

Partnership between University of San Francisco
Master's of Urban and Public Affairs students and
AARAC

Presenters: Cris Acosta and Claire Morgan

Who are we?



Our Professor: Dr. Rachel Brahinsky

Master's of Urban and Public Affairs students: Cris Acosta, Kesha Brown, Annie De Lancie, Matthew Fitzgerald, Suzie Flores, Betsy Jacobo, Reanne Lacosta, Zaarin Mizan, Claire Morgan, Jade Siphomsay

We are a racially-diverse group, with a variety of backgrounds and experiences, with a passion for supporting the struggle for African American reparations, and other social justice initiatives.

We are committed to help the AARAC/HRC staff with their research, as we listen to members of the public and pass their feedback, concerns, and hopes, on to you all

Our intentions with this partnership:



Transparency

Amplification

Allyship

What is our goal/purpose of this project?

Goal:

- to provide community perspective towards reparations
- we aim to achieve this by interviewing Black-identified San Franciscans, through a series of focus groups conducted throughout the city of San Francisco



Community Engagement and Research

Guest Speakers and Discussions

- AARAC member Dr. James Taylor
- AARAC researcher Kerby Lynch
- AARAC/HRC Staff Brittni & Juell
- Reparations scholar Dr. Charles Henry

Attendance and Participation

- at AARAC meetings
- at the Board of Supervisors hearing
- at AARAC-led listening sessions at USF
- “State of Black San Francisco” event at SF MOMA
- Other community events

Local History

- Group field trip/tour of Bayview Hunter’s Point
- Independently directed field trips through Fillmore district and Bayview Hunter’s Point
- Lectures and readings on the history of Black San Francisco

What will these focus groups look like?

Focus group interviews by the numbers

- 4 days, 4 different sites- USF campus, Fillmore, Bayview Hunters Point, and virtual
- Who are the interviewees?- Individuals that opted-in for follow-up at the end of the AARAC survey.
- How big will the focus groups be? Size of 4-8 interviewees, with 2-3 student interviewers
- How long will the focus groups be in duration? ~90 minutes
- The focus group interviews will be recorded, transcribed, and owned by the committee

What's Next?

- Classmate Kesha Brown, is partnering with Committee member, Gloria Berry, to outreach and engage the San Francisco African American Faith-Based Coalition (~25 churches), in this research.
- Focus Group Interview Analysis- any patterns or themes?
- We hope this work will help elevate community voices and support the AARAC as you work on the final report
- We will be back here with a presentation for the AARAC on May 8th with our findings
- We still have room in our focus groups. If you are interested in participating, we'll share the link in the chat.

Wrap-Up

Any Questions?



If you would like more information or if you have any further questions, you can email our professor Dr. Rachel Brahinsky at: rbrahinsky@usfca.edu

Thank you for your time!