

BLACK FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES

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determine the degree to which these inevitable "AGEs" can be prevented. Concrete steps can be taken to help children and young adults heal from the effects. Intervening at the level of individuals, and building resilient communities are key to mitigating the impact of childhood trauma." The goal is to build statewide capacity across state agencies and communities to address the root causes of these issues.

When I saw the state's plan mentioned "racialized violence, institutionalized racism, and white supremacy" as social interventions, I thought, *Word. OK, maybe this isn't another exercise in pathologizing the victims of unjust systems.* It's still too early to know where those implementing this plan will focus. And I also wonder whether a state initiative focused on resilience can eventually reckon with the state's central role—via policies that support and expand the "family regulation system" that requires so much police and social control—unless the most aggressive interventions, especially those that lead to *tweaks* to the status quo, are the only *rhetoric* that begins to address the root causes of these issues.

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JAN 25: RECEPTION, KEYNOTE ADDRESS, & BOOK SIGNING

VIRAL JUSTICE: HOW WE GROW THE WORLD WE WANT

5:00pm Health Sciences Innovation Building, Main Level | Open to all

JAN 26: STUDENT FIRESIDE CHAT & LUNCH

12:00pm Slonaker House | Limited to students only

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