

We are pleased to share updates from the MedStar Academic Affairs Working Group for Racial Justice (WGRJ) in this edition of Academics this Week (ATW).

On Behalf of the Working Group for Racial Justice Steering Committee Co-chairs...

Dear Member of the MedStar GME Community,

It is difficult to find words that truly encapsulate our thoughts and feelings regarding the recent ruling in Louisville, Kentucky regarding the death of Breonna Taylor. The lack of accountability for her murder, the absence of her name in the proposed indictment, and the one charge put forward from this hearing regarding wanton endangerment for her neighbors, is deeply troubling, discouraging and frightening. At this time, you might find yourself or members of your team or even close family and friends expressing a myriad of emotions. What can be said and still stands true is that the work we seek to do here at the WGRJ matters all the more. In our attempt to enact change in our health system to better the lives of our patients and the care we as providers put forth in our respective communities, let us not forget nor grow weary of the task placed before us. It is monumental, it is challenging, but now more than ever- it is necessary.

We would like to begin compiling a list of efforts surrounding racial justice, equity, diversity and inclusion happening across both MedStar and Georgetown. Please forward anything along these lines our way so we can be sure to share with the work group.

Below are two resources we wanted to share with you (links):

- [*The Path Forward - An Antiracist Approach to Academic Medicine*](#)
- [*Recording of the talk on Bias and Systemic Racism in Academic Health Care: NIH Strategies for Change from Dr. Hannah Valantine*](#)

Feel free to reach out to us if you are interested in learning more about the WGRJ.

We look forward to working together on the road ahead and will continue to provide updates.

Sincerely,
Linda, Manas, Megha and Jimmy

WGRJ Co-Chairs

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Research Participation Opportunities

We will share opportunities to voluntarily participate in various approved research endeavors across our Academic Health System with each installment of ATW. See attached if you are interested in learning more.

If you would like to have your research call included in future editions of Academics this Week, reach out to your Program Director and your Associate DIO:

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GME Feedback, Questions & Comments

Your feedback is always welcomed!

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