

CAFES Community,

We cannot fully know the depth of the despair experienced by the families and communities of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. That they were ripped from their lives by racist, murderous acts is not only a tragedy: it is an injustice. Anti-black racism and violence have formed the foundation on which the deaths of these Americans, and those before them, have occurred. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences' leadership and [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) Committee](#) stand actively against these acts and endeavor to serve as a source of anti-racist curriculum and resources for our students and community.

Now, our country is hurting. We as a community may not be responsible for these acts of violence but we can take responsibility for how we are part of its persistence, and focus our efforts on its rehabilitation.

Acts like these rightly prompt people to ask how they can learn, what they can do, and how they can help. The CAFES DEI Committee has compiled a list of resources we hope can help our community on their individual journeys to becoming part of the solution by being actively anti-racist.

Resources to read

- Choose a book from [this list](#) to read over the summer.
- A list of [anti-racism resources](#).
- Read action guides from [Embrace Race](#).
- Join Cal Poly's [Inclusivity Group email listserv](#).

Channels to follow

- Follow anti-racism educators on social media platforms: @laylasaad @rachel.cargle @ibramxk @kimberlecrenshaw @unicorn.riot @blkivesmatter @antiracismctr @blackvisionscollective

Things to do

- Organize a circle of friends to watch and discuss the TED Talk Series: [Racism in America](#).
- Share [this resource](#) with your professors and ask if they plan to initiate the relevant actions listed in one or more of their classes in Fall quarter or later.
- Attend workshops and events hosted by on-campus groups, as well as those hosted by community organizations like <https://www.racemattersslo.org/>
- Set a repeating monthly calendar reminder (with no end date) to prompt you to ask yourself what you did in the last month to continue your work on addressing racism within your community. Ask friends and family to do the same thing.
- If you are experiencing trauma and need help, contact Cal Poly Counseling Services during business hours: [\(805\) 756-2511](tel:8057562511), after hours: [805-756-2511](tel:8057562511)

In Solidarity,
The CAFES DEI Committee