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Introduction
Black Lives Matter and Anti-Racist Projects in Writing Program Administration
We are two mid-career women of color academics, one of us African American, one Asian American, who are also experienced writing program administrators—one of us of a first year writing program, one of a professional writing program.
Centering Black Perspectives in Anti-Racist Writing Program Administration
Writing Program Administration "For Us, By Us": Two HBCU WPAs Testify
We are cisgender, Black, Critical Race scholars who serve as WPAs as well as tenured, tenure-track faculty in the English Departments at prominent HBCUs.
So You Think You're Ready to Build New Social Justice Initiatives?: Intentional and Coalitional Pro-Black Programmatic and Organizational Leadership in Writing Studies
We are pro-Black women administrators of technical writing programs, committees, and organizations—a Black cisgender woman associate professor, a Latina assistant professor, and a first generation college graduate with White and Indigenous heritages.

Flourishing as Anti-Racist Praxis: "An Uncompromised Commitment" to Black Writing Tutors
I am a Black cisgender senior writing program administrator at a predominantly white private RI university, the first person of color to direct the institution's writing and speaking center. I am also a womanist theologian and bring that ethic and epistemic framework to my role.
What James Baldwin Taught Me About WPA Work
I am a white, queer, first-generation college graduate who is a tenure-track assistant professor and writing program administrator at a public researchintensive university in the South.
Am I The Problem?
I am a black, cisgender PhD student at a majority-white R1 university in the deep south.Anti-Racist Leadership and Representation
Why So Few of US: Addressing Larger Issues of Systemic Exclusions That Limit the Numbers of Black Writing Program Administrators 49 Sheila Carter-Tod
I am a cisgender, able-bodied African American associate professor. After previously being a WPA at a large R1 PWI, I am currently transiting into a WPA position at a small PWI liberal arts college. I am keenly aware of my positionality as an African American female, and thus continually teach and conduct research as a means of social, racial and intellectual disruption.
The Promise and Perils of a Disciplinary and Organizational Pipeline 56 Al Harahap
I am an Asian Islander immigrant who has lived and experienced education systems across Asia, Australia, and North America, non-native English speaker, contingent faculty at a doctoral research institution in the US South, doing various institutional and organizational administration, research, service, and teaching.
The Push for the 1974 Statement Once Again
Chicano full professor. As a past fieldworker and proud of my cultural identity, I commonly address social justice issues in my teaching and research in composition and technical communication.

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White Supremacists and Urgent Agency: Memories from a Writing Program Administrator
I am a cisgender, white assistant professor of writing and rhetoric and a writing and speech program administrator.
Anti-Racist Programmatic and Professional Development
Programmatic Approaches to Antiracist Writing Program Policy71 Tyler S. Branson and James Chase Sanchez
We are two tenure-track assistant professors at two different types of schools. The lead author, a white, junior WPA, works at a mid-size retinol institution in Ohio, and the second-author, who is Chicanx, works at an elite liberal arts college in New England.
A WPA Reflects on Assessing Black Women's Writing during Intersectional Pandemics
I am cis-gender, Black, feminist, first generation college graduate, who attended all PWIs from grammar school to graduate school. I now serve as a tenure-track faculty member in the English Department at an HBCU for women, where I direct the Comprehensive Writing Program with a hybrid WAC/WID design.
Beyond Crisis Moments: Mediating Instructor-Student Conflict through Anti-Racist Practice
We work together as writing program administrators at a majority-minority public college. One is a 2nd generation Asian American mid-career academic, educated in US public schools from K to PhD, and one is a Black early-career WPA from Trinidad and Tobago, formerly an international student and adjunct at Ivy League institutions.
Racism in the Margins
We are two white writing center administrators at a large public primarily-white institution. Gabriel is a cisgender man and a graduate student, and Kathleen is a cisgender female faculty member.

Countering Equivocation: The Moves Used to Thwart Anti-Racism Work
We are an early-career, Asian American academic on the tenure-track and a mid-career white woman academic with experience as a writing program administrator, respectively.
"I'm Just Following the Policy": The Last Line of Defense for "Standard English"
I am a white man, with tenure at a Minority Serving Institution. I have served in the role of WPA for first-year writing for five years.
Anti-Racist Curricular Work
Anti-Racism Across the Curriculum: Practicing an Integrated Approach to WAC and Writing Center Faculty Development
We are two white administrators with several years of experience leading writing centers and writing across the curriculum programs. Rebecca is a pre-tenure queer man.
Do Something!: Forging Constellations of Curricular, Co-Curricular, and Community Opportunities for Anti-Racist Writing Pedagogies at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine
Our team includes students, writing tutors, alum, and a writing program administrator who come to this work from a range of positions, including Black, Afro-Caribbean, Asian, Asian American, Arab American, Jewish American, and white and share a commitment to community engagement, antiracism, and language justice.
Collaborating Toward an Anti-Racist Writing Curriculum
We are two white women academics currently working at the University of Memphis. Katie, an associate professor, has directed the First-Year Writing program since 2016, and Angela, a PhD Candidate in the Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication program, served as the graduate assistant director from fall 2019–spring 2021.

