Marching Forever, But Going Nowhere
by Yvette Alex-Assensoh,
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For centuries, black people have been the proverbial canaries of the American coal mine, literally sacrificing their lives to warn others of toxic conditions that must be cleared to ensure abundant and healthy lives. COVID-19 has made more commonplace, throughout America, the death and trauma that are all too familiar in our ghettos, reservations and barrios, with its heaviest toll being among people of color and women.

Even more tragic are the latest injustices: the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor by police officers. Ahmaud Abery was murdered by a father-son duo. Also, we saw Amy Cooper’s effort to use her privilege, as a white woman, to endanger the life of an innocent black man, all of which reveal that too many of our non-black sisters and brothers have yet to learn the lessons that black people literally have been dying to teach them: the importance of empathy and the need for anti-racist thoughts and actions... Read more...

Resources
**Just Mercy: A Conversation on Criminal Justice**

UO alumna Ayanna Luvert-Murray and the UO Black Alumni Network invite you to a 360 perspective of the criminal justice system. We have assembled a diverse panel who will share through the lens of police/law enforcement; the courts (adjudication/trial); the prison system and how these systems intersect with the Black community. June 13, 2 - 4 pm. Online event.

**RSVP**

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**COVID-19 and Equity Issues**

**Denouncement of Anti-Asian Discrimination & COVID-19: ADPI Strategies Group**

[https://tinyurl.com/y6tlq0gb](https://tinyurl.com/y6tlq0gb)

**Coronavirus Equity Considerations: NAACP**
Heritage Months

May was Asian Desi Pacific Island American Heritage Month
A message from VP for Equity and Inclusion, Yvette Alex-Assensoh

Honoring Asian Pacific Island American Month in new ways

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June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

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Summer Jobs

SAIL Virtual Summer Counselors
Summer Academy to Inspire Learning (SAIL) Program

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In The Press

Check your mailbox and the AtO website for the latest and greatest. Below are a few articles of interest that appeared this winter.

- Clark Honors College student is awarded a Udall Fellowship
- The 1950s queer black performers who inspired Little Richard
- The UO Leadership Academy graduates its second class
- Nuanced Griot highlights and shares black experiences
- 'Essential' work: Does it just refer to the work, not the people?
- Division of Equity and Inclusion offers new support on website

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Staff Recommendations
**Kimberly Johnson**, Director, CMAE Advising & Assistant Vice Provost for Advising, young adult novel listed as one of *Essences’ 14 books by Black authors* to read this summer.

**Starling Days**

by Rowan Hisayo Buchanan

*Short listed for the Costa Novel award*

**Performative Allyship Is Deadly**

(Here’s What to Do Instead)

**The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: 40 TV Series, Documentaries, Movies, TED Talks, and Books to Add to Your List**

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**Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson**

- **Read the book...**

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**Watch the film (available free via Itunes, Amazon, Xfinity)...**

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**Websites**

**Racial Equity Tools**...offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for people who want to increase their own understanding and to help those working toward justice at every level.

**To Watch**

**Never Have I Ever**

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**Queer Women of Color Media Project** creates, exhibits, and distributes...
The Opportunity Agenda is a social justice communication lab that works to advance the impact of the social justice community.

National Native News is a headline news service that provides a Native perspective, providing listeners with relevant, timely coverage on Native American and Indigenous communities.

Talking about race, although hard, is necessary. We are here to provide tools and guidance to empower your journey and inspire conversation.

Family Time

- Mi amigo Alexis
- Little Big Shots with Melissa McCarthy
- Holey Moley
- To Tell The Truth
- Star Trek: The Next Generation
- Queen of Katwa

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