The Center for Intersectional Gender Studies & Research affirms the following June 3 statement from Aggies Think, Care, Act, which condemns police violence and supports anti-racist protesters.

"The unnecessary violence against Black and African American people has become increasingly distressing and visible to us. The unwarranted killings of Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick, Georgia; Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky; and George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota have outraged many in the United States and around the world. We recognize this disturbing pattern as part of larger, systemic racism that infests our society at large.

Our hearts go out to the victims of these and other acts of racial violence. We acknowledge the pain and outrage their families and communities feel, and we stand with them in their search for justice. Simply existing as a Brown of Black body in our society is too often life-threatening. The urge for change is palpable and just. As protests turn violent, we join everyone in the feelings of shock and sadness in which the status quo of unchecked officer-involved kills has resulted. We link arms in solidarity with the marginalized, the voiceless, and the powerless.

Now, more than ever, we must stand together as a community and take action to change this situation of racial intolerance. Those of us who are White must confront our implicit role in the system of racism, and stop condoning or tacitly approving of racism by being passive bystanders. And we must understand that there are many forms of action we might take in support of a push to be an anti-racist society—from peaceful protest to running for office, from community organizing to petitioning elected leaders. Or it may be as simple as stepping into a situation when someone needs help or support. We can all learn to protest effectively, to be an upstander in the presence of discrimination, and to support each other emotionally.

Aggies Think, Care, Act. We condemn the wonton violence consistently perpetrated against Brown and Black people. We empathize with their suffering, accept the call for change, and commit to doing the necessary work it will take. We invite every Aggie to take action and be a part of the solution."

—Aggies Think, Care, Act

To engage with issues of intersectionality, current anti-racist protests, and the disparate impacts of COVID-19, we encourage members of our campus community to take advantage of the resources below—to WATCH, LISTEN, READ and ACT.

To Watch

Under the Blacklight: The Intersectional Vulnerabilities that COVID Lays Bare

To Listen

Intersectionality Matters Podcast

To Read

Say Her Name: Resisting Brutality Against Black Women

To Act

Black Lives Matter Syllabus
The Brennan Center for Justice
The Loveland Foundation
The National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center
Women of Color Network
The Anti-Violence Project
The National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project
Vera Institute for Justice
In Our Names Network
Showing Up For Racial Justice
New Era For Public Safety