

May, 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 25th of EACH MONTH.



PATRIOTISM DISTORTED: COMMUNITY & INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY

Join us for lively discussion into how political division has tried to erase the identities of the people who make up communities in the name of nationalism and patriotism.

- **Keynote Speaker:** Edward Carson, Dean of Multicultural Education at Governor's Academy
- **TED Talk** by former Governor Deval Patrick "A Different Understanding of American Patriotism"
- Take a **survey** on what patriotism means to you! Scan QR code to participate.



Sign up to attend - Space is limited.

In person: email paulaestey@yahoo.com

Online Zoom registration: bit.ly/40FNV6i

**Wednesday,
April 26
6:30 - 8 p.m**



Edward Carson



The PEG Center for Art & Activism

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Minding the Gap: Gender and the Mental Health Crisis

Friday, April 28, 9 AM ET
Knafel Center OR Online on Zoom

This year's gender conference will explore the relationship between gender and mental health from an intersectional perspective, with a focus on youth, underserved communities, and the impact of social justice issues. Speakers will consider the relations between gender and mental health along multiple axes - including genetics, lived experience, vulnerabilities, disparate impacts, and access to healthcare. Finally, we will discuss ways to increase resilience and focus on prevention. Free & open to the public.

[Register for Apr. 28 Conference](#)



ALNOBA

BRING LEADERS TO CHANGE THE WORLD



SPEAKER SERIES:
SEEKING INDIGENOUS TRUTHS
WITH LEGAL ACTIVIST
CHRISTA BIG CANOE

We are so grateful to have Christa traveling from Toronto, Canada to speak!

Thursday May 4th from 5PM to 7PM

Doors open at 4PM for time to enjoy a glass of wine from the cash bar and explore Alnoba's ground and art.

Join us for an intimate conversation with Christa Big Canoe, Legal Director for Aboriginal Legal Services, who served as lead counsel for Canada's National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls.

Christa Big Canoe introduces herself as a mother and a lawyer. But you don't have to speak with her long to notice that beyond these labels is a change-maker.

Known for her role as senior legal counsel for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWAG), Christa has devoted herself to rerouting centuries of deadly and discriminatory action toward Canada's First Peoples. Her approach is to find systemic changes to systemic problems. And her vision for change is rooted in storytelling.

[Click here for tickets.](#)



ROWLEY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION TO IMMIGRATION

WHERE: Virtual via Zoom

COST: Free

CONTACT: Amy Roderick 978-948-2850 [Email](#)

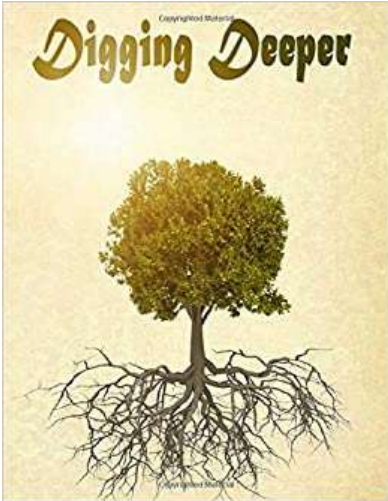


Join [MIRA Coalition](#) for this Intro to Immigration Series with relevant, up-to-date and accurate information on immigration topics. Open to all who would like to increase their knowledge of immigration-related topics and learn about helpful resources for immigrant populations.

Registration is required for the event, which will take place on Zoom. Registrants will receive a link to access each Zoom Event via email.

Monday, May 8 – [Immigration Policy Updates and the Work Ahead](#): It can be challenging to stay current with the ever-changing landscape of immigration policy. Learn some of the changes that have occurred over the past year and what MIRA Coalition’s advocacy is focused on for the future.

http://www.rowleylibrary.org/event/introduction-to-immigration/?instance_id=10462



Beyond White Fragility: Digging Deeper

Marian Leighton Levy

In this 4-meeting class, Marian will lead the class in reading and discussing selections from Robin D.G. Kelley’s now-classic book on this topic. The goal is to learn more about the major role and contributions of the Black Radical Imagination in the history of the social, cultural, and intellectual history in the U.S. overall. There is no more inspiring single book on this often-overlooked and under-appreciated area than this one, whether as introduction or for digging deeper. All readings are from the text, “Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination.” Purchase of the book, available in paperback, is recommended.

