

October, 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.

SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE SEAL AND MOTTO OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Dear Massachusetts Resident,

We are inviting you to join us in designing a new seal and motto for Massachusetts.

On behalf of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, we asked the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts Boston (CSR) to work with us and help us learn how residents view the seal and motto and to gather public input that represents the diversity of communities and perspectives in the Commonwealth.

Please use the link below to find a survey that asks about your familiarity with the current seal and motto of the Commonwealth and your input on the new design.

How can I help? Complete the survey and let us know what you think! It should take less than 10 minutes of your time and is **due by Sept. 27th**.
You can either:

Follow this link: <https://bit.ly/StateSealSurvey> or Copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cLQTE29dnADwfAy

Why this survey is important? By answering this survey, you will contribute to the creation of a more inclusive state symbol that represents all residents, regardless of background or origin.

Are my answers confidential? Your answers are confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside the research team. All answers will be combined into a general report that will make recommendations for the new design of the seal and motto.

What if I have other questions? If you have any questions, please contact Ebony Haley at CSR at 617-287-7205 or email her at Ebony.Haley@umb.edu.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to our work.

Together, we can create a symbol that reflects the spirit and unity of Massachusetts!

Brian Boyles (Co-Chair), Mass Humanities

Brian Moskwetah Weeden (Co-Chair), Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Michael Comeau (Co-Vice Chair), Massachusetts Archives & Commonwealth Museum

Brittney Peauwe Wunnepog Walley (Co-Vice Chair), Representative,

Hassanamisco Nipmuc Tribe

For background on why the current seal is considered by many to be offensive & harmful to Native Americans –



Why is a change needed?

The imagery of the Massachusetts Flag and Seal – a white hand holding a Colonial sword over the head of an Indigenous person, above a Latin motto that translates: “She Seeks by the Sword a Quiet Peace under Liberty” – is seen by many as a symbol of violence against Indigenous people, and a memorial to the violent colonization of their homelands. Finally, Native leaders of the area are being consulted about a new design for a flag and seal that may better express the ideals of peace, justice, and equality for all the people who now call the Commonwealth their home.

[LEARN MORE](#)

<https://changethemassflag.com/>

Bill forces change in state flag, motto

Christian Wade, Statehouse Reporter
Newburyport Daily News Sept. 12, 2023

BOSTON — The state would be forced to change its flag and motto under a proposal filed by a group who argue that it symbolizes the brutal suppression of the region’s Indigenous people at the hands of Colonial governments. The legislation, if approved, would require the state Legislature to pass a measure ordering a change to the seal. If the Legislature fails to do, the governor would be required to issue an executive order mandating the changes.

The bill, filed by a group of Weymouth residents, states that Massachusetts residents “continue living with great dishonor and deep stain as a result of the treacherous, murderous ways of Captain Myles Standish and his dishonorable ilk” following a surprise attack April 6, 1623, that killed several Indigenous leaders. “It is particularly difficult to see how the menacing image of Captain Myles Standish’s arm and broadsword held above the head of the indigenous native benefits the proud people of the commonwealth,” the bill’s authors wrote. The bill would also require the state to change the name of Myles Standish State Park in Plymouth to Massachusetts State Park to “honor the indigenous natives of the-then Wessagussett Colony known as the Massachuset.”

The proposal comes as a state commission formed several years ago to consider changes to the state flag and motto continues to work on a new design. The commission is expected to file a final report on its efforts by mid-November. The state flag, designed nearly 240 years ago, features a coat of arms and a Native American clutching a bow and arrow, with an arm above him holding a broadsword. Below is a motto, “Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem,” which translates from Latin to, “By the sword we seek peace, but peace under liberty.” The logo is used virtually everywhere in state government, from Statehouse offices to state police cruisers to the governor’s letterhead.

Indigenous tribal leaders say the flag and logo are painful reminders of the Colonial experience that, like Confederate monuments in the South, should be removed. Legislation to change them has been filed every two years for more than two decades, but it has never gained traction. Native Americans also protest the use of mascot names and images such as “Redskins” and “Sachems” as derogatory, while some communities defend them as a celebration of native culture bound in local tradition. Several states – including Maine, Oregon and California – have banned the use of Native American mascots, but state leaders in Massachusetts have been reluctant to get involved, instead leaving decisions to local leaders.

