



Master of Museum Studies Student Association (MUSSA)

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Black Lives Matter.

The Master of Museum Studies Student Association stands in solidarity with our Black peers, colleagues, friends and professionals. We condemn the recent injustices against Regis Korchinsky-Paquet, George Floyd, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and too many others, known and unknown, who have been killed. We recognize that we could have used our platform sooner to condemn the ongoing discrimination and hurt caused by anti-Black racism, white violence and systems of oppression.

There is a lot of work to be done and we know we can do better to care for and advocate for Black communities. We are listening and educating ourselves, having tough conversations and learning to be uncomfortable. We don't want this to be a one-time social media post, but are committed to reflecting on our practices as a representative council for Museum Studies students. MUSSA is learning how to best *#amplifymelanatedvoices* (credit to Alishia McCullough, [@blackandembodied](https://twitter.com/blackandembodied), and Jessica Wilson, [@jessicawilson.msrd](https://twitter.com/jessicawilson.msrd)), and we welcome support, comments, suggestions and criticisms, now and into the future.

We are sharing educational resources in order to engage with anti-racist practices, as well as other content to amplify and support Black artists, authors, stories, activists and organizations. This list is not exhaustive and there are many other resources available. **We encourage you to do your research to be able to take informed action and work alongside us in becoming better allies.**

A Resource Guide

Thank You

Thank you to our friends at Museum Professionals of Colour ([@mpoc.uoft](https://twitter.com/mpoc.uoft)) who are working hard today and every day to advocate for racial diversity in the museum industry, and sharing ways for us to work towards an inclusive narrative. We encourage you to check out their resources, as well as the others we have shared here.

Make sure to check out the MPOC [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Linktree](#) as they continue to share resources.

Read

Memoir:

- Between the World and Me (Ta-Nehisi Coates)
- Heavy: An American Memoir by Kiese Laymon
- Notes from a Young Black Chef (Kwame Onwuachi with Joshua David Stein)
- Ordinary Light: A Memoir by Tracy K. Smith



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Fiction:

- Americanah (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie)
- An American Marriage (Tayari Jones)
- Brown Girl Dreaming (Jacqueline Woodson)
- Dear Martin (Nic Stone)
- Frying Plantain (Zalika Reid-Benta)
- How She Read (Chantal Gibson)
- The Bluest Eye (Toni Morrison)
- The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas - adapted into a film)
- Queenie (Candice-Carty Williams)
- Uncle Tom's Cabin (Harriet Beecher Stowe)
- Washington Black (Esi Edugyan)

Non-Fiction:

- Are Prisons Obsolete? (Angela Y. Davis)
- Bad Feminist (Roxane Gay)
- How to Be an Antiracist (Ibram X. Kendi)
- How We Get Free (Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor)
- Sister Outsider (Audre Lorde)
- So You Want to Talk About Race (Ijeoma Oluo)
- Tears We Cannot Stop (Michael Eric Dyson)
- The Fire Next Time (James Baldwin)
- The New Jim Crow (Michelle Alexander)
- They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement (Wesley Lowery)
- Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments (Saidya Hartman)
- White Fragility (Robin DiAngelo)
- Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race (Reni Eddo-Lodge)

Children's Books:

- A is for Activist (Innosanta Nagara)
- Antiracist Baby (Ibram X. Kendi)
- Each Kindness (Jacqueline Woodson)
- Hair Love (Matthew A. Cherry - animated short film on YouTube)
- I Am Enough (Grace Byers)
- Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters (Andrea Davis Pinkney)
- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History (Vashti Harrison)
- Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History (Vashti Harrison)
- Sulwe (Lupita Nyong'o)
- Tar Beach (Faith Ringgold)



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Watch

- 13th (Ava DuVernay, Netflix)
- Dear White People (Justin Simien, Netflix)
- I Am Not Your Negro (Raoul Peck, Kanopy)
- The Blind Stigma (Stacy-Ann Buchanan, YouTube)
- When They See Us (Ava DuVernay, Netflix)

Available for Free via National Film Board (nfb.ca):

- Journey to Justice (Roger McTair)
- Remember Africville
- The Colour of Beauty (Elizabeth St. Philip)

Follow

- Brittany Packnett, activist ([@mspackyetti](https://twitter.com/mspackyetti))
- DeRay Mckesson, activist ([@iamderay](https://twitter.com/iamderay))
- Carrie Mae Weems, artist ([@cariemaeweems](https://twitter.com/cariemaeweems))
- Kehinde Wiley, artist ([@kehindewiley](https://twitter.com/kehindewiley))
- Layla F. Saad, author ([@laylafsaad](https://twitter.com/laylafsaad))
- Mickalene Thomas, artist ([@mickalenethomas](https://twitter.com/mickalenethomas))
- Munroe Bergdorf, activist ([@munroebergdorf](https://twitter.com/munroebergdorf))
- Nina Chanel, artist ([@ninachanel](https://twitter.com/ninachanel))
- Rachel Elizabeth Cargle, writer and activist ([@rachel.cargle](https://twitter.com/rachel.cargle))
- Toyin Ojih Odutola, artist ([@toyinojihodutola](https://twitter.com/toyinojihodutola))

Donate

- Afri-Can Food Basket - africanfoodbasket.ca
- Black Emergency Fund Support - ca.gofundme.com/f/black-emergency-support-fund
- Black Health Alliance - blackhealthalliance.ca
- Black Legal Action Centre - blacklegalactioncentre.ca
- Black Women in Motion - blackwomeninmotion.org
- Black Youth Helpline - blackyouth.ca
- BLM Toronto - blacklivesmatter.ca
- Justice for Regis Korchinski-Pacquet - ca.gofundme.com/f/justice-for-regis

Mental Health & Support

- Across Boundaries - acrossboundaries.ca
- East Metro Youth Services - emys.on.ca
- TAIBU - taibuchc.ca/en
- Tropicana - tropicanacommunity.org
- UofT's Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office antiracism.utoronto.ca
- Women's Health in Women's Hands - whiwh.com/who-we-are