

Neutrality is not an option.

The School of Art at Ball State University declares unequivocally that

BLACK LIVES MATTER

and stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and the numerous peaceful protests happening across the country in the wake of the death of George Floyd. We know the arts play a powerful role in educating and inspiring communities and we commit ourselves to using this power to actively fight racial injustice in all its forms.

We are witnessing a long overdue cultural reckoning in which
bigotry and white supremacy will no longer be tolerated.

We pledge as faculty to not remain neutral in the face of discrimination.

We will turn inward to examine our own cultural biases and confront them head-on.

We will interrogate unjust, historically entrenched practices within our own department and respect the voices of people of color and other marginalized perspectives.

We will make time for meaningful action against these issues that threaten
our collective humanity.

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Rest in Power:

Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, John Crawford, Michael Brown, Ezell Ford, Dante Parker, Michelle Cusseaux, Laquan McDoland, George Mann, Tanisha Anderson, Akai Gurley, Romain Bisbon, Jerame Reid, Matthew Ajibade, Frank Smart, Natasha McKenna, Tony Robinson, Anthony Hill, Mya Hall, Phillip White, Eric Harris, Walter Scout, William Chapman II, Alexia Christia, Brendon Glenn, Victor Manuel Larosa, Johnathan Sanders, Freddie Blue, Joseph Mann, Salvado Ellswood, Sandra Bland, Albert Joseph Davis, Darrius Stewart, Billy Ray Davis, Samuel Dubose, Michael Sabbie, Brian Keith Day, Christian Taylor, Troy Robinson, Asshams Pharoah Manley, Felix Kumi, Keith Harrison McLeod, Junior Prosper, Lamontez Jones, Patterson Brown, Dominic Hutchinson, Anthony Ashford, Alonzo Smith, Tyree Crawford, India Kager, La'vante Briggs, Michael Lee Marshall, Jamar Clark, Richard Perkins, Nathaniel Harris Pickett, Benni Lee Tignor, Miguel Espinal, Michael Noel, Kevin Matthews, Bettie Jones, Quintonio Legrier, Keith Childress Jr., Janet Wilson, Randy Nelson, Antronie Scott, Wendell Celestine, David Joseph, Calin Roquemore, Dyzhawn Perkins, Christopher Davis, Marco Loud, Peter Gaines, Torrey Robinson, Darius Robinson, Kevin Hicks, Mary Truxillo, Demarcus Semer, Willie Tillman, Terrill Thomas, Sylville Smooth, Alton Sterling, Terence Crutcher, Paul O'Neal, Alteria Woods, Jordan Edwards, Aaron Bailey, Ronell Foster, Antwon Rose II, Pamela Turner, Dominique Clayton, Atatiana Jefferson, Christopher Whitfield, Christopher McCorvey, Eric Reason, Michael Lorenzo Dean, Botham Jean, Ahmaud Arbery, Tamir Rice, Stephon Clark, Philando Castile, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd...