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Sorry everyone …. Open edit now available (thanks Sarah Jackson)

On September 4, Rebecca Martinez tweeted Louis Moore and David J. Leonard, suggesting the creation of Colin Kaepernick Syllabus. Soon, we, along with  Bijan C. Bayne, Sarah Jackson, and many others began the work of creating a syllabus to empower the conversations that Colin Kaepernick started when he decided to sit down in protest during an August 26, 2016 preseason game.

Building on the framework established by Chad Williams, Kidada Williams, and Keisha Blain, with their monumental #[CharlestonSyllabus](http://www.aaihs.org/resources/charlestonsyllabus/), and subsequent efforts from Candice Benbow([#LemonadeSyllabus](https://diasporahypertext.com/2016/05/07/download-the-lemonadesyllabus-compiled-by-candice-benbow/)) and others who have sought to not only use social media and online technology to crowdsource and aggregate conversations, this syllabus represents an effort to bring together multiple conversations, histories, disciplines, and spaces.  If we are going to follow Colin Kaepernick’s lead to have conversations and work toward justice, we must do so with the necessary tools and collective understanding.  This requires engaging in the conversation, entering into these spaces with a historic foundation, with knowledge about the persistent realities of racial injustice and inequality, with insight into the longstanding struggles of the Black athlete.

This syllabus represents an attempt to aid in these conversations, to turn our everyday conversations, debates, and discourse into a classroom, all while making sure our institutionalized classrooms are engaged with the histories, struggles, and public discourses that shape our current moment.

[Harry Edwards recently recently wrot](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/a-letter-to-the-university-of-texas-about-campus-concealed-carry_us_57bf596ce4b04193420e57e6)e, “silence is evil’s greatest and most consistently dependable ally.” For all those engaged in these conversations, for those who have written, spoke about, and organized around racial injustice, silence is antithetical to our work, ethos.  This syllabus furthers the efforts to disrupt the silence, to make connections, and to otherwise build on the work of Kaepernick, Edwards, members of the WNBA, Bomani Jones, Serena Williams, and so many others demanding that we speak and act.

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