

Effecting Change and Writing Out Racial Injustices NAPT Stands in Solidarity

NAPT repudiates the violence that has been happening in the USA for far too long. The most recent murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, just to name a few, are deplorable outcomes of institutional racism, bigotry, and other maladies. Enough is enough; outrageous violence must be stopped. NAPT mourns the loss of precious lives and advocates for the protection of people of color.

The long history of racial injustice is spreading rapidly, and it must be eradicated. Black lives matter, wellness, and success belong to everyone. We must take action right now. We are witnessing how the anger and frustration suppressed for decades are erupting and reverberating in shockwaves throughout the country.

We must give voice to the hurt, the fear, the anger, and the anguish of our community. We are therefore calling our entire membership, of all races, to join efforts and partake in the necessary dialogues, so the horrendous episodes of the last two weeks in America are stopped. This is the time we must work together because we need each other to build a better tomorrow today.

Poetry historically has led the way in countless transformative movements. Poetry and writing are effective ways of protesting. Teaching others about the power of words to transform is an effective way of resisting. NAPT stands firm with the people of color and is offering creative resources to raise conscious awareness. We are diligently working on a webinar series to use writing as the vehicle to voice against violence and inequalities.

Please, stay tuned for upcoming announcements on this webinar and workshop series on Racial Justice open to all of the human race. Lastly, if you are interested in being part of our diversity committee please contact Irania Macia Patterson at: iraniapatterson@yahoo.com.

Some important resources:

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