

"Racism in America is like dust in the air.

It seems invisible — even if you're choking on it — until you let the sun in.

Then you see it's everywhere. As long as we keep shining that light, we have a chance of cleaning it wherever it lands.

But we have to stay vigilant, because it's always still in the air."

- Kareem Abdul-Jabaar

Like all of you, we are struggling to find the words to accurately describe the grief, sadness, and anger we feel over the death of George Floyd, and the subsequent unrest felt across the Country. The injustice we are witnessing is of course not new, but instead based upon centuries of racism, discrimination, and oppression, powerfully described in our USC colleague Professor Jody Armour's recent words.

It is clear that radical solutions are needed to address the deep-rooted structural inequities embedded within our institutions and systems. Policy and systems change is necessary, but we also must look internally to combat inequality.

The Price Center is committed to:

- Holding ourselves and each other accountable for building an anti-racist culture
- Working in partnership with community stakeholders to co-design solutions to overcome racist structures and white supremacy
- Listening to the experts those on the front lines of protests, leaders of social movements like Black Lives Matter, and the communities of color that have long fought the constant battle against discrimination.

We as the Price Center community come together to recommit ourselves to equity, inclusivity, and social justice – three of the Center's most cherished values. A commitment to these values drives every part of our work, and we are dedicated to supporting bold systems change now, and in the future.