

June 8, 2020

Dear Members of the CBBG community,

Recent events, including the death of George Floyd at the hands of police and the civil unrest that has rocked the USA since then, is a sharp reminder of inequalities that still pervade our society. We stand in solidarity with those protesting peacefully against these tragic injustices. Racism has no place in our society, or in CBBG.

Equity is an important part of CBBGs commitment to diversity and inclusion. We are determined to equitably promote education, inclusion, and accessibility for all with whom we are engaged, regardless of color, ethnicity, gender, or any other factor that is used to divide us, rather than unite us. While we are proud of CBBGs commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity, we believe we can all do more, both individually and collectively, to address the inequities many in our society have to deal with on a daily basis, and to support all those who are experiencing pain and suffering related to these senseless acts and abuses.

This is something we must do together. We want to hear from those of you who have experienced these inequities, understand your experiences, and draw on your perspective to help us address them in a constructive manner. We encourage you to reach out to us and to your professors with any concerns, thoughts, and suggestions you may have on how we can reinforce our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

As we all strive for change, we encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available to you on your campus to increase your understanding, empathy, and opportunities for involvement. Working together, we can be an agent for change, working towards a world that is smarter, brighter, kinder, and more equitable.

Sincerely,

*The CBBG Leadership Team*