

November, 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



Saturday, October 28 | 2:00 PM | BHTNH Headquarters | 222 Court St

Only On Saturdays: Making Black Family Life in Portsmouth

Sankofa Tour Guide: Dan Comly

Despite a horde of obstacles, Black men and women, both enslaved and free, met, established relationships, married, and built families. Learn about these obstacles and how they were overcome. True stories about these families will describe how members of the African community claimed their place as Americans.

Register [here](#)

From the Atlantic Black Box newsletter:



Screening of *We Are the Warriors*



Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 pm at the Portland Museum of Art

with filmmakers David Camlin and Megan Grumbling

Tourmaline Prize for Best Feature Made in Maine, 2023 Maine International Film Festival

For nearly sixty years, students and alumni of Wells High School in Maine have called themselves the “Warriors.” Their yearbook is named for the Abenaki, the Indigenous people the town’s settlers first encountered in the 1600s. The school’s mascot, variations of a stoic Native American head in profile with braids and feathered headband, has drawn both support and criticism in the past. However, during the 2017 fall athletic season, an incident shocks the town and reignites the debate.

We Are The Warriors follows the citizenry of Wells, a population that includes Indigenous Peoples, as they convene to speak, hear each other, and seek consensus. And by inviting Wabanaki voices from across the state to join the conversation, including the mother whose experience ignited the debate, the residents of Wells work to better understand the lasting effects of their colonial past and how it relates to the present day impact of their good intentions.

View the [trailer](#) and learn more about the screening on the [PMA's website](#).



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>



Responsibility and Repair: Legacies of Indigenous Enslavement, Indenture, and Colonization at Harvard and Beyond

- Friday, November 3, 2023
9 AM ET
- [Knafel Center OR Online on Zoom](#)
[10 Garden Street](#)
[Cambridge, MA 02138](#)



https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2023-responsibility-and-repair-conference?utm_source=rias_pardot_newsletter&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=randrconference_outreach&utm_term=RandRConference_MonthlyEventsNewsletter

Report of the Presidential Committee on Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery

<https://legacyofslavery.harvard.edu/report>



Please note that live-streaming links are available for both of these talks after you register.

In his journal entry of February 28, 1638, John Winthrop noted that "Mr Peirce, in the Salem ship, the *Desire*" had arrived from the West Indies with "some cotton, and tobacco, and negroes, etc. from thence, and salt from Tertugos." This passage from 1638 is widely considered to be the first recorded instance of enslaved Africans in Boston, signalling the start of New England slavery.

But New England slavery began, not with the importation of Africans, but two years earlier with the enslavement of Native people in the Pequot War - a fact we need to remember as we honor Indigenous People's Day.

Hundreds of Pequot men, women and children were captured, enslaved, and either kept in New England or sent to the Caribbean to work and die on English plantations. In 1636, John Winthrop ordered 17 war Pequot captives to be transported to the Caribbean by the same ship *Desire* on its outward journey.

Join scholar Margaret Newell, with Mashantucket Pequots Joshua Carter and Michael Thomas, to learn about this crucial but little-known history in [Origin Stories](#), **Wednesday, November 1, 6-7:30 pm at the Boston Public Library**. Sign up [here](#).

New England, with its relatively small numbers of enslaved people, was not alone. Up to 5 million Indigenous people across the Americas were enslaved. Learn more at [Stolen Relations: Centuries of Native Enslavement in the Americas](#), **Wednesday, November 15, 6-7:30 pm at the Boston Public Library**, with a panel discussion with Linford Fisher, Cheryll Toney Holly (Nipmuc), Alexis Moreis (Wampanoag), and Loren Spears (Narragansett).

Both in-person events will be live-streamed; once you sign up, we'll send you the link. Do join us!

Sarah

Sarah Stewart

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Image: This portrait was long thought to be of Niantic leader Ninigret II, but recent scholarship identifies it as Robin Cassacinamon, an important Pequot leader. Native American Sachem, accession number 48.246, courtesy of RISD/public domain.

The logo consists of a solid maroon rectangular background. Centered within this rectangle is the text "PARTNERSHIP OF" in a small, white, all-caps sans-serif font. Below it, the words "HISTORIC BOSTONS" are written in a larger, white, all-caps serif font.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES PRESENTS

A screening of the documentary **Dawnland** followed by a discussion about the film and its impact.

The facilitator, Linda Coombs (Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe on Martha's Vineyard, she/her), has worked for 45 years as a museum educator, including at the Boston Children's Museum, Wampanoag Indigenous Program at Plimoth Plantation, and Aquinnah Cultural Center. Linda's goal continues to be the communication of accurate and appropriate representations of the history, cultures, and people of the Wampanoag and other Indigenous nations.