Christian M. Wade covers the Massachusetts Statehouse for North of Boston Media Group’s newspapers and websites. Email him at cwade@cnhinews.com



Our bill to enact Indigenous People’s Day will likely be heard before the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** (room and time TBD). In the legislative process, the committee hearing is a critical step. That’s why we need you so that the legislators will understand there is broad support for Indigenous Peoples Day. Here are things you can do to help us show the committee that we will not be turned away from justice:

1. Save the date of October 3, [RSVP to come to the hearing in person](#) and help us pack the room (we know our opposition will be there).
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Thank you for taking action and for sharing with your friends and community. We appreciate your support of the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda bills and can’t do this without you!

Sincerely,

Mahtowin Munro (United American Indians of New England and IndigenousPeoplesDayMA.org)
and

Jean-Luc Pierite (Board chair, North American Indian Center of Boston)

On behalf of the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda

Housing Production Plan Virtual Sub-Regional Session – Amesbury, Andover, Groveland, Newburyport, North Andover & Salisbury

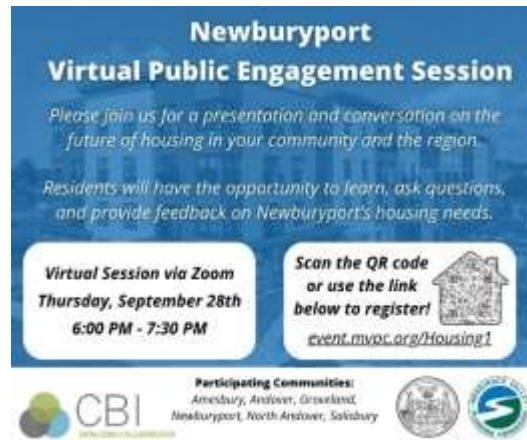
Event Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Newburyport residents are encouraged to join us for an engaging virtual session on the community and region's current housing status. Learn about and discuss what work is underway to tackle housing challenges on the local level, as well as the tools and strategies that can be used to create further housing opportunity in Newburyport. This session is part of a series of engagement opportunities across the region to help inform local Housing Production Plan (HPP) updates and advance the conversation on housing in each community. Participants will be able to learn alongside residents of Amesbury, Andover, Groveland, North Andover, and Salisbury, followed by community-specific discussions where your observations, ideas, and vision for the future of housing will be shared.

Please register for the session at --

<https://cbuilding.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvduCrpj0uHNDLkAQvVTEQtO7JHxS9sef5#/registration>

or by scanning the flyer QR code. We look forward to your participation and the opportunity to learn from you.



Housing Production Plan 2023-2028 – Boxford, Georgetown, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, & West Newbury

A Housing *Production* Plan is a community's proactive strategy for planning and developing affordable housing. Newbury is working to update its 5-year plan, working collaboratively with private consultants and the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to collect data, understand local housing conditions and needs, and develop strategies that will meet the needs of residents today and in the future. The Housing Production Plan will examine Newbury's demographics, median income, home prices both for sale and rent, and identify both urgent and long-term housing needs. The data and strategies are not only useful to the town's staff and elected officials, but also to stakeholders involved in the production, preservation, planning, and zoning aspects of housing development in Newbury.


**Newbury Housing
Community Discussion**

Please join us for a presentation and conversation on the future of housing in your community and the region.

Residents will have the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and provide feedback on Newbury's housing needs.

Virtual Session via Zoom
Thursday, October 12th
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register!



event.mvpc.org/Housing2



Participating Communities:
Boxford, Georgetown, Merrimac,
Newbury, Rowley, West Newbury



All are invited to join us on Zoom on October 12, 2023, 6-7:30pm, to discuss housing needs and goals in Newbury!

