



# RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

## MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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### Resources for Racial Justice *Special Resistance Edition* 2/13/17

*Our occasional e-newsletter, usually published once or twice a month, with links to events, articles, videos, websites, & more relating to racism & racial justice.*

#### Racial Justice Rising's events:

#### Free monthly programs in Greenfield MA - please come!



#### An Art With A History

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Doors open at 9:45  
First Congregational Church, 43 Silver Street.

Tem Blessed will take us on a journey through the history of spoken word through demonstration of the art as well as lecture. Tem's love of music, his experience, his care of the natural world, and his roots in West Africa come together in his music.

Tem will be joined by other area artists and there will be a short open mic opportunity for audience members.

*Rated PG13 for language and content.*

Tem Blessed is a multi talented performer, emcee and spoken word artist who astounds audiences with his unique blend of poetry, hip hop music, and relevant social messages. Tem has been inspiring people for years with powerful messages focused on personal transformation, critical thinking and global responsibility.

FREE - Donations Welcome

For childcare, RSVP to email@racialjusticerising.org with number & ages of children. Cancellations due to weather will be announced by 7 a.m. on the day of the program on our website & facebook page and on WISN 36.3 FM.

This program is supported in part by grants from the Atrium, Atrium Charitable Foundation, Center for the Study of the History of Slavery, Lawrence, Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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#### Spoken Word, An Art With A History, featuring Tem Blessed

Saturday, March 4, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Tem Blessed will lead us on a journey through the history of spoken word, using demonstration of the art as well as lecture.

Other western MA area spoken word artists will also join us, and there will be a short open mic opportunity for audience members.

The program is rated PG 13 for language and content.

Childcare by reservation.

For more information, click on image, see [event page](#) on Facebook, or [email](#) us.

® View [photos from our February program](#), The Evolving Face of Housing Discrimination →

® See [video of our December program](#), Taste of Brazil: The Story of Capoeira Dance →



#### VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Every Saturday  
morning 9-10 a.m.  
Greenfield Town  
Common  
~ Please join us ~

Co-sponsored by Racial Justice Rising and the Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition

#### Other groups' events:

- **Throughout the year, various locations:** Interactive [Racial Justice Trainings](#) with Race Forward. Skills and strategies to address structural racism and advance racial equity, with emphasis on how to challenge and change institutional racial inequities.
- **All month, Amherst MA:** Black History Month events [with the NAACP](#) and [at UMass](#)
- **Thursday, February 16, Amherst MA:** [Film and discussion](#) of *Actions Are Illegal, Never People*, with Jose Antonio Vargas, followed by small group work on action projects, organized by Coming Together.
- **Friday, February 17, Amherst MA:** [Justice for Jeantel \(and Trayvon\): Fighting Dialect Prejudice in the Courtroom and Beyond](#)
- **Saturday, February 18, Turners Falls MA:** [Full Snow Moon Gathering](#) with speaker Drew Lopenzina on William Apess, Standing Rock, and the 1833 Mashpee Resistance
- **Wednesday, February 22, Northampton MA:** [We Need To Stop The Injustice](#), film of TED Talk by human rights lawyer and anti-death penalty activist Bryan Stevenson
- **Saturday, February 25, Greenfield MA:** Welcome The Neighbors Candlelight Vigil, 6-7 p.m., Greenfield Common. The organizers say, "Standing for humane values, we celebrate the power we have to care. What do you care about? What do you hold dear? We will come together at the Vigil in celebration and song ~ with kindred spirit. COME WARM THE NIGHT WITH HEART AND LIGHT."
- **Friday, March 10, Washington DC:** [Rise With Standing Rock, Native Nations March On Washington](#)
- **March 17-18, Palm Beach FL:** [Black Women Rise Conference](#), a 2-day multigenerational, multiracial gathering with keynote speaker Dr. Angela Davis
- **Saturday, March 25, Greenfield MA:** Welcome The Neighbors Candlelight Vigil, 7-8 p.m., Greenfield Common. "This is an opportunity to stand for humane values in our interconnected world. Acceptance, Equality, Security, Understanding, Consideration and Trust are but some of what all human beings need. We want these for ourselves and for everyone. We will come together at the Vigil in welcome and song." For more info: Anne, 413-774-2644
- **Tuesday, April 4, Great Barrington MA:** Patrice O'Neill, founder of Not in our Town, 7 PM at the Mahaiwe Theatre, organized by [Multicultural BRIDGE](#). They also have classes, action groups and more, throughout the month in Berkshire County.
- **April 28-30, Kansas City MO:** [White Privilege Conference](#)
- **Saturday, May 13, Greenfield MA:** All Souls Unitarian Church's annual Antiracism Film Festival
- **Through September 2017, North Adams MA:** [Mass MOCA Exhibit Wants You To Do More Than Just Talk About Race and Violence](#)