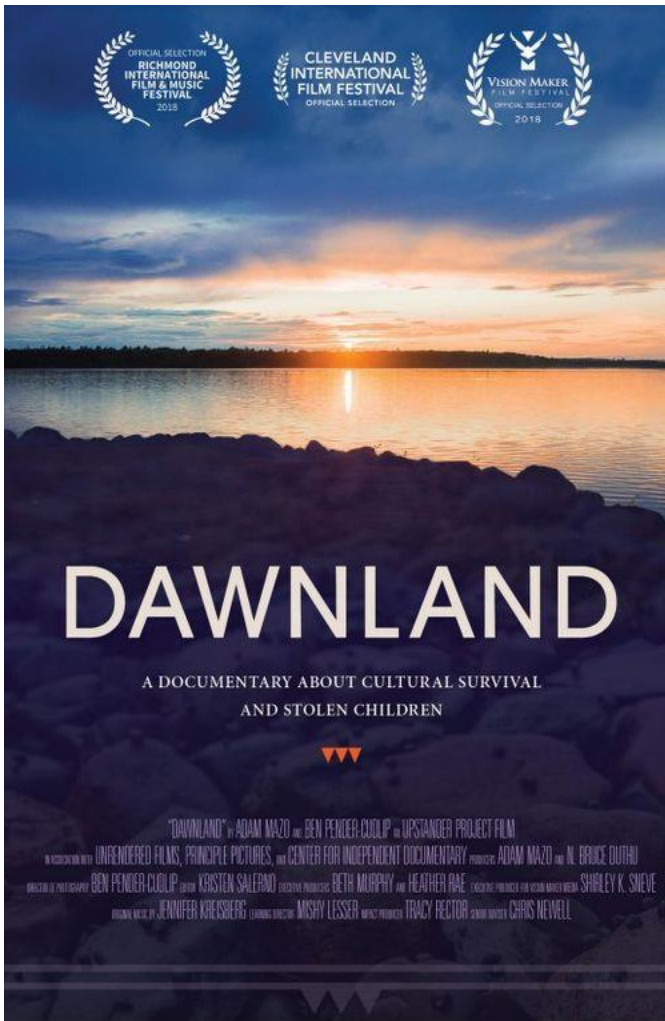
This is a VIRTUAL event and registration is required. Register by November 8th to participate.

All ages can watch this film, however, viewer discretion is advised as it includes accounts of trauma in children. Please see the attached Viewers Guide to learn more.



**NOVEMBER 13, 2023, MONDAY
6:30 PM - 8:45 PM
VIRTUAL VIEWING FROM HOME**

Register





just in time for the holidays!

TRANSFORMATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

LIVE VIRTUAL LEARNING
AND PRACTICE WORKSHOP

Many of us raised in dominant white culture have not developed the skill to broach and navigate differences of perspective and opinion. Learn to:

- identify what's keeping you from speaking up
- move forward even when you're afraid to speak
- trade in winning for learning and connecting



Wednesday, November 15th

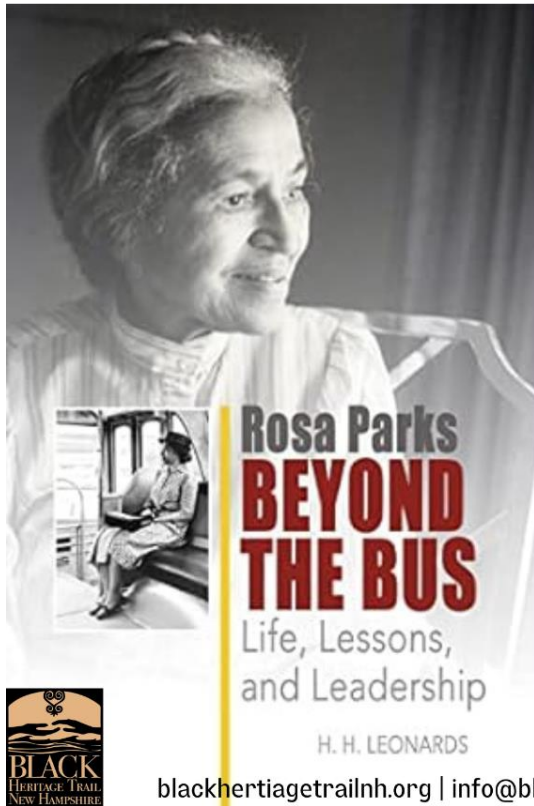
7-9pm ET/4-6pm PT

\$50

just in time for the holidays!