Marian Leighton Levy is a co-founder of Rounder Records and has been involved in radical politics since the late 1960s. She has co-facilitated or taught several other Lyceum courses.

Four, 2-hour sessions: Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Begins May 9, 2023.

Location: Paula Estey Gallery, 3 Harris Street, Newburyport.

Cost: \$40.

Class Limit: 15.

<https://newburyportadulthood.org/product/beyond-white-fragility-digging-deeperbeyond-white-fragility-digging-deeperwhite-fragility-digging-deeper/>

I participated in this event a few yrs. ago in person, and it was really powerful. I highly recommend it.



Wabanaki REACH
Truth • Healing • Change

Th., MAY 4th, 6 pm or

Tu., MAY 9th, 2023 AT 12 PM

Interacting With Wabanaki / Maine History - Public

Online event

Event by **Wabanaki REACH**

We invite you to join us via Zoom on May 9th, 12:00pm for the program Interacting with Wabanaki Maine History, a **two-hour interactive experience in which we engage in a story of particular events in the history of 400-years of colonization of Wabanaki people by Europeans in this territory now called the state of Maine.**

This experience will help deepen understanding of colonization and what it means for each of us now and for the future generations of Mainers, providing an opportunity to reflect on the story we are currently writing for our descendants.

Are you willing to take on a short reading that will be provided to you before the event? Let us know by contacting us at the email listed on our website Registration Page.

This program is free and open to the public - Space is limited and registration is required.

To Register click here: https://www.wabanakireach.org/upcoming_events

Generous individual financial contributions make programing like this available. We invite you to support this work by visiting our Donation page



1 Market Sq., Newburyport, MA 01950

American Promise - A Multicultural, Multimedia Performance

May 11 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



\$20/All Tickets

PURCHASE TICKETS

MUSIC – DANCE – POP – POETRY – SPOKEN WORD – AND MORE

Join us for an energetic, thought-provoking evening of entertainment and community with artists from across the region. Hear fresh voices and BIPOC perspectives about what it means to be an American in today's challenging climate. United We Stand!

Featuring Lisa Miller-Gillespie, Michelle Lapoetica Richardson, Wangari Fahari, Michelle Aguilon, Otto de la Cruz, and Ubuyle Toyvo Narwele

PURCHASE TICKETS



REPARATIONS FOR WHAT?

A HISTORY OF ENSLAVEMENT IN THE MYSTIC VALLEY AND BEYOND

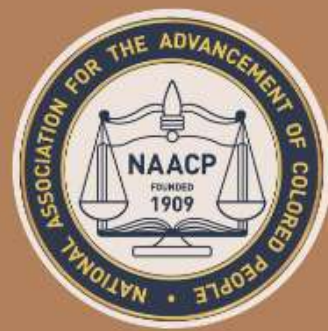
Tuesday May 16, 2023 ~ 7:00-8:30pm
Virtual Program



JOIN THE
CONVERSATION
&
REGISTER TODAY

NAACP

MYSTIC VALLEY AREA



WWW.MVA-NAACP.ORG/

COMMUNITY EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

Educate The Educators

Panel Discussion

Phillips Exeter Academy Assembly Hall
May 17th, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Featuring:
Saniyah Bolton '24
Janaya Springer '23
Yasmin Salerno '23
Rowan Flanagan '24




Moderator:
Kevin Pajaro-Mariñez

Come join us for a conversation about the importance of youth activism and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in the classroom!

Free Admission | Refreshments Provided

USE THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW TO REGISTER
<https://tinyurl.com/educatetheedu>

PRESENTED BY THE BLM SEACOAST YOUTH DIVISION AND PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL EQUITY COUNCIL



May 17 | 6:00 to 7:30PM | Educate the Educators | Exeter, NH

Panel Discussion

The Black Lives Matter Seacoast Youth Division, in collaboration with the Portsmouth Equity Council, is hosting the second iteration of a community event called *Educate the Educators*.

Join them for a student-led panel that highlights the importance of youth activism and diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) in the classroom. This event provides an opportunity for educators, students, and community members in New Hampshire to engage in critical reflection and dialogue about the landscape of K-12 education and beyond. This free event is both in-person and virtual.

Find more information and RSVP [here](https://tinyurl.com/educatetheedu)



Thursday, May 18, 2023
7:30 p.m. ET on Zoom

Join us for an important program. Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath, author of *#antisemitism: Coming of Age During the Resurgence of Hate*, will offer suggestions and answer questions about how to talk to children about antisemitism. Additional resources will be provided. The program is free, and everyone is welcome. For more information, please email dcoltin@lappinfoundation.org.

