

### ANTI-RACIST POSITION STATEMENT

The *Journal of Systemic Therapies* stands in solidarity with **Black Lives Matter** and Black communities on addressing racial injustice, systemic racism, and criminal justice reform. We also stand with initiatives to engage with and lift up underrepresented and underserved communities as they work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people.

It is critical to step up to this important moment in history and address the injustices that Black children, youth, adults, families and communities have always faced and continue to face to this day. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and Rayshard Brooks represent only a few in the long list of deaths of Black men and women because of racism. To remain passive observers would constitute a further expression of white privilege. Our silence is deafening, complicit and perpetuates the pervasive injustice experienced by Black people. While it is important to deal with uncomfortable aspects of our history, there is also urgent and vital work to be done in changing the unacceptable conditions of the present circumstances.

Systemic and postmodern practices have a strong tradition of confronting the politics of oppression through therapeutic practices, literature and community activism. Many examples of publications addressing social justice exist within the archives of this journal. With an emphasis on the effects of social context and cultural discourses on people's lives, social justice issues have long been integral to systemic and postmodern practices.

The *Journal of Systemic Therapies* is resolved to affirm our identity as an anti-racist organization and that we are dedicated to the eradication of racial injustice in all of its forms. We vow to purposefully identify, discuss and challenge issues of racial injustice. We challenge ourselves to help build accountable leadership in order to understand and correct any inequities we may encounter, while seeking to gain an improved understanding of ourselves through this deliberate process of social change.