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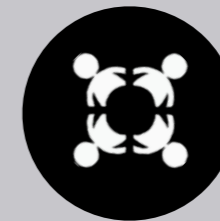
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## 8 ways one university is investing in anti-racism

Temple University is updating its curriculum and funding more anti-racism training

By: [Matt Zalaznick](#) | November 2, 2020



Temple University will prioritize the recruitment of more diverse faculty as part of a \$1 million antiracism initiative.

A new Center for Anti-Racism Research and community youth outreach will share \$1 million in new funding for wide-ranging antiracism initiatives at Temple University.

Temple will also invest in anti-racism training and update its curriculum.

Here are the highlights of the university's efforts:

1. Reinvesting in anti-racism education: Temple's department of [Africology and African American Studies](#) was the first in the U.S. to offer a doctoral program in the field. It will hire four additional full-time faculty members and provide much-needed support for scholarship, research and education.

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2. Creating the Center for Anti-Racism Research: Led by the Department of Africology and African American Studies, this university-wide center will be a resource for solutions-focused research.

The center will be a hub for collaboration among scholars from across Temple and other universities.



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## Temple devotes \$1M-plus to create anti-racism center, hire more African American studies faculty

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As racial conversations, protests and riots began erupting around the country, some colleges and universities decided to take their campus to new levels with conversations on race. Temple University joined the initiative and created an “Anti-Racism Education and Training” initiative.

The university will add four more faculty members to their Department of Africology and African American Studies in addition to creating a “Center for Anti-Racism Research,” **according** to a university news release.

The Philadelphia-based public university will invest more than \$1 million into the efforts and more, officials **state**.



Senior Advisor to the President **Valerie Harrison** said in an email interview with *The College Fix* that Temple has worked to fight against racial inequality in the past, but recent events, including the Black Lives Matter protests, have caused campus leaders to want to take things further.

“The current moment provides us with an opportunity to amplify and accelerate our work,” Harrison said. “The inspiration for the initiative was the expressed intent of Temple’s leadership and the desire of its students, faculty, staff and alumni for Temple to be a leader in anti-racism education and practices.”

In September, Temple announced it would be investing more than \$1 million in anti-racism education and programming—funding that will develop a bridge program for young people in North Philadelphia and build on Temple’s existing resources, and much more. <https://t.co/vVdOxL3riI>

— Temple University (@TempleUniv) **October 18, 2020**

According to Harrison, when fighting racial inequality at Temple, the university focuses on three core issues: education, jobs and healthcare.

She said these values help get to the root of racism by looking at quality of life and poverty issues. In addition, they look for areas where educational opportunities are lacking as well as healthcare issues in those communities, she said.



The image is a screenshot of a web article from the website 'Diverse: ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION'. The page features a dark navigation bar with categories like 'HOME', 'BLOGS', 'NEWS', 'DIVERSE HIRING', 'COMMUNITY COLLEGE', 'DISABILITIES', 'INTERNATIONAL', 'SPORTS', and 'VIRTUAL EVENTS'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories such as 'AFRICAN AMERICANS', 'NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES', 'ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDERS', 'COVID-19', 'LATINOS', 'LGBT', 'MILITARY', and 'WOMEN'. The article title is 'Temple University Plans to Put \$1M Toward Antiracist Education', dated November 4, 2020, by Sara Weissman. The article text discusses Temple University's pledge of \$1 million for antiracist education and programming in response to Black Lives Matter protests. It quotes Dr. Valerie Harrison, senior advisor for equity, diversity and inclusion at Temple, who states that racism continues to operate in every facet of the lives of Black people today. The article also mentions that the funds will go toward a new center for antiracism research and an expansion of the Africology and African American studies department, hiring four new faculty. A photograph of a modern building with large windows and a red sign is visible on the right side of the article. On the right edge of the screenshot, there is a vertical logo for 'Diverse 100'.

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## Temple University Plans to Put \$1M Toward Antiracist Education

November 4, 2020 | :

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by Sara Weissman


This fall, Temple University pledged to put a million dollars toward antiracist education and programming in the wake of this summer's Black Lives Matter protests.

"Racism continues to operate in every facet of the lives of Black people today – in education, employment, healthcare, policing ...," said Dr. Valerie Harrison, senior advisor for equity, diversity and inclusion at Temple. "There are countless opportunities to really effect change. So, what we did is we asked ourselves, how will we allocate our resources and focus? How do we leverage our strengths? What areas are we really best equipped to impact?"

