Just Futures Initiative - Relevant Resources
(a working list)

Supporters say they have the votes in the House to pass a reparations bill after years of lobbying (Feb 25, 2022)

Jewish and Japanese American groups among growing multiracial effort calling for reparations for Black Americans (Feb 26, 2022)

A Basic Income Pilot Demonstrates the Power of Trust (Feb 25, 2022)

Federal Legislation Could Tackle the Racial Gap in Home Appraisals (March 1, 2022)

Confederate street names bring lower home prices (Feb 8, 2022)

The Hot Market for Toppled Confederate Statues (Dec 2021)
Artists, museums and other groups are vying to claim fallen monuments from the Jim Crow era — but for very different reasons.

Canada has reached a $31.5 billion settlement to repair its child welfare system and compensate Indigenous families separated by the government.

The Canadian government announced Tuesday that it had reached what it called the largest settlement in Canada’s history, paying $31.5 billion to fix the nation’s discriminatory child welfare system and compensate the Indigenous people harmed by it.

The agreement in principle forms the basis for a final settlement of several lawsuits brought by First Nations groups against the Canadian government. Of the overall settlement, 40 billion in Canadian dollars, half will go toward compensating both children who were unnecessarily removed, and their families and caregivers, over the past three decades.

The rest of the money will go toward repairing the child welfare system for First Nations children — who are statistically far more likely to be removed from their families — over the next five years to ensure families are able to stay together.

Migrant workers trapped in yearslong human trafficking ‘slavery’ in Georgia (Dec 2021)

How PTSD Looks in the Black Community

Can Mail-In Lead Tests Assure People Their Water Is Safe? (December 2021)
How Schools Can Help Cut Lead Contamination in Children (December 2021)

A freeway ripped the heart out of Black life in Detroit. Now Michigan wants to tear it down. (Dec 2021)

Michigan Civil Rights Commission says Critical Race Theory ban would censor teachers (Nov 28, 2021)

Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments introduces first-ever Indigenous resource guide for state’s K-12 schools (Nov 24, 2021)

UN rights chief: Reparations needed for people facing racism - June 2021

Detroit school district pushes back against anti-CRT legislation

Infrastructure and reparations article - NYT

Christopher F. Rufo - youtube video to fight CRT

School boundaries often reflect 1930s-era housing discrimination

Historic $626-million Flint water crisis settlement approved by federal court judge

Native-owned Renewable Energy Companies to Receive more than $6.5M from the Dept of Energy

The Specter of Critical Race Theory Is Rotting Republicans’ Brains

How a guaranteed income pilot program is helping some in Gary, Indiana

Public-private partnerships fueling Detroit’s neighborhood comebacks

Payment to migrant families
  - Biden says families separated at the border won’t receive $450K
  - U.S. in Talks to Pay Hundreds of Millions to Families Separated at Border
  - Government is considering payments of $450,000 per person affected by Trump administration’s zero-tolerance policy in 2018


Results on Key Ballot Initiatives, From Policing to the Environment
Greenbelt, Maryland supported creating a 21-member commission to review, discuss, and make recommendations on local reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt. Passed with 62.58% of the vote.

Detroit Voters OK Launching Reparations Commission
- Includes mention and picture of Lauren Hood (UM CDF Community Fellow in Detroit)

Detroit: Voters OK reparations measure (Prop R), defeat change to spending (Prop S)

Detroit Election results - Proposals R & S

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Analysis of Prop R and S
Prop R - Ballotpedia, Prop R - 8/13/20 Resolution, Prop R - 4/23/21 Resolution

Detroit's Proposal R Asks Voters if City Should Create a Task Force on Reparations
- Audio available

https://whereismyland.org/

Why Some Bankers Are Rushing to Settle U.S. Redlining Probes

The hiring practice that could dramatically improve policing (Slate)

How a Group of Black Doctors Got Philadelphia Vaccinated
Southwest Detroit council district emerges as Latinx stronghold

A new partnership with Tostada magazine in which we (BridgeDetroit) will develop an anti-gentrifiers guide to dining in Detroit.

Dugan appoints Detroit’s first historian to highlight African American’s contributions to the city (Oct 25, 2021)
- Bridge Detroit

Can cannabis tax-funded programs solve the industry's racial inequity issues?