REGISTER HERE FOR THE ZOOM LINK

Registration is open for our **Confronting White Supremacy virtual Symposium on Saturday May 20th, 2023 from 10am - 2pm**. Please join us, and share with your friends, family, workplaces, community groups, and networks. All are welcome, as we need each one of us together to make a difference against the behemoth that is white supremacy.

REGISTER HERE

We have **an incredible lineup of speakers and workshops** that you don't want to miss. Attendees will have the chance to hear from:

- **Muslim Justice League's** executive director, Fatema Ahmad
- **local award-winning investigative journalist**, Phillip Martin
- **professor and antifascist community organizer**, Mimi Arbeit
- **SURJ** Director of Political Education, Hilary Moore
- **Political Research Associates** Senior Research Analyst, Heron Greenesmith...

and more!

For more information, visit **the CCI website's event page**.

REGISTER HERE



Community Change Inc.

CONFRONTING WHITE SUPREMACY SYMPOSIUM

ONLINE
Saturday, May 20th, 10am-2pm

Overt white supremacist and neo-Nazi organizing, though certainly not new, has become increasingly visible in New England over the past few years. A well-organized and community-based response is urgently needed to prevent the situation from worsening.

CCI is working with friends, volunteers, and comrades from Showing Up for Racial Justice Boston (SURJ) on this virtual symposium designed to inform and prepare everyday people to find their role in this effort.

- Increase basic literacy and understanding around the white supremacist movements organizing in New England communities
- Prepare and empower people to take action
- Provide some basic training for challenging these movements, with a role for everyone to play

JOIN US IN BUILDING ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY
[Register here](#)

reduced price solidarity ticket pricing available by directly emailing jake@communitychangeinc.org (for security reasons)

Additional Training Opportunity

Active Bystander Intervention training (virtual via Zoom)

led by Prevention.Action.Change | sponsored by Greater Portland SURJ chapter

April 27th - 5:30 - 7pm - [Register Here](#)

May 17th - 5:30 - 7pm - [Register Here](#)

Gain awareness and tools to safely and effectively intervene when you witness incidents from microaggressions to threats of harm based on race and the intersecting identities of gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, and other factors. Learn methods for managing adrenaline, assessing situations, and engaging other bystanders all with the goal of increasing the safety of the person or group targeted. Explore the concepts of calling in vs. calling out and ways to assist that respect the autonomy and choices of the person(s) targeted. **Free class: Open to all ages 14 and up.**



ROYALL HOUSE &
SLAVE QUARTERS

Taylor's "Concentrate"

Poet Courtney Faye Taylor explores the under-told history of Latasha Harlins

By **Royall House and Slave Quarters**

Date & time Tuesday, May 23 · 7 - 8pm EDT

Location Online

Refund Policy

Contact the organizer to request a refund.

Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.

About this event

"This is not the cold archival work of gathering facts from acid-free boxes but archive as grieving, improvisation, autobiography and kinship." -- Ryan Lee Wong, *Los Angeles Times*

"*Concentrate* should be required reading for anyone who seeks to commit themselves to Black-Asian solidarity as theory and/or practice. This is a major work, a profoundly moving anti-erasure crafted with equal parts ingenuity and care." -- Franny Choi, author of *The World Keeps Ending, and the World Goes On*

In *Concentrate*, Courtney Faye Taylor explores the under-told history of the murder of Latasha Harlins -- a fifteen-year-old Black girl killed by Korean American shopkeeper, Soon Ja Du, after being falsely accused of shoplifting a bottle of orange juice.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poetry-as-protest-courtney-faye-taylors-concentrate-tickets-551567201347>

Save the Date!



PEACE PRIZE – June 1st, 6-9 pm



What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is an American Holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865, the date that enslaved Black people of Galveston, Texas, learned that President Abraham Lincoln had freed enslaved people in rebel states two and a half years earlier. 250,000 Black Americans learned of their freedom on that day!

Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom.

Juneteenth is
a day to focus on the complexity of
the Black American experience.

