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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT THE WATSON INSTITUTE

The Watson Institute Diversity and Inclusion Committee will now be sending periodic e-newsletters in order to create a more open dialogue with our community of faculty, staff, and students. These updates will include news from the Committee, as well as spotlight pertinent research, courses, and event programming throughout the Institute. Please send your ideas or comments to Watson-DIAP@brown.edu.



Senior Fellows/Study Groups

This Spring semester, Watson announced [three new study groups hosted by a diverse group of Senior Fellows](#), including a former U.S. Senator, an acclaimed writer on race in America, and an internationally respected human rights attorney. More than two dozen students attended the first session of ZZ Packer's session, which explores and questions traditional narratives of American identity. Please join our reception on March 3 to meet Watson's senior fellows.

Research Seminar Series

A new [Watson Research Seminar](#) is launching this semester, organized in collaboration with disciplinary departments, which aims to encourage discourse on innovative research-in-progress and include diverse perspectives on Watson's core research areas of development, governance, and security. The first speaker will be on campus on [Monday, February 24](#).

Colonialism in the Curriculum

Faculty, staff, and students, including those on the DIAP committee, continue to engage in conversations around colonialism and the curriculum. Undergraduate students held a teach-in on the subject at [Watson in the Fall](#), and have since formed a group on campus. Watson faculty met this month for a focused discussion on colonialism in Brown's curriculum, and plan to convene a meeting with staff and students in the coming weeks.

Student Engagement

The Watson Student Advisory Committee, formed in Fall 2019 under the leadership of the DIAP committee, continues to advance ideas and initiatives to strengthen the student experience at Watson. Already, the students have prioritized community building, curricular reform, and career/networking opportunities. Staff and faculty are encouraged to attend the [Watson First-Gen](#) and the [Watson Person of Color](#) receptions.

Spring Events

In collaboration with Brown's Africana Studies, the Brazil Initiative continues its efforts to bring speakers to campus to highlight the history of slavery and anti-blackness in Brazil. [See a full list of the Brazil Initiative events.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Towards a Theory and Practice of Diversity and Inclusion in Globalizing US Universities

[Michael D. Kennedy recently co-wrote an article with Merone Tadesse](#) (Brown University) elaborating on the various meanings of solidarity, diversity, and globalizing knowledge across universities.

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. in the Kim Koo Library at 111 Thayer Street.**

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