Chicago poised to create one of the nation’s largest ‘guaranteed basic income’ programs

Why White students are 250% more likely to graduate than Black students at public universities (Oct 10, 2021)

From reparations to ‘shrooms’, here’s a look at Nov. 2 ballot issues (October 20, 2021)

Redistricting Maps
- Michigan redistricting commission relents, creates majority-Black maps for House (Nov 5 2021)
- MI Redistricting panel’s maps spark racial backlash, fairness questions (Oct 24 2021)
- Facing backlash, Michigan redistricting commission may adjust maps (Oct 21 2021)
- Detroiters implore redistricting panel to ‘do the right thing’ and change maps (Oct 21 2021)
  - “Some say the redistricting might make for more sensical district boundaries but at the expense of voters of color.”
  - Currently, there are 17 districts in the state Legislature where people of color are the majority (known as majority-minority districts.) In the state House, for example, there are three districts composed of 90 percent Black voters, including one represented by Stephanie Young, D-Detroit, that is 97 percent Black. But the commission’s proposed maps would only have one district over 50 percent Black residents out of the new 161 districts.

More jobs, salaries going up, but not for many Detroiters (October 21, 2021)

CDF Presentation at Emory University’s In the Wake of Slavery and Dispossession Symposium (video recording)

Heather Cox Richardson (political historian) - Letters from an American
- October 16, 2021

Detroit’s home repair crisis is bigger than experts thought (Oct 19 2021)
Big Tech’s Donation Dollars (for racial justice groups) (Oct 16, 2021)

Port-land based footwear designer has plans to reopen the only HBCU in Michigan (Oct 13, 2021)

Flint Leader Joins Nationwide Reparations Project (Oct 8, 2021)
- “In Zuccaro’s eyes, cities like Detroit and Flint were built off the backs of Black labor before suddenly being plunged into economic duress, and have a lot to offer in terms of understanding and uncovering how systemic racism affects a community. He said being able to identify these long-standing inequities will do a lot for coming up with viable solutions for reparations.”

Community engagement a major force behind U-M reparations project for Black and Native communities (Oct 8, 2021)
- “It’s hard for us to have the kind of racial healing that was called for after the death of George Floyd and Breanna Taylor, among others, without deeply delving into the ways in which history complicates how we go about healing and who should be healed,” Lewis said.
- “I think repair, redress, acknowledgement and accountability are in the spirit of repair and trying to break the cycle of intergenerational harm,” said Jessica Cruz, managing director for the center’s Mellon Foundation grant.

Asheville, NC
- City website - reparations appropriation

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Bruce’s Beach can return to descendants of Black family
- NBC News segment

Mellon: Monumental Conversations: What we found when we analyzed America’s monuments.
(video)

Proposal S on Detroit ballot as backstop on reparations

Mackinac Panelists: Reparations are the Path to Economic Prosperity (Sept 22, 2021)
- Alize Asberry Payne
- Andre Perry
Michigan Republicans aim to restrict school discussion of systemic racism (Sept 24, 2021)

When Real Estate Agenda Led the Fight Against Fair Housing (Sept 28, 2021)

Freddie Mac Finds ‘Pervasive’ Bias in Home Appraisal Industry (Sept 28, 2021)

Racist conspiracy theory goes mainstream (Replacement Theory) (Sept 29, 2021)

Betrayal of Historically Black Colleges (Sept 27, 2021)

What it looks like to reconnect Black communities torn apart by highways (July 28, 2021)
  ● The unstoppable appeal of highway expansion (Sept 28, 2021)

Wesleyan College announces new Center for Social and Racial Equity (August 20, 2021)
  ● press release for Wesleyan CDF Team
  ● Video featuring the Center: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUju-jalwqY

Activist-mappers are fighting gerrymandering like never before (August 18, 2021)

Mayors Organized for Reparations and Equity (MORE) (June 18, 2021)

Mayors piloting guaranteed income

Efforts to rescue African American burial grounds and remains have exposed deep conflicts over inheritance and representation. (Sept 27, 2021)

Reparations for Black Residents Are Becoming a Local Issue as Well as a National One

