

Feb., 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 since May, 2017 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. This newsletter began in Feb., 2021.

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

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## COMMUNITY EVENT (via Black History Trail of NH)



**Sunday, January 29 | 10:00 AM | Natural Dharma Fellowship**

*2023 Dharma Dialogue Series – Confronting Race & Injustice*

This year-long series of dialogues will explore how to confront race as a social construct that shapes our experience of reality and how best to care for each other in the present world.

Read more and register [here](#)



**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

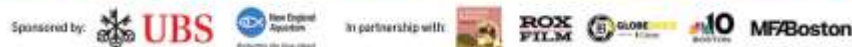
**Refund Policy**

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=ebemoffollowpublishemail](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=ebemoffollowpublishemail)



Now in its third year, The Globe's **Black History Month Film Festival** honors and celebrates the lives, culture, and creativity of Black Americans through film. Both classic and new works will be made available throughout the month and each screening will be followed by a panel discussion to provide insight and context for these stories of strength, joy, and love.

**[Sign up once to be registered for all virtual Black History Month film events.](#)**



## **Embrace: The Kings**

***Stream the film—February 1-5***

**Discussion: Monday, February 6, 3:00 p.m.**

In honor of the unveiling of The Embrace Memorial, NBC10 Boston and The Boston Globe presents a special half-hour documentary on the time that **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, and wife **Coretta Scott King** spent in Boston. [Watch Documentary.](#)

**[Sign Up Now](#)**

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## The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks

*Attend the screening*

**Friday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Location: MFA, Harry and Mildred Remis Auditorium (Auditorium 161)

Based on the bestselling biography of the same name by **Jeanne Theoharis** and executive produced by award-winning journalist **Soledad O'Brien**, this crucial documentary about the "mother of the civil rights movement," Rosa Parks, is a comprehensive telling of the icon's lifelong dedication to activism.

**Buy Tickets Now**

In partnership with: **ROX**  
REVEREND ORIGINATOR OF THE MOVIE  
**FILM MFA/Boston**



## Set it Off

*Stream the film—February 8-12*

**Discussion: Monday, February 13 3:00 p.m.**

An action-packed saga about four embittered, strong-willed women who decide to beat the system and become bank robbers. Featuring **Jada Pinkett**, **Queen Latifah**, **Vivica A. Fox**, and **Kimberly Elise**. Directed by **F. Gary Gray**.

**Sign Up Now**



## A Beautiful Resistance, Season 3

*Stream the film—February 15-19*

**Discussion: Tuesday, February 21 3:00 p.m.**

**Jeneé Osterheldt**, Senior Assistant Managing Editor for Culture, Talent & Development at The Boston Globe created [A Beautiful Resistance](#)—to celebrate and center Black Joy and Black lives and the lives of other folk of color, too. A multimedia series, it features written stories, Q&A, Instagram posts, playlists, and a docuseries. Osterheldt teamed up with three Boston filmmakers of color to help bring her vision to life and ensure these stories were told through a lens of love, through a lens of community, in a way that counters the lies we've been told about Blackness.

**Sign Up Now**

In partnership with:



## James Hemmings: A Ghost in America's Kitchen

*Stream the film—February 22-26*

**Discussion: Monday, February 27 3:00 p.m.**

A dinner party, at the home of then Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, that may have saved the newly formed United States of America from financial collapse. In the room where it happened were Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and...a ghost, James Hemings. 'A Ghost in America's Kitchen' explores the life, contributions and erasure of the culinary founding father, James Hemings.

**[Sign Up Now](#)**

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**OPENING TEA TALK -Black History Trail of NH**

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**Sunday, February 5 | 2:00 PM | Portsmouth Public Library**

*"Before European Contact": Changing the Ways We Present Our History*

This conversation aims to foreground the silenced stories of Indigenous and African experiences on this continent before European contact. Panelists will also discuss how we can change the language we use to tell a truer history when that history is told from an Indigenous and African point of view.

**Presenters:**

**Anthony Bogues**, Brown Univ.    **Meghan Howey (Moderator)**, Interim Dir., Ctr. for the Humanities, UNH

**Anne Jennison**, NH Commission on Native American Affairs **Akeia de Barros Gomes**, Mystic Seaport Museum This series is available in-person or virtually. Read more and register [here](#)

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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 virtual town halls on **Th., Feb 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.

