The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Black Lives Matter!

We see you, we hear you, and we stand with you.

As members of DESC, we are presenting student concerns to Dean McCauley, strategizing solutions, and urging her and SON leadership to take action.

This is not about trending topics, hashtags, and social media clout. We are committed to carrying this movement forward and into the future.

We are actively reaching out to students and you can reach us directly at desc@emory.edu.
Change isn't easy and can be uncomfortable but in the times we face it is absolutely necessary. As future professionals and colleagues in healthcare we need to work to facilitate a change in humanity. 

Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible. 
-Maya Angelou

Change At Emory

How have the recent events impacted your life? A turmoil not understood by many has sparked outrage across the country. Communities of color are left to defend themselves, as history repeats.

Where are we lacking?

Defend our brothers, sisters, and siblings as if they were your own.
"Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it."

- The Pandemic as Portal, Arundhati Roy

As we pass through this portal, let’s think about what we might take to the other side, and what we want to leave behind.

1. What would you want to take with you?
2. What, if anything, from your old life do you want to leave behind?
3. What do you appreciate that you would like to take with you?
4. What change, if any, would you like to see, and commit to bring about, on the other side?
Aster. Nasturtium. Delphinium. We thought
Fingers in dirt meant it was our dirt, learning
Names in heat, in elements classical
Philosophers said could change us. Star
Gazer.
Foxglove. Summer seemed to bloom against the will
Of the sun, which news reports claimed flamed hotter
On this planet than when our dead fathers
Men like me and my brothers filmed what we
Planted for proof we existed before
Too late, sped the video to see blossoms
Brought in seconds, colors you expect in poems
Where the world ends, everything cut down.
Racial injustice in 2020 isn’t fundamentally a black problem, arguably it’s a white problem. Our most recent racial injustice reminders – George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Amy Cooper, Omar Jimenez – while abhorrent and despicable, for most black people sadly weren’t all that shocking. For us, it wasn’t news. It was just a peek into the reality with which we’re all too familiar. This is why so many feel a sense of activism fatigue (whether they’re an activist or not) and why many insist that the onus really lay with white people to decide that enough is enough and decide to pick a side either racist or anti-racist.
How we Fight White Supremacy

White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism

Re-thinking how we organize

Charlene Carruthers - Unapologetic A Black, Queer, and Feminist Mandate for Radical Movements

Emergent Strategy

Beyond Survival: Strategies and Secrets from the Transformative Justice Movement

The New Jim Crow

Teaching African American Literature During Covid-19

So you want to talk about race

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Pleasure Activism

me and white supremacy
"We are the harvest of survivors"
- Octavia Butler

Take Action: **Resources & Ways to Take Action**

**Parenting Resources**
for BIPOC: Dealing with Racial Stress

**26 Ways to Be in Struggle**
Beyond the Streets

**Processing Pain and Racial Trauma Through Literature**

**Wellness Orgs**

**Nap Ministry: Rest as Resistance**

**Wellness, activism & sisterhood: Girl Trek**

**Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective**
WHERE TO DONATE IF ABLE

Bail funds for protesters (courtesy of Emory GSGA)

Organizations helping rebuild cities/defend communities of color from police violence

Twin Cities:
Opportunities to Donate
Venmo @claire-Burgeson, @helen-haddad, and @marina-hart for food deliveries

Portland:
The Black Resilience Fund
Venmo @joopjoopcreative for food at actions
Cashapp $guesswhatpdx for PPE/food/shelter/rides

Chicago:
Support Black families in need of baby supplies

Atlanta:
Homeless Black Trans Women Fund

Master doc of mutual aid funds, legal help, charities, memorial funds, and more
RETURNING TO CAMPUS
POST COVID

How do you feel?

Please complete the campus climate survey and provide thoughtful, constructive feedback.

HOW WILL HEALTHCARE CHANGE?

Clinical preparation for the nurse anesthesia students includes instrumentation of innovative protective barriers during airway manipulation. Application of proper personal protective equipment specific for COVID-19 will be included in future simulation preparation.

THE BARRIER DEVICE ALLOWS PROVIDERS TO PLACE THEIR HANDS AND ARMS INTO THE GLOVES ATTACHED TO THE BOX. A CLEAR VISUAL FIELD WITH THE ABILITY TO WORK SEPARATE FROM WHAT’S INSIDE ENSURES ADDED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.
Historically, DESC and DCCD have partnered and utilized their collective resources to support students, staff, faculty, and SON as a whole in living up to it's mission, vision, and values. Moving forward, DCCD will have a page featuring their efforts for SON and beyond.

The Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing DCCD is one of nine DCCDs at Emory that work with the Office of the Provost's Advisory Council on Community and Diversity to implement continuous improvement (collect/assess data, establish specific goals and actions, and monitor progress towards goals) for increasing access, equity, and inclusion across Emory University.

Upcoming event:

DCCD Book Club
6/29 @ 2:30pm EST

Emory University's Office of Equity & Inclusion Newsletter:
email
nicole.ingram@emory.edu for access

Look Out for: DCCD's Growing Resource List
Email us at desc@emory.edu with any comments, questions, or resources you would like to share in the next newsletter!

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