RSVP here for the virtual meeting and Zoom link: event.mvpc.org/Housing2

Affordable Homeownership Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers

POSTED ON: AUGUST 10, 2023 - 9:34AM

8B Colby Farm Lane, Newburyport, MA

New Construction - (1) 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Unit Price \$319,100



Available to Eligible First-Time Homebuyers (exceptions apply)

Maximum Household Income:

- 1 person \$82,950
- 2 person \$94,800
- 3 person \$106,650
- 4 person \$118,450
- 5 person \$127,950
- 6 person \$137,450

Maximum Household Assets: \$75,000 (other restrictions apply)

**Public Information Meeting via Zoom:
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ 6 pm**

Meeting ID: 852 6774 8706, Passcode: 224059

**Affordable Housing Lottery via Zoom:
Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 6 pm**
Meeting ID: 837 0888 9452, Passcode: 938717

Application Deadline: October 6, 2023

Applications Available From and Must Be Returned To:

By mail or email: Kristen Costa, L.A. Associates (978) 758-0197 kriscosta@laassoc.com

Applications Also Available At:

Newburyport City Hall, 60 Pleasant St. (978) 465-4400

Public Library, 94 State St. (978) 465-4428

Download at: www.laassoc.com or www.mymasshome.org

<https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/affordable-housing-trust/news/affordable-homeownership-opportunity-for-first-time-homebuyers-0>

**Three Boston Way (Newburyport
Crossing Phase II)**

3 Boston Way, Newburyport, MA 01950

Affordability: Fixed rent at 80% AMI

- (6) Studio (accessible units available)
- (6) 1 bedroom (accessible units available)
- (6) 2 bedroom
- (3) bedroom (accessible units available)

[Available now!](#)



For listings to affordable housing opportunities around the state, Subscribe to Housing Navigator Massachusetts here, <https://housingnavigator.ma.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f98e6f810e47e93658b02e172&id=51763f2526>



Sat., Sept. 30, 2023

Orange Shirt Day started in Canada, it is also observed in the United States and has a growing global impact. Cultural Survival joins First Nations in Canada and Native communities in the United States in mourning the deaths and abuse of generations of Indigenous children at residential and boarding schools, as well as honoring their stories and the healing of survivors. We join in collective calls to action – the implementation of all 94 recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Canada, and the operationalization of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, particularly Article 7, which states: “Indigenous Peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.” Cultural Survival also joins in the calls asking Pope Francis to commit resources for justice, reconciliation, healing initiatives, and returning Indigenous lands.

<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/news/every-child-matters-september-30-orange-shirt-day>





One of our MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda bills (S.1976/H.2989) calls for Massachusetts to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day. At least fourteen states currently celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, including Maine and Vermont – but not Massachusetts.

Unfortunately, last year our bill that would have replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day died in committee because of intensive lobbying by anti-Native opposition who uphold the whitewashed legacy of Columbus despite mounds of historical evidence showing his role in genocide, the trafficking of young Indigenous women and much more. These forces even dared to claim victory.

We can't let this happen again. Our bill to enact Indigenous People's Day will likely be heard before the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 (room and time TBD). In the legislative process, the committee hearing is a critical step. That's why we need you – so that the legislators will understand there is broad support for Indigenous Peoples Day. Here are things you can do to help us show the committee that we will not be turned away from justice:

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Indigenous Peoples Day Observance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 10AM • 2023
WATERFRONT PARK, NEWBURYPORT, MA
RAINDATE: SUN, OCT. 8

**A FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, OUTDOOR GATHERING
TO CELEBRATE CONTEMPORARY
INDIGENOUS CULTURAL ARTS & DIVERSITY**

10am: Opening Ceremonies, followed by a day of Indigenous Music, Drumming, Dance, Storytelling, Cultural Presentations, Workshops, Artisans, Kids and Family Activities and More !

TO HONOR our region's Indigenous Pennacook, Wabanaki (Abenaki, Mi'kmaq, Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet), Wampanoag, Massachusetts, Nipmuc and all Native Peoples.
TO SUPPORT recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day at the city, state, and national level.



