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Dear members of the Classics Department,

The Department of Classics at Brown stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and condemns police brutality and murder of Black people. We acknowledge that the field of Classics itself has been complicit in perpetuating racist ideologies and authorizing violent societal structures. We are committed to fighting against anti-black racism and other forms of prejudice and to promoting racial justice and equity.

More than just issuing a statement of support, we must take active parts in supporting Black communities. Members of our Classics department, so far, have

- donated to [NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#), [The Bail Project](#), [Black Visions Collective](#), [Sportula](#), and [National Black Child Development Institute](#)
- signed petitions for justice for [George Floyd](#), [Ahmaud Arbery](#), [Breonna Taylor](#), [Tony McDade](#)
- joined the [Scholars for Black Lives collective](#) in calling schools, colleges, and universities to divest from the police

We are also dedicated to learning how to be better and more effective allies through these resources: [Anti-Racism Resources for White People](#), the [Anti-Racist Reading List](#), [Anti-Racist Allyship Starter Pack](#), and [Letters for Black Lives](#).

We urge those in our community to take tangible action now, whether it is donating money, signing petitions, calling your representatives, or listening and learning. Please also make space to read about and listen to the experiences of Black Classicists:

- [“After Careful Consideration...” by John Bracey](#)
- ["Center and Margins: Recruiting, Anxiety, and the Power of Reaching Out," by Jermaine Bryant](#)
- ["The Birth of a Muthos," by Vanessa Stovall](#)
- Society for Classical Studies interviews with Shelley Haley: [Part I](#), [Part II](#)
- [Itinera Podcast – Interview with Jackie Murray](#)

In solidarity,

Graham Oliver (faculty representative), Justine Brown (staff representative), and Kelly Nguyen (graduate representative),

on behalf of the Department of Classics at Brown University