A call to action:

Striving for racial justice in academic biology

An initiative sponsored by the Society for the Advancement in Biology Education Research (SABER) focused on promoting awareness, understanding and commitment to change academic biology environments to be more inclusive and strive for racial justice in STEM Education. This 7-part series includes four discussions and three research seminars with the intended audience of biologists and biology education researchers. All sessions will be virtual and administered through Zoom; sessions will be recorded and posted on the SABER website for viewing. We are excited that speakers will be compensated for their time. This event is co-sponsored by Arizona State University’s HHMI Inclusive Excellence Project, the SEISMIC Collaboration, and University of California Santa Barbara.

SABER discussion
“Race REALLY matters.”
Date: Thursday, Aug. 27
Time: 9 a.m. PT // 10 MT // 11 CT // Noon ET
Speaker: David Asai, PhD, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Zoom: asu.zoom.us/j/94994705381

SABER discussion
“Actionable steps toward equity in STEM.”
Date: Thursday, Sep. 10
Time: 10 a.m. PT // 11 MT // 12 CT // 1p.m. ET
Speakers: Star Sharp, Penn State University, John Matsui, PhD, UC Berkeley
Zoom: asu.zoom.us/j/93202762402

SABER discussion
“Lessons from a hot spring: Authentic transformation in the higher education classroom.”
Date: Monday, Sep. 21
Time: 9 a.m. PT // 10 MT // 11 CT // Noon ET

SABER discussion
“Language matters: Considering racial microaggressions in science.”
Date: Thursday, Oct. 8
Time: 11:30 a.m. PT // 12:30 p.m. MT // 1:30 CT // 2:30 ET
Speakers: Colin Harrison, PhD, Georgia Tech, Kimberly Tanner, PhD, San Francisco State University
Zoom: asu.zoom.us/j/97235381892

SABER seminar
“Black women and belongingness: An interrogation of STEM education as a white, patriarchal space.”
Date: Thursday, Nov. 19
Time: Noon PT // 1 MT // 2 CT // 3 ET
Speakers: Luis Leyva, PhD and Nicole Joseph, PhD, Vanderbilt University
Zoom: asu.zoom.us/j/94696434185

SABER seminar
“But is it really “just” science? Engaging critical race theory to unpack racial oppression with implications for Black student science engagement.”
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 21
Time: 9 a.m. PT // 10 MT // 11 CT // Noon ET

All talks will be posted online afterwards at:
saberbio.wildapricot.org/Diversity_Inclusion