For a complete schedule of activities or more information on participating, volunteering and supporting this nonprofit event, contact Imagine Studios- 978-834-0367, www.imaginestudios.org

BIRCHBARK FEATHER ART: SIERRA HENRIES • POSTER: EDITH HEYCK

SPONSORS



Special thanks to our community partner, Newburyport DEI Alliance



We are seeking donations to directly support honorariums or lodging for regional Indigenous cultural presenters, performers, participants and organizations, including:

Drum/Dance/Song/Stories- Willow Greene (Abenaki), Onega Waya (White Wolf), Seth Willey

Wolf Cry Women Drummers & Singers

Cultural Education/ Family Activities- Wampum and Corn Husk Doll making workshops with Mashpee Wampanoag cultural educators Darius and Eleanor Coombs

Passamaquoddy linguist and educator Roger Paul

Taino educator Claudia Fox Tree

Cultural artifact table with Robert Whitehead, Mt. Kearsarge Museum educator

Family art and craft table with Sarah Small Turtle and Daniela Currie-Gutierrez

Chicki Red Dawn (Mi'kmaq)

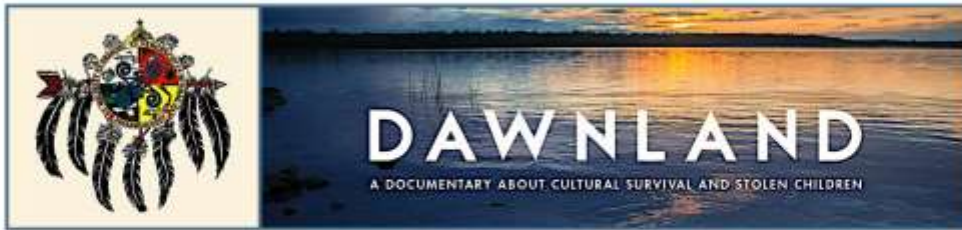
Poet Laureate Dan Speers

We are also seeking in-kind donations of hotel and guest accommodations, food, goods and services. Many of the Indigenous presenters are traveling great distances for this event.

This GoFundMe goes through a primary partner of this event, Imagine Studios, which is a 501c3 nonprofit community cultural arts organization -

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/e3gtmr-newburyport-indigenous-peoples-day-observance>

OBSERVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
FREE DOCUMENTARY FILMS WITH POST-FILM DISCUSSION



From the first-ever Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Native Americans, this documentary deals with cultural survival and stolen children, and the Commission's attempts to heal the wounds of a foster care system devastating Native American families. Winner of 2018 Emmy Award for Outstanding Research • 2020 American Library Association Notable Videos for Adults: www.dawnland.org



Penobscot parents and children resist erasure and commemorate survival by reading and reacting to one of the dozens of government-issued bounty proclamations that motivated colonial settlers to hunt, scalp, and murder Indigenous people: www.bountyfilm.org

6:30 p.m. Monday, October 9 OUTDOOR EVENT • Take Out Terrace, 4 Union St., Ipswich. Plenty of free parking • Chairs provided • Blankets encouraged
(Bad weather? Event moves to Boone Hall at Ascension Church, 31 County St.)
Donations will be accepted for the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness



**HASSANAMISCO
INDIAN FAIR**

HASSANAMESIT RESERVATION
 88 BRIGHAM HILL ROAD
 GRAFTON, MA

Gate Opens at 10am	Adults – \$5
Grand Entry at 12pm	Youth & Elders – \$2
All Dancers Welcome	Under 7 are free

OR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

Drumming	Dancing
Indigenous Crafts	Food

NO PETS, DRUGS, OR ALCOHOL

Indigenous Heritage Film Festival
October 9-14, 2023 • Gloucester, MA

Films by and/or about Indigenous People
14 Feature Length Films/19 Shorts
5 Cape Ann Venues

History • Drama • Comedy • Environment
Culture • Contemporary

These films will be screened on the unceded lands of
Pawtucket and other Indigenous Peoples.

ALL SCREENINGS FREE!
Advance Ticket Reservations Suggested.

Neil Diamond, Jonathan Lee, Roger Paul, Dennis & Paul Proctor, Spotted Cow Music, Amelia O'Rourke, Anna Johnson, Robbie Lepper, Mary Ellen Tapscott

<https://www.gloucesterma400.org/event/indigenous-film-festival/>



Sign to demand President Biden free Native activist Leonard Peltier

We recently marked the 50th anniversary of the occupation at Wounded Knee in 1973.

