Global Anti-Black Racism: A Series
A new comparative discussion series on anti-black racism featuring experts from around the world.

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Broadening the Study of War
As part of a series highlighting new or evolving courses at the Watson Institute, professor of anthropology and director of the Costs of War project Cathy Lutz joined us for a Q&A session on the new course she is developing in collaboration with undergraduate student Amsel Saleem (remote from Pakistan).

Rethinking Development’s Archive
New independent study project deconstructs the concept of development.

Fall Semester Practitioner-Led Student Study Groups
Students delve deeply into topics and apply theory and research to real-world challenges with former U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp and writer ZZ Packer.
Though militarization is as old as U.S. policing itself and is rooted in anti-Black oppression, it has exploded since the launch of the "Global War on Terror" in 2001.

Unpacking the Drivers of Racial Disparities in School Suspension and Expulsion
Jayanti Owens explores the racial gap in school suspensions and expulsions among 5 to 9-year-old children

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Less to Lean on Podcast
A special collaborative podcast series with Brown undergraduates on housing.

Out of the Fray Exhibit
An exclusively virtual exhibition focusing on the complex meanings and creative absorption of the American flag.

Instagram Spotlight Series
At the start of the Fall semester, Watson launched a community-building series to introduce students to new Watson staff and faculty. Thank you Ailton Barbosa, Celia Scurry, Olivia Whalen, and Reid Pauly!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Global Connections
Professor Michael Kennedy reflects on the 40th anniversary of the Polish independence movement and its connection to the Black Lives Matter movement.

OPPORTUNITIES

New research funding at Brown
With resources provided by the Office of the President, this fund will be used to support research and programming aimed at addressing anti-Black racism* on and beyond the Brown campus. Faculty and staff (individuals or groups) are eligible to apply.

Bring the Importance of Voting into your Classroom
President Paxson encourages the community to "focus on making sure every Brown student and employee who is eligible to vote in the upcoming election has the information and support needed to cast their ballot."

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

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 the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.*