

Dear Rutgers Law School,

The American Constitution Society (ACS) Chapter of Rutgers Law School-Newark stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matters movement and the Association of Black Law Students (ABLS).

The public murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, David McAtee are only a snapshot of the countless other Black lives lost to police violence and white supremacy. Violence against Black Americans is a symptom of the criminalization of blackness in the United States which both privileged and white Americans initiated and continue to perpetuate.

ACS Rutgers Law School - Newark wholeheartedly supports the actions and endeavors of our colleagues in ABLS. Our chapter is committed to building a membership that includes those who the progressive legal and political movements have not only historically ignored, but also harmed. ACS believes the U.S. Constitution is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." However, ACS-Rutgers Law School Newark recognizes that we are a long way from that belief becoming a reality.

Institutional racism is deeply rooted in America's political and judicial systems and we must constantly educate ourselves on the ways to dismantle it. In light of this, we want to share the following briefing call from ACS national, on which our very own Dean Henderson from Rutgers Law School will be speaking:

[A History of Violence: Institutional Racism in Our Criminal Legal System](#)

Friday, June 5th, 2020

1:30-2:45PM

Black Lives Matter. Always. No qualifications.

In Solidarity,

American Constitution Society - Rutgers (Newark)

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THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY is the nation's leading progressive legal organization, with over 200 student and lawyer chapters in almost every state on most law school campuses. Originally formed as the progressive response after the Supreme Court's Bush v. Gore decision, ACS was founded on the principle that the law should be a force to improve the lives of all people.