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[WPCR - Cambridge](#)

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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# 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](#)

## REPARATIONS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Temple Isaiah's Reparations and Equity Committee has assembled a compelling, thought-provoking and expert panel to examine reparations throughout time.

**Monday · February 13th · 7:30 PM Temple Isaiah, Lexington**

Attend in person (masking required), or by Zoom.

Pre-registration required <https://www.templeisaiah.net/form/reparations-past-present-and-future.html>

Please invite your friends and family to attend.

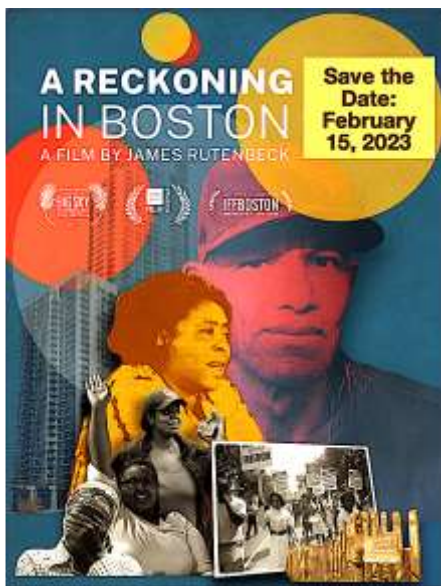
○ **Miriam Asnes** – Office of the State Dept. Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues. She will explore the evolution of German reparations to Jewish survivors and families of Holocaust victims.

○ **Margie Yamamoto** – a sought-after speaker who grew up in incarceration camps for Japanese Americans during WWII and who received reparation from the U.S. gov't.

○ **Na'tisha Mills** – Program Director of Embrace Boston, formerly King Boston, the organization responsible for the MLK Embrace Monument. Ms. Mills will speak about reparations for black descendants of slavery.

**Moderator: Rev. John Gibbons**, Minister of Good Trouble at Arlington St. Church, and Minister Emeritus of Bedford UU Church. The panel will be followed by Q&A.

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**WHEN:** Wed., **FEB. 15, 2023** (honoring Black History month)

**LOCATION:** Ipswich High School Auditorium (DPAC) 134 High Street, Ipswich, MA

**TIME:** Doors open at 6:30pm Film starts at 7:00pm

**Welcome ALL Free Event!**

**Join the Ipswich Community for a film screening and discussion Sponsored by:**

**Ascension Memorial Church**

**Ipswich Human Rights Commission**

**Ipswich ReCreation & Culture**

**Ipswich Together**

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Feb 16

## SpeakOut Virtual Event: Angela Davis and Stacey Patton in Conversation

Live Virtual Event! All who register will get a link to the recording after.

By [SpeakOut - the Institute for Democratic Education and Culture](#)

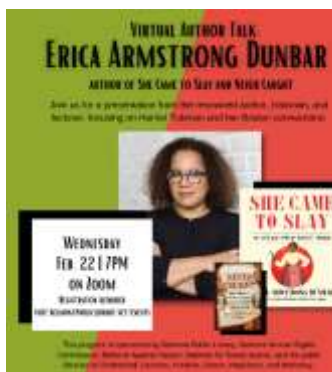
Date and time

Thu, February 16, 2023, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM PST

**Location** Online

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## UPCOMING NFSJ EVENT



### Erica Armstrong Dunbar Virtual Author Talk | Wednesday, February 22 | 7:00PM | Virtual Program

Together with the Belmont Public Library, Belmont Human Rights Commission, Belmont Against Racism, and the public libraries of Chelmsford, Danvers, Franklin, Groton, Hopkinton, and Wellesley, the NFSJ is thrilled to welcome Erica Armstrong Dunbar for a virtual author talk. Dunbar is a renowned author, historian, and lecturer, focusing on Harriet Tubman and her Boston connections. Register [here](#).

