

**In Context: *Confronting Racism in Teacher Education***

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As institutions of higher education release statements about how Black Lives Matter and denounce the murder of George Floyd, they must go beyond empty words and gestures and examine the deep seated ways that anti-Blackness lives in the policies and practices that govern and shape campuses. These counter-narratives by Black teacher educators lay bare the ways in which racism impacts their experiences from the institution, their colleagues, and their students— and how they resist, organize and find community to advance racial justice in the field of education. By listening and being responsive to the racialized realities of Black faculty, colleges and universities can go beyond empty promises and move toward solidarity in the fight against White supremacy.