

Statement on Wake Forest Attacks

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We stand in solidarity with our colleagues at Wake Forest University who are under attack for their research and for their commitment to diversity and inclusion.

These attacks are targeting sociologists for their leadership in anti-racist demonstrations and for their research into the sale of enslaved people that funded the school's endowment. Members of the sociology community from historically marginalized populations, including people of color and members of the LGBTQ community, are being singled out for attack.

These attacks fundamentally jeopardize the intellectual heart of sociology and the wellbeing of sociologists and our students. The American Sociological Association (ASA) condemns, in the strongest possible terms, efforts intended to threaten, harass, and silence sociologists and other scholars conducting research on racism in society. The ASA is committed to actively promoting and supporting diversity and inclusion among our faculty and student populations.