

To Our Community and beyond:

We first want to extend our sincerest apologies for the delay in our statement and response. We recognize in our time to craft the right words intended to help and give strength to our community, that silence can be violent.

It is important to say the names of those who were murdered due to Police Brutality, Anti-Blackness, and Racism and other systematic inequalities that run rampant through our country.

These lives mean more, deserve more, to be said/read more:

- David McAtee
- Nina Pop
- Tony McDade
- George Floyd
- Sean Reed
- Breonna Taylor
- Ahmaud Arbery
- Every name beyond this list

We have seen staff, faculty, and students come together individually and collectively to support and process, including participating in protests across the country. Each of these actions demonstrates care and compassion, and each inspires hope.

The LGBT Resource Center strives to be social justice-centered in programming and resources, to provide pathways for students to freely be themselves in all their identities. In the midst of the beginning of traditional "Pride" month, we want to honor our Black trans women ancestors and elders, like Marsha P. Johnson, Storme DeLarverie, and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy. To connect the histories of Police Brutality against Black bodies. It is daily injustice, subtle and not so subtle, that Black people face in spaces of all kinds, including on this campus.

We recognize that many of our students and colleagues at UCI are suffering. Beyond this single instance, it means the following:

1. We, as the LGBTRC Professional Staff, are committed to continually educate ourselves and the community around the systematic inequalities of Anti-Blackness, Racism, Police Brutality, and more.
2. We, as the LGBTRC, are committed to being humble. We recognize we are not perfect. We have made mistakes and will most likely continue in our drive. We shall strive towards both community and individual healing and growth.
3. We, as the LGBTRC, are committed to provide resources to support our community. If we don't have the resource, we will find the resource, advocate for the resource, and do all we can to aid all we can.

For students, colleagues, and alumni who need support, please feel free to contact us via email at any time. Please continue to look towards our social media platforms and website for updates of holding space, resources, and more from the LGBTRC.

Additionally, if you are grappling with intense feelings such as anger, sadness or guilt, know that you are not alone. It must be all of our missions to continue to grow and educate ourselves, but

complex feelings might accompany that growth. The Counseling Center at UCI may be a resource that can help support you and help you process those feelings.

UCI Counseling Center website: <https://counseling.uci.edu/>
UCI Counseling Center phone number: 949-824-6457

In Solidarity,

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