



Combating Racial Injustice Workshop

***Black Lives Matter:
Eliminating Racial Inequity in the Criminal
Justice System***

*Sponsored by
The Race and Social Policy Research Center
at Virginia Tech*

April 27, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Inn at Virginia Tech &
Skelton Conference Center
Blacksburg, VA

Workshop Schedule

Saturday April 27, 2019

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration/Check-in
Upper Quad Foyer
- Continental Breakfast
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- 9:00 am -- 9:10 am Welcome/Introduction to Workshop
Wornie Reed
- 9:10 am -- 9:50 am Racial Inequity in the Criminal Justice System
Nazgol Ghandnoosh
- 9:50 am – 10:10 am Break
- 10:10 am -- 10:40 am Eliminating Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System
Nazgol Ghandnoosh
- 10:45 am - 12:20 pm Discussion Circles
Andy Morikawa
- 12:20 pm - 12:50 pm Reports from Discussion Circles
Andy Morikawa
- 12:50 pm – 1:00 pm Call to Combat This Injustice
Wornie Reed
- 1:00 Adjourn

Margaret Breslau, Chairperson of The Coalition for Justice, Blacksburg, has organized many local actions for peace and social justice. Since 1981 the Coalition for Justice has sought to bring groups and individuals in the New River Valley together in order to nurture a grassroots movement for positive social change. More recently, Margaret is co-founder of the Virginia Prison Justice Network.

Nazgol Ghandnoosh, is a Senior Research Analyst at The Sentencing Project who conducts and synthesizes research on criminal justice policies. She analyzes racial disparities in the justice system, public opinion about punishment, and the scope of reform efforts. Nazgol earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Andy Morikawa, Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance Fellow and Race and Social Policy Research Center Associate, serves as trustee on the boards of local, regional and international change nonprofits. He hosts a podcast, *Trustees Without Borders*; and serves on the organizing bodies of Community Voices, the Dialogue on Race, and Conversations NRV.

Wornie Reed, Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies, is Director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center at Virginia Tech. Professor Reed has taught courses, conducted research, and published numerous articles and several books on medical care, health and illness, urban communities, and criminal and juvenile justice. He serves on the Steering Committee of the Montgomery County Dialogue on Race.

Shannon Bell, Associate Professor of Sociology at Virginia Tech, is noted for her work in social and environmental justice. Among other activities she is the author of two award-winning books: *Fighting King Coal: The Challenges to Micromobilization in Central Appalachia* and *Our Roots Run Deep as Ironweed: Appalachian Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice*.

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