

Everyone must have the ability to parent children and create, sustain, and define families free from the terrors of policing and criminalization.

Communities across the country are rising up — again — against racist police killings. Black people are — again — putting their lives on the line, this time during a global pandemic, and facing violent, militarized police who have gone on the attack with weapons of war against the people they are supposedly sworn to protect.

As law students working at the intersection of the law and reproductive justice, we know that policing is fundamentally a white supremacist enterprise, just one part of a racist criminal (in)justice system built to protect whiteness and white property. **If/When/How is committed to divesting from ICE and police presence on Rutgers' campuses in concrete, actionable ways.**

In lawyering for reproductive justice, we hold at the heart of our mission the core belief that reproductive justice is racial justice. We also believe a transformation of the legal systems and institutions that perpetuate oppression into structures that realize justice is possible. All of us deserve to be able to self-determine our reproductive lives and futures, free from discrimination, coercion, or violence. This includes having the ability to parent children and create, sustain, and define our families free from the terrors of policing and criminalization.

We say the names of those whose deaths at the hands of police have inspired demonstrations and outpourings of support in the past week: **George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Tony McDade**. We also say the names of some of the Black people and people of color in our local geographies who have been killed by police — we recognize that we cannot know or [name them all](#).

- In Ann Arbor, Michigan: **Aura Rosser**
- In Austin, Texas: **Mike Ramos, Larry Jackson, Jr., David Joseph, Michael Dean (Temple, TX)**
- In Charleston, South Carolina: **Walter Scott, Levar Jones**
- In Las Vegas, Nevada: **Sharmel Edwards, Orlando Barlow**
- In Los Angeles, California: **Kenneth Ross Jr., Grechario Mack, Redel Jones, Wakiesha Wilson, Albert Ramon Dorsey, Brendon Glenn, Charly “Africa” Keunang, Kisha Michael, Anthony Vargas, Jose Mendez, Jesse Romero, Cesar Rodriguez, Christian Escobedo, Omar Gonzalez, and [more](#)**
- In New York City, New York: **Eric Garner, Deborah Danner, Akai Gurley, Sean Bell, Ramarley Graham, Amidou Diallo, and more**
- In Oakland, California: **Oscar Grant, Yonas Alehegne, Yvette Henderson, Demouria Hogg, Richard Linyard**
- In Phoenix, Arizona: **Dion Johnson, Elijah Boatley, Antonio Arce, Robert Rabago, Andres Nevare, Loreal Tsingine, Michelle Cusseaux, and [more](#)**
- In Sacramento, California: **Stephon Clar**
- In San Francisco, California: **Mario Woods, Jessica Williams, Aaron Nieto, Luis Gongora Pat**
- In Santa Rosa, California: **Andy Lopez**
- In Seattle, Washington: **Charleena Lyles, Che’ Taylor, Said Joquin (Lakewood, WA), John T. Williams**
- In Washington, D.C.: **D’Quan Young, Jeff Price, Terrence Sterling, Marquese Alston**

We also specifically recognize that it is critically urgent — and long has been — for white people to do the work of dismantling white supremacy, daily living in anti-racist practice, and challenging and inviting other white people to become co-conspirators against racism and white supremacy. We encourage white co-conspirators in the If/When/How community—and the Rutgers-Camden community at large—to, first and foremost, take on the work of anti-racism without putting the onus on people of color to offer explanations, education, or emotional support.

To our Black and African-American classmates, peers, and professors: If/When/How Rutgers-Camden sees you, honors you, and stands with you in your fight.

In Solidarity,
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