

Statement in Support of Black Lives Matter

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Sharing the outrage evoked by the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, David McAtee, and too many others, the faculty of the Program in American Studies unequivocally states that Black Lives Matter. We embrace and affirm [The American Studies Association's Statement](#) on Black Lives Matter and the Rebellion of 2020 and commit to continuing our work to achieve its goals of meaningful structural change, at our College, locally, and nationally.

Our academic field explores systems of power and their impacts on numerous intersectional identity categories, an approach exemplified both in our Race and Ethnicity concentration and more broadly across our curriculum. In tying our intellectual work to broader college-wide efforts for social justice, we actively support and contribute to the Center for Comparative Studies of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE) and the Committee for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (CDEI). As we continue with this work, we pledge to deploy our expertise and our pedagogy in service of the larger goal of making Middlebury an anti-racist institution.