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## Anti-racism work is not charity work

December 28, 2022 by Shay

<https://www.greatclips.com/about-us/giving/clips-of-kindness#:~:text=All%20Great%20Clips%20salons%20in,customer%20and%20their%20loved%20ones.>

## Connections and understanding

January 7, 2023 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/activism/connections-and-understanding/#more-16818>

# BEYOND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: A GUIDE



<https://nativegov.org/resources/beyond-land-acknowledgment-a-guide/>



## ROYALL HOUSE & SLAVE QUARTERS

### Joint Press Release from Harvard University and the Royall House and Slave Quarters

#### **Harvard University and Royall House and Slave Quarters to Strengthen Ties** *The two institutions sign agreement to collaborate on education and research opportunities*

Harvard University and the Royall House and Slave Quarters in Medford, Massachusetts today announced a cooperation agreement to strengthen their collaboration on future research and educational programming. Harvard Law School also announced that it will provide a gift of \$500,000 in financial support to the Royall House and Slave Quarters to help fund its staffing, operational, preservation, and other needs and to support the development of new community programming...

The [Royall House and Slave Quarters](#) functions as a site of memory. In the eighteenth century, the plantation was home to the Royalls, the largest slaveholding family in Massachusetts, and at least sixty enslaved women, men, and children whose forced labor helped build the Royall family's wealth. As one of the only remaining freestanding quarters where enslaved people lived and worked in the North, the museum bears witness to their lives, to the intertwined stories of wealth and bondage in pre-Revolutionary Massachusetts, and to the resistance and political and legal activism of enslaved and free Black people in the eighteenth century.

The cooperation agreement and donation announced today follow the release by Harvard University of a report on [Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery](#), which recounts in detail the many ways Harvard University participated in, and profited from, slavery, as well as the long and painful history of discrimination against Black people by the University long after slavery was abolished by the 13th Amendment. In addition to the steps the University is taking to implement the report's recommendations, Harvard Law School has announced [several initiatives](#) to commemorate and honor the enslaved people whose labor generated wealth that contributed to the School's founding and to better understand the legacy of slavery and the unfinished work of advancing racial justice.

<https://royallhouse.org/whats-happening/news-and-events/>



**NOW is the moment to figure out how we can empty Framingham and close it forever - not rebuild or replace it. At the same time, we are #ReimaginingCommunities to create and sustain the infrastructure that women and their families need to thrive.**

### **Invitations**

Please join us for our virtual campaign relaunch for more exciting updates and insight into our work to end the incarceration of women and girls, including our #ReimaginingCommunities organizing!

**Monday January 30**

**6pm on Zoom**

Register here: [bit.ly/freeher2023](https://bit.ly/freeher2023)

<https://www.nationalcouncil.us/>

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### **Morning Show with Mary Jacobsen - January 26th, 2023 - Kurt Braddock**

Mary Jacobsen talks with Kurt Braddock, Assistant Professor of Public Communications at American University. **Braddock is the author of “Weaponized Words: the Strategic Role of Persuasion in Violent Radicalization and Counter-radicalization,”** published by Cambridge University Press in 2020. Braddock explains “stochastic terror,” a term that is showing up with growing frequency in news and commentary in reference to political, antisemitic, or racially motivated acts of violence such as the assault on Paul Pelosi. Stochastic is a term related to statistics, referring to events that are likely to occur, but do so at random. As Braddock says, “think of sitting on your front porch watching dark storm clouds roll into your neighborhood. You can be pretty sure lightning is going to strike soon, but you can’t know exactly when or where.” Stochastic terror refers to violent acts that are not directly ordered, but are almost certain to happen in response to a volume of dehumanizing and inflammatory, mass mediated rhetoric about a person or group that implicitly advocates for or justifies violence. “When you’re reaching millions of people” with such messages, Braddock says, “you approach near certainty” that someone will respond to incendiary rhetoric with violence. Although such indirect incitement is protected free speech, Braddock believes that public education about the strategy and hazards of stochastic terror can give us a means of “attitudinal inoculation” against calls to political violence. By discerning when inflammatory rhetoric from leaders is being used as a “political communication tool,” we can “demand greater responsibility from our elected leaders.” Link to audio version: <https://soundcloud.com/ncmhub/morning...>

Or read this article **Inside the race to develop a vaccine for our other pandemic: Hate**

A little-noticed group of government-funded researchers is developing a clever inoculation against the disinformation and violence threatening American democracy.

By [David Scharfenberg](#) Globe Staff, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/02/05/opinion/inside-race-develop-vaccine-our-other-pandemic-hate/>