

# Healing Circle

FOR OUR BOBCAT COMMUNITY

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**

*The tragic circumstances surrounding the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, following other recent unspeakable tragedies, makes clear yet again that systemic discrimination and unjust racial disparities continue to plague our country. It is past time for change.*

*In the face of hatred and bias, we must speak out. We must not accept apathy, indifference or silence; otherwise we allow hatred, prejudice and intolerance to grow. Whether you are hurting, angry, or don't know what to feel at this moment, we invite you to join us in this space with the intent to heal.*

*The Office of Social Justice Initiatives & Identity Programs will be hosting a healing circle for our #BOBCATSTRONG campus community to check in on each other, dive deeper into the impact of our current situation, and provide options for us to engage in solidarity as a community.*

**WHEN**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> | 10:00AM - 11:30AM (PST)**

**ZOOM LINK**

**[HTTPS://UCMERCED.ZOOM.US/J/93218907454](https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/93218907454)**

**UC MERCED STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH #BLACKLIVESMATTER**

- *The Office of Social Justice Initiatives and Identity Programs will host a healing circle this Wednesday.*
- *Sharon Johnson, CEO and Director at Martin Luther King Hospital in Los Angeles will lead a remote healing workshop Friday, 6:00pm-8:00pm (Zoom Link will be emailed to the African/Black student organizations and other stakeholders.)*
- *Dania Matos and Jonathan will co-lead a university Taskforce focusing on anti-black violence (student representation will be included on the Taskforce)*
- *Counseling and Psychological Services-(CAPS) is working on initiatives and ideas to continuously address mental health and wellness within the Black community*
- *Staff and Faculty of Color Association has sent out messaging and will be having a speaker lead a remote healing circle for staff and faculty on Wednesday (Dr. David N. Moore, Jr.)*
- *Dr. Nies will continue to meet monthly with Black student leaders to address concerns.*



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