Upcoming Events

April 30, 2023

Local Black Excellence 5k

Rolly's Tavern, 338 Broadway, Lynn, Ma. 01904

[Register!](#)

May 13, 2023

Hats & Heels Tea

Salem, Ma

[Tickets](#)

<https://north-shore-juneteenth-assoc.constantcontactsites.com/juneteenth-celebrations->



[Black Heritage Trail NH](#)

Juneteenth Celebration 2023

Reading the Bones: Celebrating the African Diaspora

June 10, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2023

The celebration includes a tour, a panel discussion, a Reggae festival, a gospel choir concert, African drumming, and more...

Reading the bones is both an ancient and modern form of divination found in all civilizations. Divination is among the earliest human spiritual practices concerned with choosing actions that were in accord with the “will of heaven” to allay uncertainty, heal illness, or navigate issues of tribal importance.

Interestingly, the casting and reading of the bones take on a different connotation when we consider the rediscovery of the 18th-century African burying ground in Portsmouth, NH. This accidental unearthing of African remains on a city street that had been forgotten, paved over, and built upon forced the city and the state at large to acknowledge their history of enslaving humans and the presence of Africans in the region before enslavement.

BHTNH offers this weeklong Juneteenth celebration to honor these early African settlers and their descendants for their extraordinary contributions to the growth of this region. We honor the African traders who interacted with the Indigenous tribal nations long before European settlers landed on these shores. We honor the Africans who survived the Middle Passage and the successive generations of the African diaspora who continue to contribute to the development, wealth, and well-being of New England.

Event Sponsored by:



In Partnership with:

3S Artspace, Atlantic Media, Black Lives Matter Seacoast, Business Association for People Of Color, Canterbury Shaker Village, Currier Museum of Art, NAACP Seacoast, New Hope Baptist Church, Nikkita Productions, Players' Ring, PMAC, Rachel One Love, Racial Unity Team, Seacoast African American Cultural Center, South Church Unitarian Universalist Church, Strawberry Banke Museum, Theatre for the People, The Music Hall & Vida Cantina.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 10 | Bus Tour, Canterbury Shaker Village | \$35 - \$45

AFRICAN ROOTS: HERBAL MEDICINE, INOCULATION & THE SHAKER CONNECTION



By the beginning of the nineteenth century, Europeans and Africans living in America joined with Native Americans, creating plant-based therapies to care for the body. The Shakers, at Canterbury and other villages, not only adopted some of these therapies but also refined and sold their own remedies.

Join Curator and Historian Dr. Shirley Wajda for a special talk and tour on the history of medicine at Canterbury Shaker Village. Participants will explore several buildings including the Infirmary and the Syrup Shop. Additionally, Dr. Wajda will place the Shakers' use and development of medicine in the broader context of early American life. Along the way, participants will learn more about Sister Edith Green an African American Shaker who lived, worked, and worshipped at Canterbury Shaker Village.

Tour Guide: Dr. Shirley Wajda

Tour Bus will pick up participants at Connect Community Church in Portsmouth NH, located off I-95, exit 7
Address: 200 Chase Dr, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Bus Pick Up: 9:15 AM

Bus Arrives: 10:30 AM

Tour Starts: 11:00 AM

The event is brought to you in partnership with Canterbury Shaker Village

[REGISTER AND PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Wednesday, June 14 | Panel Discussion | 6:00 PM | Currier Museum | Manchester, NH

STILL, UPROOTED? HEARTACHE AND HOPE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



In 2009, the Center for the Humanities at the University of New Hampshire produced a 30-minute documentary, **Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire**, that featured the lives of five refugees who were re-settled in New Hampshire. They told their personal stories of war, persecution, refugee camps, and starting again in New Hampshire. Umija and Rasim Gusinac, Udai Baskota, Zahara Mahitula, and Munaf Mahmood come from different countries and backgrounds, but they are part of New Hampshire's ongoing demographic narrative.

This program will revisit the narrative from the film as we learn where these individuals' journeys have taken them, particularly their continued search to establish a home and develop a sense of belonging in our state.

Presenters:

Rashida Eltag Mohamed, Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocate, Manchester Police Department

Anzura Gakwaya, Community Building Specialist, NeighborWorks Southern New Hampshire

Fisto Ndayishimiye, Lead Organizer, Change for Concord

Moderator:

Grace Kindeke, Program Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee NH

Brought to you in partnership with the Currier Museum of Art, this event is free and open to the public.

