

ANESTHESIOLOGY & PAIN MEDICINE EDI BRIEF JUNE 2024

PRIDE MONTH & JUNETEENTH

Celebrating Pride and Juneteenth

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Pride in Seattle. Pride has always been a celebration, a protest, and a call to action for LGBTQIA+ people to fight for equality. At the first Seattle Pride in 1974, organizers sought to “make the invisible visible” with a celebration in Pioneer Square and a week of programming to see the community in action.

The national theme for Pride this year is *reflect, empower, and unite*. This is a celebration emblematic of the LGBTQIA+ community’s resilience and self-advocacy. It serves as a reminder that our community is strongest when it works together.

Juneteenth has been celebrated for over 160 years, but the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act did not pass through congress until 2021. **This year’s theme, *their wildest dream*, refers to Africans across the diaspora being their ancestors’ wildest dreams.** It also helps us to reflect on the rich history of African nations and acknowledge the contributions of Black and African Americans new and old. Both themes celebrate the need to empower ourselves, remain dedicated to creating change no matter how long it takes, and unify to make that possible.

Learn more:

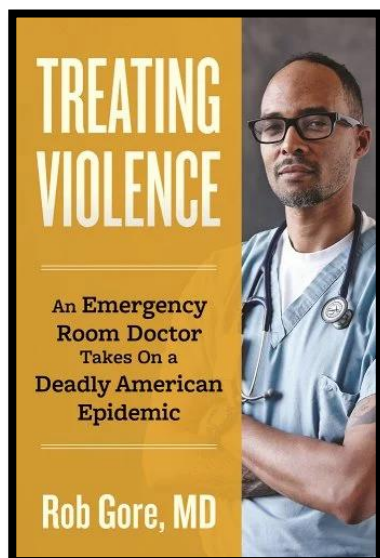
- [Official 2024 Seattle Pride Guide](#)
- [National Museum of African American History & Culture Senses of Freedom](#)

Department EDI Highlights

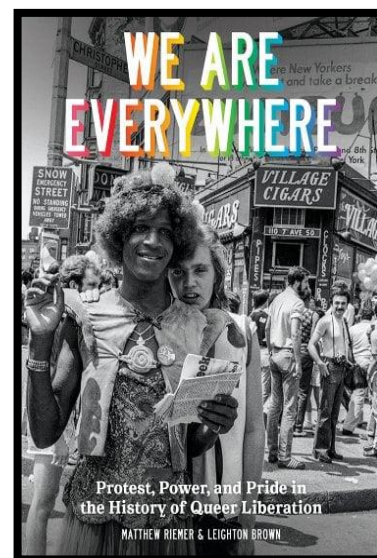
- Gary Barbour-See and Jaelen Barnett received the Professional Staff Organization 2024 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Excellence Award, and our APM department is 1 of 3 departments recognized for the amazing work we are doing.
- UW Medical Center – Northwest staff are developing strategies that improve patient centered care. EPIC now has “name in use” and “pronoun” sections to ensure that patient wristbands accurately capture patient identity.

Resources

Recommended Reading:



[*Treating Violence: An Emergency Room Doctor Takes on a Deadly American Epidemic*](#), Rob Gore



[*We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, & Pride in the History of Queer Liberation*](#), Leighton Brown and Matthew Riemer

Visit [The Whole U](#) for events happening in the community and at UW:

- June 15 (4:15pm) Seattle Mariners will be hosting the Texas Rangers and celebrating [African American Heritage Day](#) for Juneteenth
- June 19 (10am-3pm): NAAM will include a skate party, a father’s day celebration, and end with a [Juneteenth celebration](#)
- June 22 (10am-5pm): MoPOP’s [Queer Visions](#) is an all-ages extravaganza including a drag workshop, short film screenings, and a pop-up exhibit with artifacts from the transgender masterpiece, The Matrix
- June 29 (12pm-8pm): [PrideFest](#) Come for a massive block party featuring music, dancing, beer gardens, local businesses and family and youth programming. This celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community will span six blocks of Broadway and Cal Anderson Park.