

Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine January EDI Brief

Martin Luther King Jr Day International Holocaust Remembrance Day

MLK Jr. Day, January 17th

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made vast strides for civil rights in the US as the leader of a nonviolent movement. Through grassroots organizing, protests and civil disobedience, he fought for racial equality and against poverty and international conflict. Coretta Scott King, his wife, was a leader in the American Civil Rights Movement and Dr. King's family carried on his legacy after his assassination. Coretta became a leading advocate for "racial and economic justice, women's and children's rights, gay and lesbian dignity, religious freedom, the needs of the poor and homeless, full-employment, health care, educational opportunities, nuclear disarmament and environmental justice."

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27th

"The United Nations General Assembly designated **January 27—the anniversary of the liberation of [Auschwitz-Birkenau](#)**—as **[International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)**. On this annual day of commemoration, the UN urges every member state to honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism and to develop educational programs to help prevent future genocides."

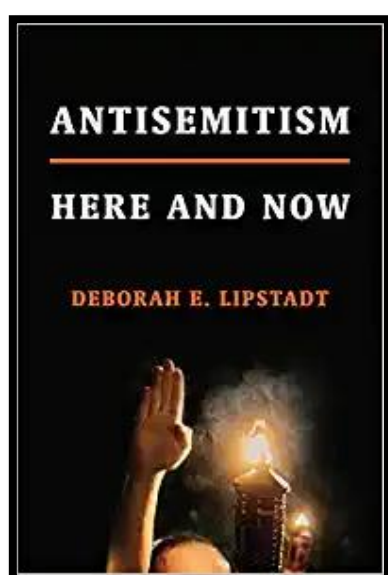
Activism in Medicine

Only **1/3** of surgeons and perioperative providers recognize that inequity contributes to *worse surgical outcomes, higher postoperative mortality, and lower access to optimized anesthetic and pain management strategies*. To effectively rebuild a system devoid of these systemic influences that create negative outcomes for patients, **providers need to embrace their role as civic activists**.

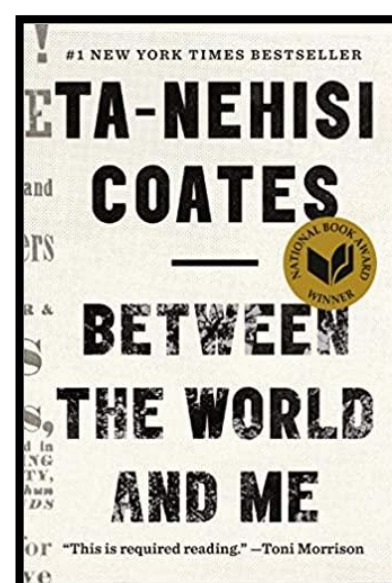
Educators in our programs can support these efforts by participating in **workshops, simulations and affinity groups** to address bias, systemic discrimination and how these concepts relate to patient care.

Resources

Recommended Reading:



[Antisemitism: Here and Now](#), Deborah E. Lipstadt



[Between the World and Me](#), Ta-Nehisi Coates

MLK Jr Day Activities:

- [Virtual King Day Program](#), presented by the Northwest African American Museum
- [Click here](#) for more UW campus and community events.

January 27, 7pm – Reserve tickets for [Hours of Freedom: The Story of the Terezín Composer](#), hosted by the Seattle Holocaust Center for Humanity