



Diversity and Inclusion at the Watson Institute

COLONIALISM IN THE CURRICULUM

A CONVERSATION HOSTED
BY THE WATSON DIAP
COMMITTEE AND
DECOLONIZATION
AT BROWN

Colonialism in the Curriculum

Last month, Decolonization at Brown (DAB) and the Watson Institute DIAP Committee invited Watson faculty, students, and staff to the second conversation in a series on integrating non-Western epistemologies and scholarship within syllabi and curriculum. We were pleased to feature a number of student and faculty speakers, and look forward to further conversations in the near future.

A private video link is available upon request. Please email Watson-DIAP@brown.edu.

[Watch a video](#) from the first event, an October 2019 student-led teach-in.

Research Spotlight

**For Marielle: Mulhere(s) da Maré—
Danger, Seeds and Tides**

Drawing on Rio de Janeiro City Councillor Marielle Franco's published masters thesis in *public administration*, Professor Geri



Augusto recently wrote the article, "*For Marielle: Mulhere(s) da Maré—Danger, Seeds and Tides*" for *Transition* magazine that shines a light on Marielle's thinking about favela life on its own terms, gender equality, anti-racism, policing, and social justice.

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Race, Education, and the Criminal Justice System

Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve, sociologist and award-winning author of the book "*Crook County: Racism and Injustice in America's Largest Criminal Court*," hosts this Watson Faculty Research Series event with sociologist Jayanti Owens to discuss the school-to-prison pipeline, race and school discipline, and how policymakers can better impact change in these critical areas.

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Community Engagement

[Historical Injustice and Democracy Postdoctoral Research Associate](#)

A newly created research position is designed to shed light on some of the most deeply troubling elements of human history while exploring new ways of envisioning the future. Applications are currently being reviewed for the two-year position, a joint project of the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice (CSSJ) and the Watson Institute.

[Student Spotlight: Chaelin Jung '23](#)

Economics and International and Public Affairs concentrator Chaelin Jung '23 talks about her experience participating in the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ), a collaboration between the Watson Institute and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies.

[How to Teach Climate Change: Sourcing and Sharing Syllabi](#)

The [Climate Solutions Lab](#) has created a syllabus bank to encourage more social-science instructors to teach university-level courses on climate change. One goal, according to the Lab's director, Jeff Colgan, is to help close the gap between the huge demand for and scarcity of such courses. Another goal is to help improve existing courses.

Member Spotlight



Jamila Beesley '22

Jamila Beesley '22 talks about her experience co-hosting the recent event, "Colonialism in the Curriculum" and the importance of including students in conversations around diversity in the classroom.

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Edward Steinfeld, Watson Director

During this Department of East Asian Studies talk, Watson Director Ed Steinfeld examines U.S.-China relations and longstanding historical patterns of anti-Asian racism in the U.S.

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LaTausha Rogers, MPA '21

LaTausha Rogers, MPA '21 talks to Watson about why she chose to pursue an MPA degree, why she joined Watson's DIAP committee, and how the pandemic changed her experience at Brown.

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Events

[Teach-In on the Chauvin Trial](#)

Hosted by CSREA and the Office of the Provost
Thursday, April 22, 5 p.m.

[Critical Conversations: Anti-Asian Racism and Violence in America](#)

Hosted by CSREA
Friday, April 23, 12 p.m.

[Crip Camp – A Disability Revolution: A discussion with directors Jim LeBrecht and Nicole Newman](#)

Tuesday, June 8, 4 p.m.

Announcements

- **New Employee Affinity Group - Being Black@Brown:** This affinity group is an employee-run collective dedicated to networking and community building to support Black employees within the Brown community. [Learn more >](#)

For faculty interested in course development funding, here is a quick roundup of current funding opportunities:

- [Course Development Funds](#)
- [Native American and Indigenous Studies Initiative Funding Requests](#)
- [CSREA Course Innovation Grant](#)
- [Diversity/Equity/Inclusion](#)

DIAP at Watson

The Watson Institute embraces Brown's goal of increasing representation, voice, and participation by members of historically-underrepresented groups, with equal regard to research and teaching, event programming, and student experience. Since 2016, a Diversity and Inclusion Committee of faculty, staff, and students has convened regularly to foster the Watson Institute's realization of these values. [Learn more about the committee](#) and email suggestions and ideas to Watson-DIAP@brown.edu.

*Interested in learning more about Watson's DIAP Committee? Join us on Zoom the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.



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