

### Statement in Solidarity with Anti-Racist Efforts

We stand in solidarity with any efforts to dismantle white supremacy. We want to express clearly and unequivocally our outrage at the killing of Black people by the police. At the same time, we affirm that these protests and this historical moment are about much more than police brutality: they are about acknowledging the ways that systemic racism pervades all aspects of our lives in society—our institutions, laws, and personal interactions.

We recognize—quoting fellow [sociologists at the University of Minnesota](#)—“that the outrage, pain, and suffering in our community is not equally distributed. . . . We do not all see or experience this time in the same way.” But like our Minnesota colleagues, we commit to the [call from our AU colleagues Dr. TaLisa J. Carter, Dr. Lallen T. Johnson, and Dr. Kareem L. Jordan](#) to “read, listen, talk, and act with intention” in our continuing anti-racist work.

This moment asks us to

Psychology department faculty are committed to anti-racist work through teaching, which we know can play a powerful role in transformation. Right now, this work includes: disseminating relevant resources (see [here](#) and [here](#) for examples); organizing a teach-in on contemporary connections between police violence and white supremacy; participating in an [initiative developed by Academics for Black Lives](#) “to honor the toll of racial trauma on Black people, resist white supremacy, and facilitate accountability and collective healing”; and we resolve to redouble our efforts. Please message to contact us if we can, in any way, also support you in your anti-racist work.

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