



American University

Race, Ethnic and Community Reporting

School of Communication

Washington, D.C.

Partnership

Students in this class/project produce story series on relevant topics, in conjunction with media partners (2018, 2020: The Nation; 2021: Teen Vogue). Professor Sherri Williams teaches the class through which the students perform this work.

Lead faculty

Professor Sherri Williams, sherriw@american.edu

Websites

[Black on Campus](#) (2018 project)

[Vision 2020: Election Stories from the Next Generation Project](#) (2020 project)

[Racial Reckoning: A Year After a Movement Rocked the Nation](#) (2021 project)

Collaborators

[Melissa Harris-Perry](#) (for Black on Campus project)

[Peter Rothberg](#) (for Vision 2020)

[Allegra Kirkland](#) (Racial Reckoning)

Impacts

12 stories, 449,000 views (Black on Campus)

9 stories, 41,800 views (Vision 2020)

5 stories, 12,000 views (Racial Reckoning: a Year After a Movement Rocked a Nation)

Students

14,852 at American University

1215 in the School of Communication

10-13 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

Student work is done through the class described above with Professor Sherri Williams; then partner editors edit the work. Fact-checking is also done by partner editors working with students.

Course name

Race, Ethnic and Community Reporting

The course is not required

Faculty/staff

Since 2020, the work has been completed as part of a class taught by Professor Sherri Williams. Work was also edited by editors at partnering news outlets following the stories' completion in class.

Funding sources

The course is taken by students who receive credit for their work.