

On behalf of Dean Kurth

Dear YSN Community,

Earlier today, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all three charges in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd last May. The months since Mr. Floyd's murder and the duration of the trial has been a period of great intensity and stress, culminating in today's verdict. However, this verdict is not a punctuation mark; it is a reminder that justice can be precarious for Black people subjected to police violence. The murder of George Floyd prompted protests across the world and sparked a nation-wide, long-overdue reckoning with racism in America. Police violence must be addressed as a [public health threat](#), and today's verdict demonstrated that accountability is possible.

Over the next few days, I encourage faculty and managers to be flexible, allowing space for our community members to process and reflect. The [Belonging at Yale website](#) has education and support resources you may find helpful. Additionally, Associate Dean of Student Life and Belonging Saveena Dhall, Student Equity Coordinator Heather Reynolds, or Associate Dean LaRon Nelson can be contacted by any individuals who would like support.

Later this week, Yale Law School will host a virtual teach-in series, Criminal Justice, Racial Justice, Policing, and the Derek Chauvin Trial. YSN is a cosponsor of the series. Each panel discussion will feature experts in the fields of racial justice, criminal justice, and police reform. The panels will delve into the ramifications of the Derek Chauvin trial and discuss the legal and societal implications for the past, present, and future. As the teach-in describes, "at a time of significant unrest, uncertainty, and trauma that has disproportionately impacted our friends, students, and colleagues of color, we hope to help bring the Yale community together for a period of healing, learning, and solidarity." Please note that the panels are open only to members of the Yale community. The schedule and zoom registration information is below.

Respectfully,
Ann

The Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School **Thursday, April 22 from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST**

- Moderator
 - Dean [Heather K. Gerken](#), Dean of Yale Law School and Sol & Lillian Goldman Professor of Law
- Panelists
 - [Elizabeth Hinton](#), Associate Professor of History & African American Studies, Professor of Law, and Collaboratory Member
 - [Tracey L. Meares](#), Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law and Founding Director of The Justice Collaboratory

- [Dr. Jennifer Richeson](#), Philip R. Allen Professor of Psychology
- Registration
 - Webinar ID: 928 1553 1760
 - https://yale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GpgaHkJrSveYl2gzre_60g

The Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law

Friday, April 23 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

- Moderators
 - [Judith Resnik](#), Arthur Liman Professor of Law at Yale Law School and the Founding Director of the Arthur Liman Center
 - [Anna VanCleave](#), Clinical Lecturer in Law, Lecturer in Law, Associate Research Scholar in Law, and the Director of The Arthur Liman Center
- Panelists
 - [Emily Bazelon '00](#), Lecturer in Law, Senior Research Scholar in Law, and Truman Capote Fellow
 - [Dwayne Betts '16](#), Ph.D in Law Candidate and Senior Research Scholar
 - [Melissa Murray '02](#), Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law at New York University School of Law and Faculty Director, Birnbaum Women's Leadership Network
- Registration
 - Webinar ID: 956 1251 1090
 - https://yale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NI25wM6IRrqLeuDKsV0rTQ

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization at Yale Law School

Friday, April 23 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM EST

- Moderators
 - [Muneer Ahmad](#), Sol Goldman Clinical Professor of Law, Deputy Dean for Experiential Education, and Director, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization
 - [Fiona Doherty '99](#), Clinical Professor of Law and Founder, Criminal Justice Clinic
- Panelists
 - [Chrysanthemum Desir '18](#), Assistant Public Defender, Maryland Office of the Public Defender
 - [Christy Lopez '94](#), Professor from Practice, Georgetown Law
 - [Cara McClellan '15](#), Assistant Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- Registration
 - Webinar ID: 971 7302 5327
 - https://yale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WZBl45XCRnGzBgWiDAxd7w