[REGISTER HERE FOR IN PERSON](#)

[REGISTER HERE FOR VIRTUAL](#)

Friday, June 16 | 5:00 PM | Art Exhibit | 3S Artspace | Portsmouth

IF YOU KNEW, LET IT BE US



McKinley Wallace III, a mixed-media painter and art educator, paints, draws, and collages to tell stories of power manifested in resilient peoples.

Exploring race, history, and intersectionality, Wallace’s artistic ideas are often expressed in a graphic style that incorporates realism, minimalism, and hard-edge painting. Strengthened by my role as a Black educator, I capture moments of atmospheric and direct tension and rebellion to rattle America’s exclusionary ideals and legacies – choices enacted by the impact of deferring Black joy for centuries.

Join us for this opening reception where McKinley Wallace and the other artist sharing the Gallery space at the same time will be engaging in a moderated artist conversation together to talk about their work and process, and open questions up to Gallery attendees as well as those watching via live stream on Twitch.

This event is brought to you by 3S Artspace. It is free and open to the public.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

JUNE 17, 2023
JUNETEENTH REGGAE FESTIVAL

**Chanting Down Babylon:
Redemption Songs of the
Diaspora**

WWW.BLACKHERITAGETRAILNH.ORG
PHONE: (603) 570-8469

NOON - 10 PM
STRAWBERY BANKE
MUSEUM GROUNDS
PORTSMOUTH, NH

12 PM
LOCAL
BANDS

FEATURING:
DJ MAM * JAH SPIRIT * ADRIENNE MACK-DAVIS
FROCA FITNESS * DIS N DAT

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6 PM
REGGAE
LEGENDS

FEATURING:
DERRICK BARNETT
& STATEMENT BAND

HEADLINERS:
MARCIA GRIFFITHS * GLEN WASHINGTON * LADY G * BRIGADIER JERRY
***NADINE SUTHERLAND * ONYX BROWN**

It is not an overstatement to say that world culture has been influenced by Jamaican reggae music and culture. With its roots grounded in an African sensibility of expressing philosophical words through music, its slow rhythmic beat, its militant, rebellious, and spiritual lyrics, and its positive message about unity, reggae continues to be a source for highlighting issues of social justice.

This festival celebrates the music of the African Diaspora and honors the legacy of roots reggae. Join us for performances by reggae legends, Marcia Griffiths, Brigadier Jerry, Nadine Southerland, Onix Brown, Lady G, and Glen Washington; Caribbean foods, craft vendors, and a chance to vibe to great music.

"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain." Robert Nesta Marley.

[READ MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Sunday, June 18 | 4:00 PM | Dance Performance | Music Hall | Portsmouth | \$30 - \$70

CAMILLE A. BROWN & DANCERS: RECLAIMING BLACK NARRATIVES



In African societies, dance serves many complex social purposes. Often there is no clear distinction between ritual celebration, social recreation, and history-keeping. African Diasporic dances, Samba and tap dance, line dance, hip hop, Capoeira, and twerking are all dance styles that have their origins on the continent of Africa.

Camille A. Brown and Dancers is a group that is reclaiming Black narratives for Black and brown people and elevating African Diasporic culture to its rightful place in American society. Spreading the joy of dance, they create and present performances that celebrate community, investigate historical and contemporary culture and recognize our shared humanity.

The event is brought to you by the Music Hall

[READ MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Monday, June 19 | 11:00 AM | African Drumming | African Burying Ground | FREE

THE HEALING RHYTHM OF THE DRUMS



Traditionally the drum was the heartbeat and soul of African communities, thus holding deep historic and symbolic significance. The drums herald political and social events and ceremonies of birth, death, and

marriage. They spark courtships, home-coming and going, and accompany religious rites and rituals that call up ancestral spirits while creating an atmosphere that promotes healing and social resilience.

This commemorative event, live streaming from the Portsmouth African Burying Ground, pays homage to the ancestors buried there. The healing beat of the drums provided by **Akwaaba Ensemble**, an African drumming and dance group, and a ceremony by **Rev. Robert Thompson** will honor the ancestors who survived upon these shores.

The Event is Free and Open to the Public.

Monday, June 19 | 2:00 PM | Gospel Choir Performance | South Church | \$35 pp

FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA: WE ARE THE DRUMS



Performance plays a key role in narrating the African story in America. The Negro spirituals sung by enslaved Africans laid the foundation for today's gospel, blues, jazz, and rap music. All of these musical forms provide artists the chance to express the Black experience.

