



# RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

## MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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### Resources for Racial Justice

10/20/15

#### **New name!**

**We are now Racial Justice Rising** - a name that we think better reflects of our goals and mission. Mass Slavery Apology continues as the name our [statement of apology for slavery](#) - the project that got us started. (We hope you will read it and, if so moved, add your signature and share it with others.)

#### **Welcome new readers**

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 work for racial justice and system change by:

- Bringing more people into the anti-racism movement by reaching out, especially to white people, with resources that encourage a deeper understanding of systemic racism and racial justice.
- Using *Mass Slavery Apology*, our statement of apology for slavery, to build public acknowledgement of the legacy of slavery and public support for reparations.
- Addressing conditions of injustice in our own communities.

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.

#### **Mass Slavery Apology's activities:**

**Join us at our free monthly programs in Greenfield:**

All programs are at the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA 01301, almost always on the first Saturday morning of the month. (A big thank you to the First Congregational Church of Greenfield for your support!) Free snacks and childcare. For more info: [email@massslaveryapology.org](mailto:email@massslaveryapology.org) or [www.massslaveryapology.org](http://www.massslaveryapology.org)

**Saturday, November 7: [1676 & Beyond: Tribes, Race, & Untold History](#)** with David Tall Pine White of the Nipmuc tribe & David Brule of the Nolumbeka Project

1676 and Beyond:  
Tribes, Race, and Untold Histories  
with David Tall Pine White & David Brule



Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.  
First Congregational Church, 43 Silver St, Greenfield MA

David Tall Pine White is a Nipmuc tribal member who focuses on preserving & sustaining the Nipmuc language & culture.

David Brule is a board member of The Nolumbeka Project, an author, and an environmental activist.

Both are active with the National Park Service Battlefield Grant which is studying the 1676 massacre at the falls in Montague.

~ FREE ~ Donations Welcome

For childcare, RSVP with number & ages of children by 11/1/15  
For more information or to reserve childcare:  
email@massslaveryapology.org or 413-625-2951



MANY THANKS TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENFIELD

This program is supported in part by grants from the Amherst, Bennington, Buckland, Deerfield, Gill, Leverett, Montague, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, and Wataugus Cultural Councils, organizations which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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### Check out Mass Slavery Apology's new [YouTube channel!](#)

We will be posting videos of our programs, and more. Currently available:

- One People, One Earth! with Brother NorthStar
- Black Lives/Black History with Gloria De,Layne Matlock and Adam Matlock
- Video of the April 14 Black Lives Matter action in Springfield MA.

## Articles, websites, and other resources

### Let's start with some poetry...

- Navajo poet [Rowie Shebala with Love You Some Indians](#), from Indian Country Today
- [Poetry by Hiwot Adilow](#): "I'm tired of people asking me to spell my name out for them. They want me to smooth it out..." From Brave New Voices 2012.

### Black History

- [Ellen Craft, The Slave Who Posed As A Master and Made Herself Free](#), by Angela Serratore at Jezebel
- [Early African American Schools Refuted White Supremacist View](#), by Stephanie Stokes at WABE
- [The American Slave Coast. A History of the Slave Breeding Industry](#) by Ned & Constance Sublette, from Chicago Review Press

### Criminal Justice & Injustice

- [Police Killings of Blacks: What The Data Say](#), by Sendhil Mullainathan at the New York Times. An economics perspective.

### Decolonization

- [Cultural Etiquette, A Guide for the Well Intentioned](#), a book by Amoja Three Rivers
- [On Indigenous People's Day](#), from Awakening The Horse
- [Why We Should Abolish Columbus Day](#) and another
- [You Can't Have Your Decolonized Cake & Eat From Colonialism Too](#), from Ancestral Pride, shared by Unsettling America

### Entertainment

- ["Homeland Is Racist:" Artists Sneak Graffiti Onto TV Show](#), by Claire Phipps at The Guardian

### Food Justice

- [Why Food Belongs In Our Discussions of Race](#), by Kristin Wartman at Civil Eats

### History

- How our government created structural racism: [A Brief History of White Privilege, Racism, and Oppression in America](#), a 5 minute film excerpt from Legalize

Democracy. This is an excellent overview!

### **Indigenous/Native/First Peoples**

- ["Redskin" Team Name & Mascot Officially Banned](#) in California, from Diversity Inc.

### **Latino Lives**

- [Taínos: The First Resistance](#), from Latino Rebels

### **Recommended Reading**

- [A Bibliography For the Revolution](#), from BlackLivesMatter# Nashville  
- [Reading While White: Allies for Racial Diversity & Inclusion In Books For Children & Teens](#)

### **Reparations**

- [Ta-Nehisi Coates Makes The Case For Reparations](#), audio recording of his talk on WNPR last June  
- [Slavery reparations dominate David Cameron's Jamaica visit](#), a very short video from A&J films

### **Solidarity**

- [When I See Them, I See Us](#) - Lauryn Hill, Danny Glover, DAM, Omar Barghouti, Alice Walker, Angela Davis, Yousef Erekat, Annemarke Jacir, Boots Riley, Dr. Cornell West, more. From Black-Palestinian Solidarity

### **White Privilege/White Antiracism**

- [33 Questions White People Have For Other White People](#), from Buzzfeed

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### **Other groups' events:**

- **October 24, Florence MA:** Open house at [David Ruggles Center](#), 2-5 p.m.
- **October 24-January 16, Brattleboro VT:** [Lost River Racial Justice Study Group](#) focusing on racial justice organizing in predominantly white rural areas.
- **October 24, Nashua, New Hampshire:** [Wake Up, Reflect, Learn, Teach, Act conference](#)
- **Tues October 27, Amherst MA:** Community Conversations: Planning Some Action Steps at the Jones Library, 7:00-8:45 p.m., with the [Amherst NAACP, Coming Together: Understanding Racism, Working for Justice & Building Connections](#), & Amherst Racial Equity/UROC
- **November 1, Boston MA:** [Citizenship, Justice, and Racial Reconciliation](#), Mass Humanities Fall Forum. Free!
- **November 14, Holyoke MA:** [Both/And, GLSEN Annual Fall Conference](#)
- **December 12-13, Hartford CT:** [Undoing Racism Workshop](#) with the People's Institute for Survival & Beyond.

***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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- We welcome your feedback!

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