After the occupation, the FBI continued harassing members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and people at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for years -- including when a massive shootout in 1975 ended with three people dead: a young Native man and two FBI agents.

AIM activist Leonard Peltier was there that day, and was arrested despite a complete lack of evidence connecting him to the FBI agents' deaths.

Leonard Peltier is still serving time in a maximum security prison 48 years later.

Peltier continues to maintain his innocence -- and there's a LOT of evidence to back him up. We now know that the FBI coerced witnesses and threatened their families to get false statements, all of which the witnesses later recanted. The FBI also withheld key evidence showing that the bullets that killed the FBI officers did not come from Peltier's gun. And during the trial, one of the jurors even admitted to prejudice against Peltier for being Native.

A former FBI agent familiar with his case has written to President Biden asking to release Peltier. A former federal prosecutor who oversaw Peltier's post-trial sentencing and appeals also wrote to Biden asking for clemency, saying: *"I have realized that the prosecution and continued incarceration of Mr.*

Peltier was and is unjust. We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier personally committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation.”

This misconduct and constitutional violations have stolen years from Peltier’s life. At 78 years old, he is the longest-serving political prisoner in the U.S. He suffers from many health issues including diabetes and kidney disease, and his condition has worsened since getting COVID last year in prison.

The only way Leonard Peltier can get his freedom restored is through public pressure on President Biden. Fortunately, we’re not alone in this fight.

UN experts, U.S. Congressmembers, Amnesty International, the Democratic National Committee's Native American Caucus, the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators, the National Congress of American Indians, human rights leaders (such as Nelson Mandela, Coretta Scott King, and the Dalai Lama), and many others are calling for Peltier to be released.

Peltier should be able to live out the rest of his life in dignity, with his family on his ancestral homelands.

Now, together with a broad coalition of organizations representing millions of people across the country, we’re asking you to join the fight. Please sign the petition to President Biden and demand the release of Leonard Peltier from prison now.

To see the full text of the petition, and consider signing, go to

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-to-demand-president-biden-free-native-activist-leonard-peltier/?source=group-native-organizers-alliance&referrer=group-native-organizers-alliance&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/leonard_peltier_action&link_id=3&can_id=51747ed9c5bd24e7ea78bb9f4fdf30c7&email_referrer=email_1845947&email_subject=re-sign-now-release-leonard-peltier-from-prison&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1845947

or scan this QR code on your phone camera



Roots Deeper Than Whiteness

- building emotional strength & political clarity for collective liberation -

Online Course with White Awake

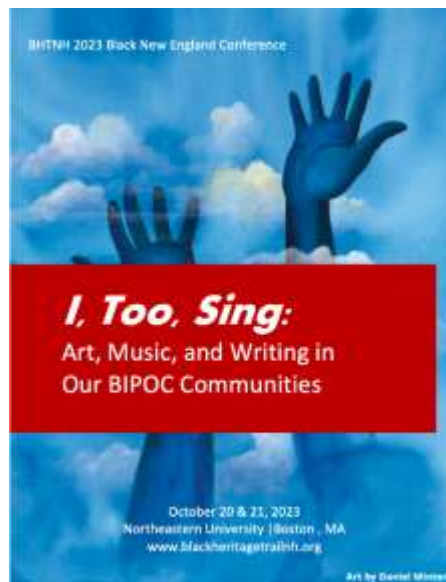
Facilitators: Eleanor Hancock and David Dean

“If you don’t know who you are, society will tell you, and then you are lost.”
– Emilio Guerrera

In the current historical moment, with multiple crises coming to a head, white people have a pressing need to connect with our basic humanity and separate ourselves from some of the tragic and counterproductive roles we have been socialized and manipulated to play.

Roots Deeper than Whiteness is White Awake’s annual foundations course, designed to help white people build a healthy sense of self rooted in liberatory knowledge and practice. As an online platform that offers political education for people socially classified as “white”, White Awake focuses on developing class consciousness, understanding racism as a divide and control strategy, and breaking the alignment between everyday white people and the capitalist, ruling class (which occurs at everyone’s expense). Our desire is to supplement the work of social change – whether that be labor and community organizing, electoral campaigns, or other models of action – such that spiritual, educational, and cultural change is fully integrated into white people’s participation in collective liberation struggles.