REGISTER HERE: [bit.ly/TCLetsTalk](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transformational-conversations-with-debby-irving-registration-715732173197?aff=oddtcreator)

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Black Heritage Trail of NH
presents
Book Signing and Meet the Author



Thursday, November 16 | 6:00 PM
at and in partnership with
Temple Israel

blackheritagetrailnh.org | info@blackheritagetrailnh.org | 603-570-8469

Thursday, November 16 | 6:00 PM | Temple Israel | Portsmouth, NH | Free

Rosa Parks Beyond, Beyond The Bus

Meet Author H.H. Leonards as she speaks about her book, "**Rosa Parks Beyond The Bus: Life, Lessons, and Leadership.**" The book is a collection of inspiring and instructive memories compiled from the decade that Rosa Parks was a guest in Mrs. Leonard's Washington, DC home. During those years, Mrs. Leonards was able to get to know the heart, mind, and spirit of the woman who refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama city bus on December 1, 1955. Ms. Leonards will sign books at the event.

Books can be purchased at the BHTNH gift shop or via the registration form.

This event is presented in partnership with Temple Israel in Portsmouth.

Space is limited. Registration is required.

Register [here.](#)



Kerri Greenidge, author of “The Grimkes: The Legacy of Slavery in An American Family,” will present the annual William Lloyd Garrison Lecture on **Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Old South Presbyterian Church.**

Greenidge, a professor at Tufts University, will speak on “Go Forth and Enlighten Your Brethren! Black New England, William Lloyd Garrison, and the Legacy of Radical Abolition” in this, the fourth annual lecture sponsored by the Friends of William Lloyd Garrison. The annual lecture marks the birthday of the abolitionist and newspaper editor who was born in Newburyport. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Newburyport's Annual



William Lloyd Garrison Lecture

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

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

Housing opportunity available in Newburyport



Affordable Rental Opportunity 3 Boston Way - Newburyport Crossing

Here is some information regarding the affordable rental units at Newburyport Crossing located at 3 Boston Way in Newburyport. Please contact MCO Housing Services at 978-456-8388 or email lotteryinfo@mcohousingservices.com for additional information. This is a First Come, First Served opportunity, so it's advisable to act quickly.

Newburyport Crossing at 3 Boston Way Newburyport, MA Information and FCFS Application Packet

You must be approved by the Leasing Office before you submit this application to MCO Housing Services. **Contact the Leasing Office at 978-997-8134 to schedule an appointment to conduct the Leasing Office screening or email at newburyportcrossing@dolben.com.**

The monthly rents are:

Studio: \$2,073

One Bedroom: \$2,370

Two Bedroom: \$2,666

Three Bedroom: \$2,961

All utilities are included in the rent. All remaining units are available on a first come first serve basis.

These rents are NOT income based. Applicants are responsible for the full rent as stated above. Section 8 and other housing subsidy/public assistance programs will be accepted, and it is up to you to talk with your Section 8 holder to determine if they will approve the project and accept the rents.

In order to qualify for an affordable unit, the gross annual household income for my family does not exceed the allowable limits as follows:

Household Size	1 person	2 people	3	4	5 people
Max Gross Allowable Income	\$82,950	\$94,800	\$106,650	\$118,450	\$127,950
6 people					
	\$137,450				

Income from all family members must be included.

Application can be accessed at

https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf7106/f/news/three_boston_newburyport_fcfs_application_reduced.pdf



For a different perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, consider reading these 2 articles from **Common Dreams** –

'Genuinely Shocked They Aired It': CNN Interview Cuts Through Pro-Israel Propaganda on Gaza

"We should all have equal life, we should have all peace, we should all have justice, and we should live in dignity," said Dr. Mustafa Barghouti. "The main way to achieve that is to end occupation, end the system of apartheid."

JULIA CONLEY

Oct 09, 2023

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/cnn-interview-palestinian>

'Only Emboldens an Extremist Government': US Preparing to Send More Weapons to Israel

"The U.S. backing military escalation at this time is grossly irresponsible," said the American Jewish group IfNotNow.

JAKE JOHNSON

Oct 09, 2023

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/us-weapons-israel>



Economist Claudia Goldin wins Nobel Prize for tracking American women’s labor participation over centuries, evolution of wage gap

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2023/10/harvard-claudia-goldin-recognized-with-nobel-in-economic-sciences/>



When our anti-racism work lacks authenticity

October 22, 2023 by [Shay](#)

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/activism/when-our-anti-racism-work-lacks-authenticity/>