

Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine EDI Brief – February 2023

Black History Month

Black Resistance: A Journey to Equality

Each year, **Black History Month** centers on a theme to focus education and engagement with the continuing fight for racial justice. In 2023, we look at how African Americans have worked collectively to shape social movements and strengthen their communities.

Through resistance and activism, we see changes in our own policies. Most recently, Seattle Children's Hospital reckoned with the inequitable use of Code Purple against Black and African American patients and families. Community activists and families worked with the hospital to develop the [Adaptive Social Response](#) system, which provides support based on the specific need of patients, families and care team members.

Learn more:

- The Smithsonian's [Celebrate Black History Month 2023](#)
- View an interactive exhibit of past pandemics through the [National Museum of African American History & Culture](#).

Diversity Council Highlights

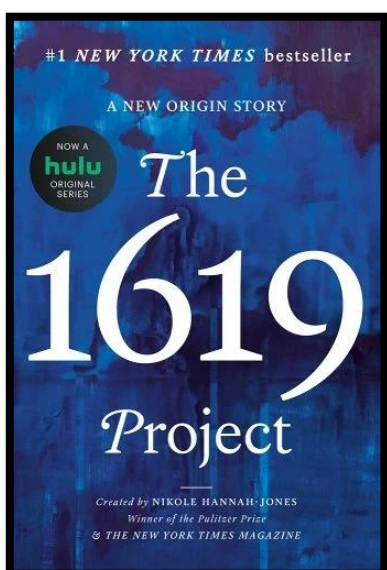
Upcoming Grand Rounds Presentations:

- **3/31:** Cynthia Wong, MD – Women in Anesthesiology
- **5/3:** Leo Morales, MD, PhD – EDI Foundational Training: Social Determinants of Health
- **6/21:** Kate Gentry, MD & Vanessa Cervantes, MD – EDI Foundational Training: History of Race and Racism in American

Read Emily Law's recent article in *Academic Emergency Medicine*: [Disparities in the emergency department management of pediatric migraine by race, ethnicity, and language preference](#).

Resources

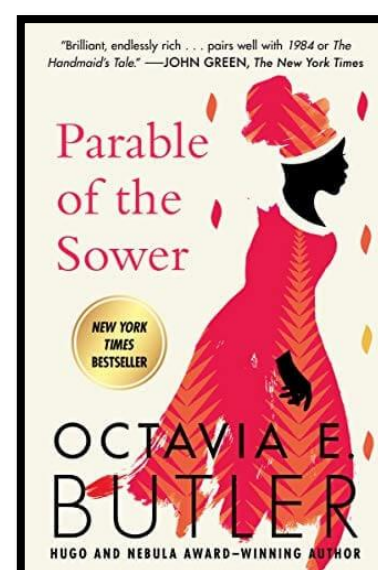
Recommended Reading:



[The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story](#)

Created by Nikole Hannah-Jones

- Available in the APM EDI Libraries
- Watch the Hulu documentary series.



[Parable of the Sower](#), Octavia Butler

- A local author, Butler's works engage with racism, resistance, and bodily autonomy.

Visit [The WholeU](#) for events happening around the community and at UW:

- February 16: [Black History Month Keynote Program](#) at the Northwest African American Museum (NAAM)
- February 1 – March 5: [Henry Exhibition from Nina Chanel Abney](#)