<https://mailchi.mp/whiteawake/roots-deeper-than-whiteness-2023-announcement>



17th Annual Black New England Conference Schedule

I, Too, Sing: Art, Music, and Writing in Our BIPOC Communities

**A Virtual & In-Person Conference
October 20 and 21, 2023
Northeastern University**

Registration Opens Wednesday, August 30

The 17th annual Black New England Conference focuses on how BIPOC artists use art, music, and writing to empower themselves and others. These artists’ self-expression

raises awareness of social and political issues to create a vision and space for change. Exploring the concept of how BIPOC artists signify on each other, the conference will work to understand the complex ways that these creators talk about their own communities and talk with other communities of color, whether to learn from, build on or create anew.

I, Too, Sing: Art, Music, and Writing will also celebrate the success stories of the artists, scholars, individuals, and institutions that serve as beacons of hope for future generations.

This year's conference is a collaboration between BHTNH, Northeastern University and the Reckonings Project.

We want to ensure that this conference is available to all who are interested in attending. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we can offer several complimentary tickets and student scholarships to attendees.

Please inquire at info@blackheritagetrailnh.org or call 603-570-8469 for more information.



White People Challenging Racism: Moving from Talk to Action - Part 1 *Online*



While this five-session workshop welcomes participants of all identities, its focus is on racism as a system that White people created, maintain and condone - and White people have a responsibility to dismantle. The workshop will take participants beyond the headlines to impart an antiracist world view that will infuse every aspect of participants' lives, when hearts are open to it. In this group setting you will: Examine the role of White people in dismantling racism, in becoming antiracist, and in building an equitable society. Explore the impact of White privilege and how being unaware of that advantage helps perpetuate racism. Write about your own racial awareness journey. Enhance your understanding and capacity for action through discussion of short readings, videos, and other materials. Share everyday racism-related situations where you may not have effectively responded and, using role plays, work out effective ways to challenge racism. Develop a specific plan for challenging racism in the workplace, an organization, or in the community, while being encouraged to find other people in your life who can provide support and serve as an accountability partner in implementing your plan.

Please note: **Attendance at all sessions and completion of all assignments are required.** Each participant will receive a phone call from one of the facilitators prior to the start of this program to review the commitment and class requirements.

Co-Facilitators: Anne Romney, Colin Stokes

SECTIONS

WPCR-FA23.01

Start Date

November 1, 2023

Time 7:00pm**Location** Online**Cost** \$175.00**REGISTER****5 Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Begins Nov. 1 No class Nov. 22**

This class will meet online using Zoom. The Zoom link and information on how to join will be emailed to you. Please also check your spam folder.

If you register 12 hours or less before the class begins or after the start date, please contact zoom@ccae.org for the link.

Instructors: Colin Stokes, Anne Romney

<https://ccae.org/classes/offering/1235/white-people-challenging-racism-moving-from-talk-to-action-part-1-online>

P|E|M

Have you been to the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem, MA recently? Check out 2 interesting exhibitions –

On This Ground: Being and Belonging in America (ongoing) explores how art can help us understand what it means to belong to family, community, and this place we now call America. Bringing two extraordinary collections of Native American and American art together for the first time in our institution's history, this long-term installation celebrates artistic achievements across time, space, and worldviews.

Explore Black identity through a compelling compilation of photographs from African diasporic culture. Drawn from Dr. Kenneth Montague's Wedge Collection in Toronto, a Black-owned collection dedicated to artists of African descent, *As We Rise* (till Dec. 31) looks at the myriad experiences of Black life through the lenses of community, identity and power.

Organized by Aperture, New York, the exhibition features more than 100 works by Black artists from Canada, the Caribbean, Great Britain, the United States and South America, as well as throughout the African continent. Black subjects depicted by Black photographers are presented as they wish to be seen, recognizing the complex strength, beauty and vulnerability of Black life.

Free passes available through most local libraries.

