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person  
**Shades of Black: Connected by Color, Culture & Community**  
For this panel, Black Americans from diverse backgrounds will share their stories on what it means to live in and love their own skin.  
Presenters: Shantel Palacio, Dottie Morris, Anthony Poore & Shari Robinson



Sunday, March 5 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person  
**Exploring the Heart of Cross-Racial Conversation**  
Panelists will discuss the myth of the model minority, what happens when language is divide, and what happens when American racial hierarchy forces one to choose one identity over another.  
Presenters: Samuel Hyun, (TBC), Andres Mejia & Tina Kim Philibert



Sunday, March 12 | 2:00 PM | Temple Israel, Portsmouth | Virtual & In-Person  
**Youth to Power: Young Female Activists**  
This closing discussion will feature a group of young BIPOC women exploring where we are culturally as a state and where we want to be heading.  
Presenters: Ronelle Tshiela, Rekha Mahadevan, Saniya Bolton & Funmi Oyekunle

Read more and register [here](#)

## ***Thousands of Teens Are Being Pushed Into Military's Junior R.O.T.C.***

By [Mike Baker](#), [Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs](#) and Ilana Marcus

Dec. 11, 2022



Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs are supposed to be optional, but some schools have made the course a requirement. Credit...Zack Wittman for The New York Times

In high schools across the country, students are being placed in military classes without electing them on their own. "The only word I can think of is 'indoctrination,'" one parent said.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/11/us/jrotc-schools-mandatory-automatic-enrollment.html?campaign\\_id=9&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20221211&instance\\_id=79916&nl=the-morning&regi\\_id=119093886&segment\\_id=115668&te=1&user\\_id=9816c92b838f8288c67947a822e3dc07](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/11/us/jrotc-schools-mandatory-automatic-enrollment.html?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20221211&instance_id=79916&nl=the-morning&regi_id=119093886&segment_id=115668&te=1&user_id=9816c92b838f8288c67947a822e3dc07)

*If you have difficulty accessing this link, please go to Online Resources/Magazines & Newspapers at your local public library website. They often offer a free subscription (which needs to be renewed daily in order to keep reading articles).*

### ***In Public Schools, the N.R.A. Gets a Boost From Junior R.O.T.C.***

Instructors in military-sponsored J.R.O.T.C. classes have offered to promote the N.R.A. in high schools in exchange for money for their marksmanship programs.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/20/us/jrotc-nra-schools.html?campaign\\_id=9&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20221221&instance\\_id=80748&nl=the-morning&regi\\_id=119093886&segment\\_id=120442&te=1&user\\_id=9816c92b838f8288c67947a822e3dc07](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/20/us/jrotc-nra-schools.html?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20221221&instance_id=80748&nl=the-morning&regi_id=119093886&segment_id=120442&te=1&user_id=9816c92b838f8288c67947a822e3dc07)

### **San Jose to Gun Owners: Get Insurance and Pay Annual Fee**

<https://www.sanjoseinside.com/news/san-jose-to-gun-owners-get-insurance-and-pay-annual-fee/>

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## Note To My White Self

*The reflections of a white man confronting his personal privilege and racism.*  
Just imagine...



### Black Women As Superheroes

James Mulholland, 12/11/22

<https://notetomywhiteself.wordpress.com/2022/12/11/black-women-as-superheroes/>

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### **Henrietta Lacks' hometown will build statue of her where Robert E. Lee sculpture once stood**

Lacks' "HeLa" cells have led to numerous medical breakthroughs.

By [Kendall Ross](#)

December 19, 2022

[https://abcnews.go.com/US/henrietta-lacks-hometown-build-statue-robert-lee-sculpture/story?id=95541987&fbclid=IwAR0UJcUFOzLJ5bVthuAZbT1TORa0scOZdeKmrOeRC40rvqw5vkcrf\\_9-C6Q](https://abcnews.go.com/US/henrietta-lacks-hometown-build-statue-robert-lee-sculpture/story?id=95541987&fbclid=IwAR0UJcUFOzLJ5bVthuAZbT1TORa0scOZdeKmrOeRC40rvqw5vkcrf_9-C6Q)

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## What's your anti-racism action plan in 2023?

December 11, 2022 by Shay Stewart-Bouley

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/activism/whats-your-anti-racism-action-plan-in-2023/#more-16696>

## I have a confession

December 23, 2022 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/activism/i-have-a-confession/#more-16751>

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*Los Angeles Times*

## OPINION

### Don't be too tempted by Europe's plan to fix social media

[https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-12-23/europe-digital-services-act-social-media-regulation-free-speech?\\_amp=true](https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-12-23/europe-digital-services-act-social-media-regulation-free-speech?_amp=true)

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Can you access Netflix? Watch **Descendant** and learn about the history of The Clotilda -- Descendants of the survivors from the Clotilda celebrate their heritage and take command of their legacy, as the discovery of the remains of the last-known slave ship to arrive in the United States offers them a tangible link to their ancestors.