



Dear OCU Law Community,

We see you, we hear you, and we are here for you.

Ninety-nine years ago in Tulsa, African-American citizens were the victims of a massacre perpetrated in part by the very government that had a duty to protect them. Although that massacre is now widely condemned, recent events such as the senseless killing of George Floyd make it clear that African-Americans still live in fear of racism and violence based upon it, and in fear that even officials of their own government can be the source of it. No one should have to live with that fear. Recent events remind us that until ALL people are regarded with equal dignity and are free from violence, and even death, America's promise is unrealized.

There are moments in American life that shake one's sense of fairness and rips free the belief that justice always prevails of justice. The May 25th killing of George Floyd is such an event. Too often unaffected citizens can grow to believe, because of their own distance from racism and hate, that these things don't exist. But they do exist. People are dying; it's a moral outrage.

We understand that given this unique moment, our African-American students may be especially pained by the events of the past month. We at OCU School of Law are committed to an environment where all people are free from racism, fear, and bigotry. Period. We are here to provide you with knowledge and a law degree so you can use your talents to fix the broken things around us in this country. We will not give up. We will not tire. We are here for you.

In the coming days we will be sharing some resources unique to these issues for you. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to [join us for a Community Conversation this Thursday at noon](#), where your voice can be heard.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Jim Roth and The Dean's Diversity Council