Returning to Portsmouth, **The Howard Gospel Choir**, a group of students, alumni, and community members from Howard University, will lift our spirits as we celebrate, heal, and empower our communities. As the first college choir of its kind in the world, the Howard Gospel Choir is a trailblazer for gospel music ministries on collegiate campuses across the globe.

Choir Members Include:

Choir Director: Ray Bramble

Cost is \$35 per person. Space is Limited.

The event is brought to you in partnership with South Church Unitarian Universalist Church, Portsmouth NH

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)



Listen to REVEAL

Buried Secrets: America's Indian Boarding Schools Part 1

After decades of stripping away Native American identity from its students, a Catholic boarding school seeks to help the community heal.

https://revealnews.org/podcast/buried-secrets-americas-indian-boarding-schools-part-1-2023/?utm_source=reveal-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly-reveal&mc_cid=42add0fcf2&mc_eid=dd77a6388c



Vatican formally rejects 'Doctrine of Discovery' after Indigenous calls

Politics Mar 30, 2023 3:59 PM EDT

The Vatican on Thursday responded to Indigenous demands and formally repudiated the “Doctrine of Discovery,” the theories backed by 15th-century “papal bulls” that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property laws today.

[https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/vatican-formally-rejects-doctrine-of-discovery-after-indigenous-calls#:~:text=VATICAN%20CITY%20\(AP\)%20%E2%80%94%20The,of%20some%20property%20laws%20today.](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/vatican-formally-rejects-doctrine-of-discovery-after-indigenous-calls#:~:text=VATICAN%20CITY%20(AP)%20%E2%80%94%20The,of%20some%20property%20laws%20today.)



Saturday afternoon and a racist rally: A Portland story

April 2, 2023 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/racial-and-cultural/saturday-afternoon-and-a-racist-rally-a-portland-story/>

Diversity, equity, inclusion and...Nazis? Oh, my!

April 13, 2023 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/racial-and-cultural/diversity-equity-inclusion-and-nazis-oh-my/>

Racism strikes, my blood pressure spikes

April 21, 2023 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/maine/white-folks/racism-strikes-my-blood-pressure-spikes/#more-17339>

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Great ideas and project worth exploring --

PLACE JUSTICE is a statewide truth-seeking and historical recovery initiative of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations that seeks to engage **Wabanaki and Maine communities** in examining a wide range of commemorative practices to better understand the ways in which racialized and Indigenous populations are represented in or absent from the narratives inscribed on our natural and built environment.

At its core, the Place Justice initiative is about making Maine a place that is safe and welcoming, where all people experience a deep sense of belonging and feel protected based on their inherent dignity and worth.

Who gets memorialized through naming practices and historical markers is a strong indicator of a society's values and its dominant sense of collective identity. By considering place names as well as monuments, historical plaques, exhibitions, cemeteries, and other forms of remembrance at the local

level, this community-engaged inquiry will reveal some of the ways in which ideas about our collective identity are crafted, circulated, and contested.



Names Matter

Regional & National Initiatives to Address Racist Place Names

With Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Janae Ladet, Maurice Turner, Christine Johnson, & Bob Greene

- [Recording](#) – watch this interesting 90” recording/discussion
- [A Guide to Changing Racist and Offensive Place Names in the United States](#) – fantastic guide to support your work

<https://www.pcritp.me/PlaceJusticeProject>

The Morning Show with Mary Jacobsen - April 6th, 2023 "Intersex" Kimberly Zieselman

On this episode (33 min.), Mary Jacobsen speaks with Kimberly Zieselman about her book, *XOXY*, an award-winning memoir of her personal and professional intersex journey. Zieselman is an intersex woman, lawyer and human rights advocate. She served as the executive director of interACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth. In 2022 the State Dept. appointed her Senior Advisor to the Special Envoy for LGBTQI+ Human Rights.

Zieselman explains the meaning of intersex, which refers to someone born with sex characteristics (chromosomes, reproductive organs or genitalia) that don't line up with typical definitions of either a "male" or "female" body. Nearly 2% of the world's population are born intersex, about the same number of people who have green eyes. Zieselman will correct common misconceptions of what it means to be intersex, and will describe how binary notions of gender and sex embedded in U.S. health care have contributed to life-long harms of intersex persons, including surgical interventions performed on infants. For information about *XOXY: a Memoir*, visit <https://www.xoxykz.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5HBDcvfZMs>
