

Anti-Racism Statement (2020)

The Department of History & Anthropology at Monmouth University joins the nation in grief and grievance over the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd, on May 25th, 2020, by members of the police force who were sworn to protect him. As students and scholars of history and anthropology, we are painfully aware that Floyd's death was not a bizarre aberration, but only a conspicuous example in a long history of tacitly-sanctioned violence against Black Americans and members of other marginalized groups. Believing all communities of conscience must actively resist racism and its concomitant assaults on our civil rights, we, the faculty of the department,

- affirm that BLACK LIVES MATTER, and
- will offer courses that study the patterns of human behavior and historical forces in which racism thrives,
- will establish classroom environments that welcome and foster diversity and respect the dignity of all,
- will use the Monmouth Biennial Conference on Race to hear and help disseminate scholarship on issues of race and racism,
- will pursue diversity in faculty hiring,
- will continue our own un-ending self-education about how to eradicate racism in the academy and beyond, and
- will seek the collaboration of Monmouth students, in groups and individually, to these ends.