<https://www.pem.org/>

Native American children have been sent to more Indigenous boarding schools than previously reported, group says

By [Nicole Chavez](#), CNN

Published 6:36 PM EDT, Wed August 30, 2023



Fourth grade students sit in a classroom at the former Genoa Indian Industrial School in Genoa, Nebraska. The school is among more than 500 schools for Native American children that have operated in the US since 1801, according to the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

https://www.cnn.com/2023/08/30/us/indigenous-boarding-schools-list-reaj/index.html?utm_term=169410978964631a7b025b163&utm_source=cnn_Race+Deconstructed+090723&utm_medium=email&bt_ee=bFvZRftZ8PMdhwRtuwMeEnw3TTQP5xqyNeHV%2BDWTId4%3D&bt_ts=1694109789649

Resources to Continue Racial Equity Work

This is a rich and varied list of links to many useful resources --

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WVbXT4Mfmre5AVYvR0i-h_6Nfo-leplI5meinZzBfs/mobilebasic



This series, Fascism 101, is a curriculum designed to:

- Raise the level of understanding about the threat of rising fascism in the U.S. today, and about how authoritarian and fascistic political actors shape the current political moment
- Explore the many faces of fascism and many fronts of anti-fascist resistance
- Lay the foundation for deeper thinking about what it will take to build broad and effective anti-fascist resistance.

If you missed any sessions, you can watch the recordings:

- [Session 1: Modern Fascism, Contours & Characteristics](#)
- [Session 2: Class Dimensions of Fascism](#)
- [Session 3: Fascism, White Nationalism & Xenophobia](#)

Learn about White Noise [here](#), a film about the roots of rising white nationalism in the U.S. and abroad shared during the last session.



Racist mass shootings and anti-racist apathy

August 28, 2023 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/activism/racist-mass-shootings-and-anti-racist-apathy/>

40 Ways to Fight Fascists

Street-Legal Tactics For Community Activists

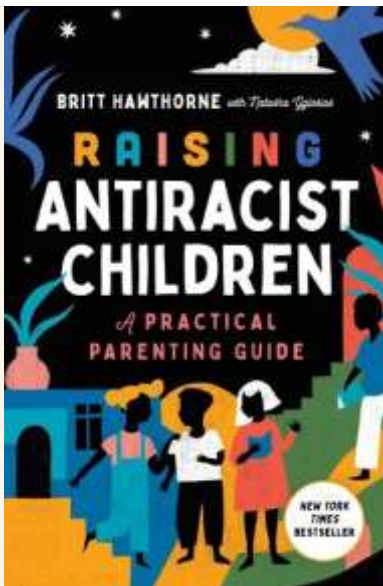
By Spencer Sunshine

in collaboration with
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Raising Antiracist Children: A Practical Guide to Parenting

by [Britt Hawthorne and Natasha Yglesias](#)

Learn about raising inclusive, antiracist children in an informed, actionable, and accountable way with this must-have guide from antiracist and anti-biased educator and advocate Britt Hawthorne.

Raising inclusive, antiracist children is a noble goal for any parent, caregiver, or educator, but it can be hard to know where to start. In *Raising Antiracist Children*, Britt Hawthorne—a nationally recognized teacher and advocate—and her coauthor Natasha Yglesias offer an interactive guide for strategically incorporating the tools of inclusivity into everyday life and parenting. Hawthorne and Yglesias break down antiracist parenting into four comprehensive sections to help adults and kids find common ground in becoming anti-biased and antiracist (ABAR) human beings:

- Healthy bodies—Establishing a safe and body-positive home environment to combat stereotypes and create boundaries that will keep kids of all ages safe.
- Radical minds—Encouraging children to be brave agents of change, accompanied by scripts for teaching advocacy, giving and taking productive feedback, and becoming a coconspirator for change.
- Conscious shopping—Raising awareness of how local shopping (from food deserts to independently-owned businesses) can empower or hinder a community's ability to thrive, and teaching readers of all ages how to create shopping habits that support their community.
- Thriving communities—Acknowledging the personal power we have to shape our schools, towns, and worlds, accompanied by exercises for instigating change.

Full of questionnaires, stories, practical activities, helpful tips, and tools to foster an antiracist lens, *Raising Antiracist Children* empowers you and your kids to become conscious citizens and active participants in working towards justice. This must-have, practical guide is essential for parents and caregivers everywhere.

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