## Articles, websites, and other resources

### Activism

- Free signs! [Download beautiful protest signs](#) and print them yourself. From Wes Sam-Bruce at TheCuriousLife
- [#LoveArmy](#) - from the Dream Corps
- U.S.12 Campaign with [7 Actions We Can Take Right Now](#)

- [How To Make Your Social Justice Events Accessible to the Disability Community](#), from [rootedinrights](#)
- [MA Actions & Events Calendar](#)

### **Standing Rock**

- Friday, March 10, Washington DC: [Rise With Standing Rock, Native Nations March On Washington](#)
- [A message from Standing Rock](#), 2/5/17
- [Trump's Pipeline and America's Shame](#), by Bill McKibben at The New Yorker
- [Army Veterans Return To Standing Rock To Form A Human Shield Against Police](#), by Sam Levin at The Guardian

### **Muslim in America**

- [Muslim in Trump's America](#) by Farah Amin, from Medium
- [What It's Like to Be Muslim in America](#), a TED talk with Dalia Mogahed

### **Immigration**

- [What To Do If Immigration Agents Are At Your Door](#), in English and Spanish, from the ACLU
- [Informed Immigrant](#), information for immigrants and their allies, in English & Spanish
- and a little history: [The Illegal Land Grab of Mexico: U.S. Annexation, 1848](#) from TeleSur

### **Criminal Justice & Injustice**

- [Black Parents Explain How To Deal With the Police](#), a video from This Matters
- [Let's Be Honest, Episode 1](#): Keyedrya Jacobs with a one on one conversation with the Chief of Police of Greenfield MA

### **Economics**

- [The Asset Value of Whiteness: Understanding the Racial Wealth Gap](#), from Demos

### **Food Justice**

- [The Future of Food is Black](#), by Shakirah Simley at Huffington Post

### **Health, Health Disparities**

- [Immorality Of Inaction On Inequality](#), from BMJ

### **Indigenous**

- [The Real Bowling Green Massacre](#), from Indian Country Media Network
- [Over My Dead Body: Tribe Aims to Block Construction of Border Wall](#), from the Guardian

### **Whiteness, White Privilege, White Antiracism**

- [Healing from Toxic Whiteness, an online training program](#) for white people committed to racial justice, from Everyday Feminism
- [Nothing Will Really Change Until America Reckons With Race](#), by Kali Holloway at The Establishment

### **Humor Section**

- [Frederick Douglass Opens Twitter Account From Beyond The Grave](#), from One Hot Mess

*The members of Racial Justice Rising are ordinary people who are troubled by the persistent racism that plagues this country. Believing that the damage caused by racism must be repaired before our society can be whole, we work for just and respectful treatment for all. We share a vision of a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-faith community.*

*Our mission is to:*

- *Help build the movement for racial justice by contributing to a deeper understanding of systemic racism and racial justice.*
- *Engage in restorative activities that help to heal the racial divide and bring justice for people targeted by racism.*

*While much of our work is focused in our local area, Franklin County, MA, we reach out to and are connected with the broader movements in our region and the nation.*

**Thank you, readers who send us information for these newsletters!** We welcome links to articles, videos, event listings, and other resources.

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