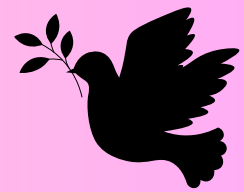




# Fighting for the Now, Hopeful for the Future!



<b>Attendee Check-In</b>  10am to 10:30am	Attendees check in with the Racial Justice Summit's volunteers to receive their lanyard. Light breakfast will also be available on a first come, first serve basis.
<b>Opening</b>  10:35am to 10:45am	<p>An official welcome to the inaugural Racial Justice Summit, hosted by the Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Dr. Carlos Decena</b>, Cross-Campus Director of the Office of Undergraduate Intellectual Life and Co-Creator of the RAJU program; <b>Mamadee Keita</b>, 2022-23 Student Advisory Board member and Rutgers-Newark senior majoring in psychology with a concentration in social justice</p>
<b>Education Not Incarceration: "Translating" University-Prison Partnerships Across the Diaspora</b>  10:50am to 12:30pm	<p>In the United States, powerful partnerships between prisons and universities are flourishing, offering incarcerated students nationwide access to higher education. Investing in education in prisons is also an investment in public safety, workforce development, and the overall betterment of our communities. Despite such proven benefits, higher education programs for those incarcerated are woefully underfunded and undersupported globally. This panel will explore and reimagine higher education programs for incarcerated people across the world.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Samuel Quiles</b> ('23), 2022-23 Student Advisory Board member and Rutgers-Newark alumni with a degree in criminal justice and corrections</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> <b>Christopher Etienne</b>, NJSTEP Program Staffer; <b>Dr. Baz Dreisinger</b>, Founder of the Prison-to-College Pipeline; <b>Eric Pereira</b>, NJSTEP Senior Program Coordinator; <b>Matthew Wilson</b>, Division Manager of the Petey Greene Program</p>
<b>Networking Lunch</b>  12:40pm to 1:50pm	Students, administrators, and guests will have the opportunity to get to know one another during this networking lunch. Food will be provided and conversations with attendees you may not know are greatly encouraged.
<b>Keynote Address and Q&amp;A with Roxane Gay</b>  2pm to 3:30pm	<p>What does fighting for the now look like on a global scale? How can we nurture hope for a more equitable and just future for all people? Author, professor, social commentator, and Rutgers' Gloria Steinem Chair, <b>Roxane Gay</b>, will explore these questions with an intersectional lens during her keynote speech.</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A moderators:</b> <b>Marta Esquilin</b>, Associate Dean of the Honors Living-Learning Community at Rutgers-Newark; <b>Cassandra Vega</b>, Co-Creator of the RAJU program and Rutgers-New Brunswick senior majoring in political science with a certificate in feminist leadership</p>
<b>Rest &amp; Refresh</b>  3:35pm to 3:55pm	Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for attendees as we prepare for the last panel of the day.
<b>Community Changemakers: Celebrating the Inaugural Racial Justice Fellows</b>  4pm to 5:15pm	<p>True Inclusion, created in the spring of 2020 by Honors College students Assata Davis ('21), Adriana Scanteianu ('21), and Gabrielle Jacob ('20), continues to serve as a call to action for students and administration on the Rutgers-New Brunswick campus. <b>Rebecca Jolius</b>, 2022-23 Student Advisory Board member and Rutgers-New Brunswick honors college junior majoring in history and political science, will introduce the True Inclusion documentary.</p> <p>Last fall marked the beginning of the Fellows in Racial Justice Learning Community, a tri-campus academic program for undergraduates passionate about activism and advocacy. The inaugural class of Racial Justice Fellows was made up of 12 incredible, boundary-breaking trailblazers who have redefined what it means to make change on campus. During the spring semester they were tasked with creating a social action project that bettered the communities they cared about, and our six speakers will describe their inspiration, process, and takeaways.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Cassandra Vega</b>, Co-Creator of the RAJU program and Rutgers-New Brunswick senior majoring in political science with a certificate in feminist leadership</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> <b>Nashmah Mamoon</b> (RU-NB), <b>Saysha Gonzalez</b> (RU-NB), <b>Safanya Searcy</b> (RU-N), <b>Isela Coyotecatl</b> (RU-N), <b>Nonny Mbathane</b> (RU-CMD), <b>Ka'Mari Williams</b> (RU-CMD)</p>
<b>Special Announcement and Closing Remarks</b>  5:30pm to 5:45pm	<b>Dr. Carlos Decena</b> , <b>Cassandra Vega</b> , the <b>2022-23 Student Advisory Board</b> , and <b>Camila Belliard-Quiroga</b> , RAJU Co-creator and Rutgers-New Brunswick graduate student, will give the evening's closing remarks. Thank you to everyone who has supported our mission to embrace community, take up space, and create a more equitable world for all.