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The [UTK Africana Studies Program](#) executive committee in no uncertain terms condemns the violence of white supremacists that occurred in [Charlottesville, Virginia](#) on August 11th and 12th, 2017 at the University of Virginia and led to the death of 3 people. We also condemn efforts by white nationalists, Nazis, and white supremacists to intimidate and terrorize people on college campuses.

We recommend that people who are interested in learning more about why these incidents occurred at UVA to refer to these recent essays:

- [**The University of Virginia's Carter G. Woodson Institute of African American and African Studies Director's Statement in Response to the Events of August 11th and 12th, 2017**](#)
- [**The Illusion of Progress: Charlottesville's Roots in White Supremacy**](#)
- [**Charlottesville and the Effort to Downplay Racism in America**](#)
- [**The Charlottesville Syllabus**](#)

We stand in solidarity with the faculty and staff of the University of Virginia [Carter G. Woodson Institute of African-American and African Studies](#), the faculty, staff, and students at the [University of Virginia](#), the town of [Charlottesville](#), and with the families and friends of those who lost their lives and were affected by racist violence.

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