How to be an Antiracist Researcher
How We Started

- In 2020, the University hosted townhall meetings with students and faculty.
- Attendees called for greater and more meaningful dialogues and education regarding racial issues, cultural competence, and diversity and inclusion.
- How can the Library support the University community on these issues of racial justice?
- Information literacy instruction informed by critical race theory (CRT) and antiracist practices.
- Curated relevant research and evidence-based tools to support the university community.
Black and Hispanic Americans turn to doctors who look like them for reassurance on vaccinations.

It’s Hard to Search for a Therapist of Color. These Websites Want to Change That.

How to Find an L.G.B.T.-Friendly Pediatrician

Health & Science
Blacks, especially women, suffer more disabilities in later years than whites do
How We Designed the Workshop

A 60-minute virtual workshop via RingCentral

Introductions / grounding of speakers

Explore evidence-based equity tools

Contextualize research with CRT

Develop inclusive research language

Define equity terminology

Examine what antiracist research looks like

Reflect on positionality
How We Impacted the Community

- Generally low attendance, although attendees positively received the workshop.
  - Event/Program survey via ACRL ProjectOutcome.
- Featured in university newsletters, alumni networks, etc.
- Recognized as a key achievement in advancing equity, inclusion, and diversity at the university.
- One of the co-presenters received the Board of Directors Excellence Award in Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in 2021.
How We Envision the Future

- Develop a research workshop series.
- Incorporate critical feminist pedagogy.
- Partner with students and alumni.
- Create asynchronous learning modules.
- Integrate antiracist moments in IL instruction.
Thoughts and Questions?

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Link to Guide: https://library.usa.edu/inclusive-intersectional-research