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- antiracismdaily: Daily newsletter and resources to dismantle white supremacy. Founded by enicoleagarcioza.
- thelovelandfoundation: Loveland Foundation is committed to showing up for communities of color in unique and powerful ways, with a particular focus on Black women and girls.

READ

- If Beale Street Could Talk (2018): Based on the novel by James Baldwin, “If Beale Street Could Talk” is a soulful drama about a young couple fighting for justice in the name of love and the promise of the American dream.
- Fruitvale Station a film with Michael B. Jordan about the killing of Oscar Grant
- Intersectionality Matters! is a podcast hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw, an American civil rights advocate and a leading scholar of critical race theory.
- About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge looks at the recent history that lead to the politics of today.

CONVERSATION

Questions you can ask around the dinner table

- Have you ever been in a room where nobody looked like you?
- When did you become aware of the construct of race?
- How has your whiteness helped you succeed financially?

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Save the Date!

All-Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 23
10 – 11 am
Zoom link | Passcode: 817794

Please submit your questions to the anonymous google form here.

Title IX Bystander Intervention & Beyond Session
Tuesday, October 13th – 10 –11 am

Please save the for this upcoming training for GSD staff with Rachel DiBella, Assistant Director, Title IX Education Programs.

Who's Who? Who's New?

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Editing and Proofreading - November 3: This 90-minute virtual workshop explores tools for editing your own work and the work of others. Detailed questions are encouraged!

Email for Action – October 20 and December 16: This 90-minute virtual workshop will focus on techniques for formatting emails when requesting action.

How to Use Social Media at Harvard – October 29: This 90-minutes session focuses on helping to identify which platforms are appropriate for the Harvard related social media accounts they are managing while abiding by University guidelines and department affiliation at the same time.

The Power of a Positive No – October 6 and December 9: This 90-minute virtual workshop will explore challenges behind saying “no” and potential risks, impact, and feelings that prevent us from being honest. This course is based on the Harvard Negotiation Program co-founder’s book: The Power of a Positive No.

Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Anti-Racist Resources

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Regardless of your specific circumstances, it’s likely that you’re wondering how to cope with the stress, anxiety, and other feelings that are surfacing. A variety of stress management techniques, which we delve into below, can help.

This webinar series was created to support the students and staff of the Harvard Medical School community, yet the lessons will be broadly applicable to all who are feeling the emotional strain of this unprecedented crisis. View webinar series here.

Many parents, caregivers and guardians face mounting and difficult choices regarding childcare and school this fall. For many there are basic questions about access to resources, family safety and even the need to choose childcare over work. KGA, Harvard’s Employee Assistance Program, provides consultation and resources to help you and your family make decisions and access childcare and alternative educational resources. Please see the September Wellness Note for a variety of resources available to Harvard employees.

Inspire students with fresh classroom resources based on award-winning journalism from The New York Times. From economic and geopolitical developments to the latest in science and the arts, The Times keeps audiences informed with seamless international coverage and rigorous independent reporting on all platforms. Read more here.

Join us for a drop-in meditation! No experience necessary.

Daily Zoom Meditation
Monday - Friday, 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm EDT
Password: meditate

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