California - 1st state to develop a reparations task force

New Jersey - Bill introduced for a state reparations task force
  ● ‘Say the Word’ Hundreds Gather with N.J. Social Justice Leaders to call for reparations bills (July 20, 2021)

A Black town’s water is more poisoned than Flint’s. In a white town nearby, it’s clean.
Activists in Benton Harbor say it’s been an uphill battle getting the city, county and state to take action

Building an Equitable Future: Connecticut College Just Futures (Sept 14, 2021)
  ● Conn College Organizes Interviews with Young and Old on Race, Housing and New London (July 23, 2021)

The reparations discussion doesn’t end with slavery. Climate reparations now. (Sept 14, 2021)
Investigating the history of Indigenous boarding schools
- Concordia College PI James Postema interviewed for this article in the San Diego Tribune

Native Land Acknowledgements Are Not the Same as Land (August 12, 2021)

An Infrastructure is a Trillion-Dollar Test for Environmental Justice (August 11, 2021)
  “To address those questions, the White House has developed an environmental justice framework called Justice40. It commits the federal government to directing 40% of climate and clean energy investments into communities impacted by environmental injustice. The initiative aims at redressing legacy problems such as disproportionate pollution exposure and climate impact risks in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods.”

Reparations can’t wait for Congress. Try the local option. (August 10, 2021)

Using CRT to understand the backlash against it - Opinion by CRT Scholars David Stovall and Subini Annama (July 29, 2021)

The Legacy of Michigan’s Native Boarding Schools - and how tribes are reclaiming what was lost (July 8, 2021)

With Guardians, Cleveland Steps Away from an Offensive Name (access to New York Times via U-M Library)

What it looks like to reconnect Black Communities Torn Apart by Highways (July 28, 2021)

Late Night Tonight - segment on reparations (July 26, 2021)

Connecticut College (Democratic Futures) featured in article (July 23, 2021)

Critical Race Theory: The Concept Dividing the US (BBC News) (July 23, 2021)

The Predictable Backlash to CRT: A Q&A with Kimberlé Crenshaw (July 5, 2021)

What is Critical Race Theory and why is it under attack? (May 18, 2021)

Lost Lives, Lost Culture: The Forgotten History of Indigenous Boarding Schools (July 19, 2021)

Detroit City Council unanimously passes resolution to place reparations question on the ballot (July 20, 2021)

How the meticulous bookkeeping of two sisters led to reparations (June 30, 2021)
  - Washington Post by Theresa Vargas
Black Scholar Earl Lewis on the Floyd murder and reparations (June 16, 2021)
  ● AP

Senate and House pass bill to make Juneteenth a federal holiday

Racial Violence in America: 60 years of Whitewashing.
  ● A CNN Story featuring a quote from U-M Crafting Democratic Futures Team member, Dr. Trina Shanks.

Remains of 215 Children Found at Former Indigenous School Site in Canada
  ● Discovery of Remains of Indigenous Children Prompts Grief, Questions, Vigils, and more.

America’s Racial Reckoning: What Nonprofits and Their Funders Should Do Next, (June 23 at 4 PM)

What Happened in when Evanston Became America’s First City to Promise Reparations (May 28, 2021)

Press Release: Four Community Members Appointed to Serve on City’s km Reparations Committee (April 27, 2021)
  ● City of Evanston News Release

Should Native Americans control national parks? Examining an argument for reparations (May 17, 2021)
  ● PBS NewsHour by Stephanie Sy and Alison Thoet

Concordia experts hope to shed light on generational trauma caused by Native American boarding schools (May 17, 2021)
  ● INFORUM article by April Baumgarten
  ● Highlighting Concordia Just Futures Project

The Case for Reparations - podcast w/ Andre Perry (May 12, 2020)
  ● Brookings Institute
  ● Related Axios Article: Andre Perry (Sr. Fellow at Brookings Institute) discusses reparations (Sept 29, 2020)
  ● Related Book By Dr. Perry: Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America’s Black Cities (May 19, 2020)
  ● Related: By Rashawn Ray and Andre Perry, Why we need reparations for Black Americans (April 15, 2020)

Racializing Space: Housing and Inequality in Detroit, 1930-2020 (May 18, 2021)
  ● By UM Humanities Collaboratory

Race on Campus: University of Minnesota Hires Native American Advisor
  ● Chronicle of Higher Education
  ● Background: For Native Students, Education’s Promise Has Long Been Broken (2016)
California’s Attorney General, First Filipino-American to Hold Position, Plans to Create a Racial Justice Bureau (Anti-Asian Hate and Reparations) (May 17, 2021)

- LA Times
- By Anh Do
- **Background**: California Attorney General Rob Bonta today launched the Racial Justice Bureau (Bureau) within the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and announced plans for a virtual convening against hate crime with California’s Big City Mayors.