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Confronting the Comp Classroom: Implementing Anti-Racist Pedagogy and Navigating Opposition
We are Black and Latinx Indigenous assistant professors and a white associate professor and department chair who collaborated to re-imagine the first-year composition program in our department.
Telling It Like It Is: A Narrative Account of Designing a Race and Ethnicity Requirement at a PWI in the Middle of Black Lives Matter
We are two early-career scholar-teachers with disabling chronic health conditions; Dr. Pengilly is a cisgender Black woman who is co-director of the Online Technical Writing program, and Dr. O'Brien is a nonbinary multiracial Tamil person who coordinates the Language and Literature Program at CWU.
Recursive Interventions: A Coalitional Approach to Anti-Racist Pedagogy at Middle Tennessee State University
We are two cisgender, white women who work in coalition at a regional comprehensive university in the Southeast. As early-career writing program administrators with significant privilege, we center inclusive and anti-racist pedagogies, practices, processes, and policies in our administrative work in first-year writing and the writing center.
Anti-Racist Classroom Practices
Teaching Anti-Racist Reading Practices in First-Year Writing
I am a Black Garifuna woman from Belize, Central America. As an early-career academic on the tenure-track, I center race, technology, place-embodiments, and inclusion in my scholarship, teaching, and service.
Your Contract Grading Ain't It
I am a Black woman. Although I am early in my career, I am feared by the historically white institutions in which I work and create diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible spaces. I am enough.

Narratives from a Writing Center: Actively Engaging in the Process of Anti-Racism
Sonya Barrera Eddy, Katherine Bridgman, J. Ione Matthews, Randee M. Schmitt, and Autumn Brooke Crane
A Tejana director of Integrated Reading and Writing; a white Writing Center Director; a white educator and tutor; a Hispanic, white-passing, first-generation graduate student and writing tutor; and a white, female writing center tutor who is a first-generation college student with a BS in Psychology discuss the process of antiracism.
Reimagining the Possibilities: A Narrative Account of a
Journey Toward Anti-Racist Administration
I am a Black, cis gender, queer assistant professor of rhetoric and composition, and the first-year writing director at a four-year doctoral granting metropolitan institution in the south.
Interventions Foregrounding and Honoring Black Language in FYC from a HBCU/PBI Perspective
I am a white, queer, disabled woman working as a writing program administrator and classroom faculty on the tenure track at an historically Black university where the students are predominantly Black.
Anti-Racist Collaborations, Resources, and Support
Aligning Practice with Belief: Bringing Anti-Racist Information Literacy and Writing Instruction to an HSI Lutheran University 162 Meghan Kwast, Jolivette Mecenas, and Yvonne Wilber
We are a queer Filipinx associate professor who has directed first-year writing programs at public and private HSIs, a white librarian who works as a liaison with the English Department, and a white librarian who heads undergraduate instruction, who collaborated with one another to bring antiracist curriculum to first year writing.
Collaboration at the Center: Anti-Racist Writing Program
Architecture at California State University Dominguez Hills
We are a Xicanx woman (Siskanna) and a white Ashkenazi Jewish
woman (Mara Lee), both of whom have experience in writing program administration.

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Curating a Place to Begin: Creating Resources That Center the Work of Black and Indigenous Scholars and Other Scholars of Color
I am a white, first-generation woman academic teaching at a newly designated Hispanic-serving institution with experience leading first-year writing programs at multiple institutions of varying size and scope.
How to Respond When You're BIPOC and Your Organization Is Called Out for Racism
I am Filipina Canadian, currently acting as a WPA and professor at a public liberal arts institution that serves a large number of first-generation students. I come from an immigrant community and a fundamentalist culture and some days none of these things seem to construct me, but some days they really, really do.
Afterword
"Troubling the Boundaries" of Anti-Racism: The Clarity of Black Radical Visions amid Racial Erasure
I am a cisgender, able-bodied Black Feminist educator, agitator, and dreamer who currently lives and works as a professor, former WPA, and descendent of Enslaved Africans on the lands of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.
Bibliography
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