

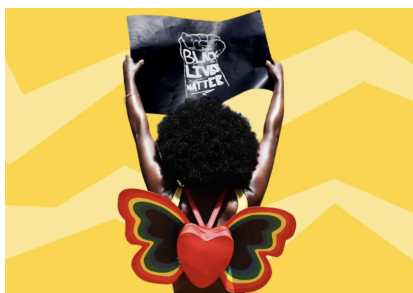
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Dear Friends,



It is Pride Month. It is also a period of great intensity for the Black Lives Matter movement. It is not an either/or month. It is a both/and month. It is an intersectional month.

Both Pride and Black Lives Matter need to be lifted up this month, and in the months to come. The two are not mutually exclusive.

Find ways this week to educate yourself on both. Here are some of my suggestions:

[The Origins of Pride Month: What You Should Know About Its History](#)

[How The Black Lives Matter Protests Complement Pride Month](#)

[What Intersectionality Means Today](#)

[Podcast focused on intersectionality of LGBTQ+ and POC experiences](#)

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Other Links Worth Checking Out

[Reimagining Black Futures](#)

[Land Reparations and Indigenous Solidarity Toolkit](#)

[There is No Such Thing as a White Ally](#)

Coming Up

Ten percent of each registration received for our Hard Conversations classes is donated to two BIPOC-led organizations: the [Equal Justice Initiative](#) to support their work to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenge racial and economic injustice and protect the basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society, and [Color of Change](#), the largest online racial justice organization in the country, fighting to end the war on Black people in our country.

In addition, we offer scholarships to make our work accessible; indigenous peoples are welcome to attend our classes at no cost. Email support@pattidigh.com for information.

Hard Conversations Book Club

The Hard Conversations Book Club is open to new members at any time during the year. We meet once a month via teleconference call to discuss books that provide us with deeper insight into racism and other -isms. [Go here for information.](#)

Hard Conversations: Whiteness, Race, and Social Justice

“Until you can recognize you are living a racialized life and you’re having racialized experiences every moment of every day, you can’t actually engage people of other races around the idea of justice.” Whitney Dow, “The Whiteness Project.” We must understand our whiteness and the power it wields. This five-week course explores whiteness, white supremacy, and race as a social construct, among other topics. To see available courses, [go here](#). More courses will be added next week for September 2020.

Hard Conversations: An Introduction to Racism

A five-week online class focused on systemic and structural racism, white privilege and white fragility, the myth of colorblindness, and how to be an effective ally. [Go here](#) for information about the next available course. More courses will be added next week for September 2020.

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