- International Center for Transitional Justice
- By Virgine Ladisch and Anne Miriam Roccatello
- Video - Panel featuring Dr. Andre Perry and Dr. Rashawn Ray

The Stealth Sticker Campaign to Expose New York’s History of Slavery (May 7, 2021)

- New York Times
- By Julianne McShane

Land loss has plagued Black American since emancipation - is it time to look again at ‘black commons’ and collective ownership? (June 18, 2020)

- The Conversation
- By Julian Agyeman and Kofi Boone

A Land-based Movement for Black Liberation

- [Website](#) (not an article)

The Stealth Sticker Campaign to Expose New York’s History of Slavery

- New York Times article

Detroit Bibliography (4th Edition)

- By Tom Klug, Professor of History Emeritus - Marygrove College (taklug@gmail.com)
- Full bibliography and all 27 topical bibliographies can be found [here](#).
- Along with over 3,000 citations to published and unpublished works in the comprehensive bibliography, this edition has four new special bibliographies:
  - Elections
  - Policing, Crime, and Punishment
  - Suburban Detroit
  - Urban Infrastructure

The True Cost of Closing the Racial Wealth Gap (April 30, 2021)

- By William Darity, Jr.
- [The New York Times](#)
Police and the License to Kill (April 29, 2021)

- By Matthew Lassiter
- Boston Review
- Detroit Under Fire is a multimedia digital exhibit that documents patterns and incidents of police brutality and misconduct, as well as 188 fatal shootings and other killings by law enforcement, in the city of Detroit during the era of the modern civil rights movement, from 1957-1973.

A Debt Long Overdue (April 26, 2021)

- By Sara Weissman
- Inside Higher Ed

This Land is My Land: The Racial Wealth Gap’s Roots in Federal Policy (March 9, 2021)

- Guest: Trina Shanks
- Duke podcast on land and racial wealth disparities
- Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy

Critics of Restorative Housing Reparations Program Voice Concern and Anger Ahead of Vote by City Council (March 7, 2021)

- by Heidi Randhava
- Evanston Roundtable

Letter to Evanston City Council claiming Reparations Resolution is unconstitutional (March 18, 2021)

Poll: Detroiters want reparations for past housing discrimination

- By Louis Aguilar
- Bridge Detroit

Uncovering the Tulsa Race Massacre after 100 years (April 30, 2021)

- By Russell Contreras, Dions Rabouin
- Axios

A price tag on trauma? College towns weighs Black Reparations (March 10, 2021)

- By Philip Marcelo
- Associated Press

What it Actually Means to Pass Local ‘Reparations’ (April 15, 2021)

- By Brentin Mock
- Bloomberg CityLab + Equality Article
House Advances Bill to Study Reparations (April 15, 2021)

- New York Times Article
- NPR Article

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says only 0.1 percent of Trump administration’s covid farm relief went to Black farmers

- Ag secretary Vilsack explains how his agency will fix a broken farm system, food insecurity, racial disparity and a healthcare crisis
- The Washington Post

A Black Family’s back property in California was taken away during the Jim Crow era. The county is now giving it back and it’s worth millions (April 12, 2021)

- By Alexandra Meeks
- CNN article available here.

How one beach city’s racial reckoning is putting California’s racist history front and center (April 20, 2021)

- By Alicia Victoria Lozano
- NBC News

California beach seized from Black family in 1924 set to be returned to descendants (April 20, 2021)

- By rlene Lenthang
- abc NEWS

Emory joins National Mellon Foundation research project to address racial reparations (Jan 2021)

Mellon Foundation Awards More Than $72 Million to Teams Led by Humanities Scholars to Ensure “Just Futures” and Expand National Cultural Narratives