The funds will also partly go toward a new center for antiracism research and an expansion of the Africology and African American studies department, hiring four new faculty.

Africology and African American studies department chair, Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, sees the university's investment as a "down payment on a long-term commitment to the idea that African American studies [program] is not only a legitimate field of research and teaching but a necessary one for a society such as ours."

His department was the first to grant doctoral degrees in its field, with famous graduates like Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, the author of *How to Be an Antiracist*. But since the 1990s, the

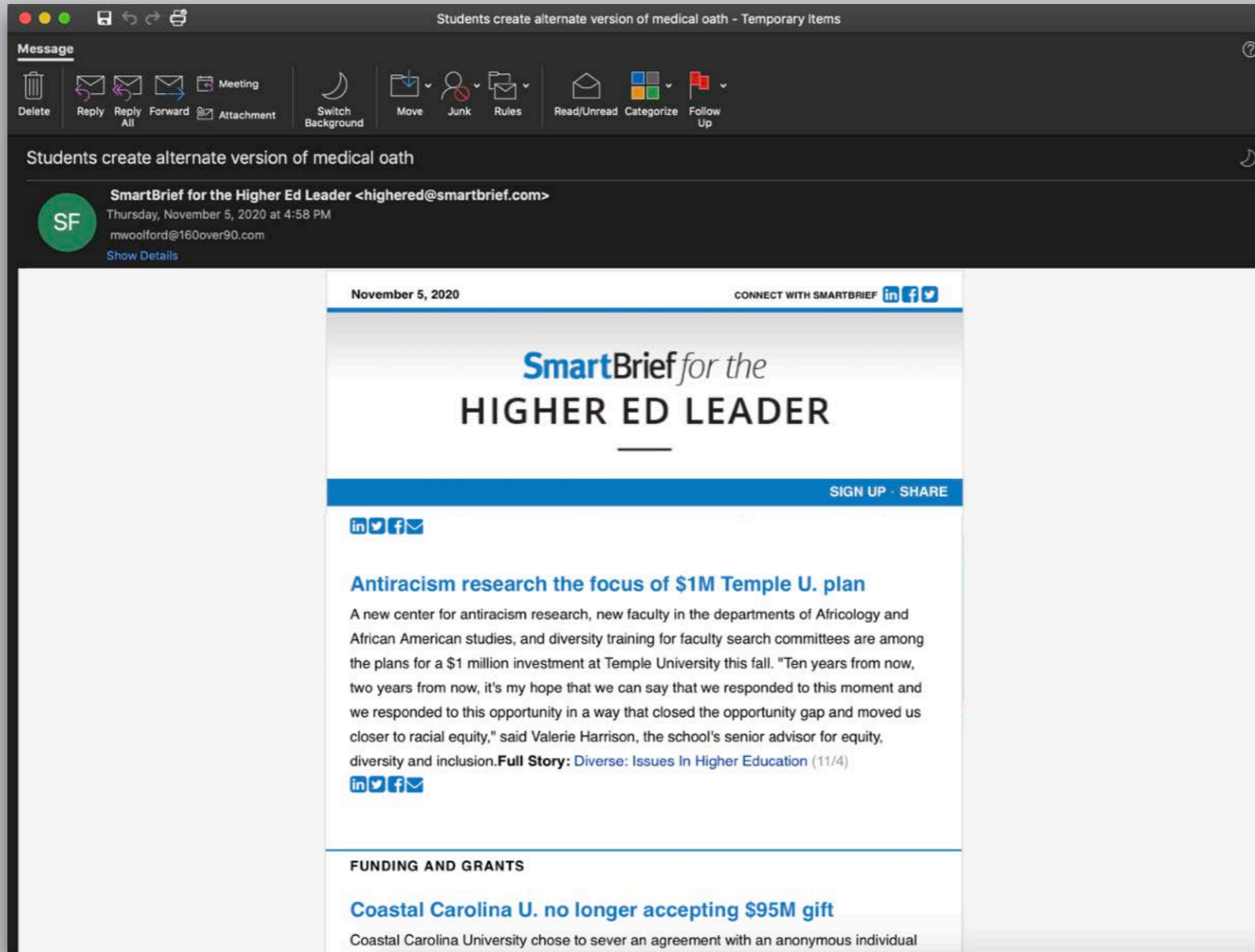


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For **Harrison**, who grew up in the Philadelphia public school system, high school students in the university's surrounding neighborhoods seemed like a natural priority.

"Systemic racism has led to educational disparities and inferior educational opportunities for many Black children, and for decades, Temple has been standing in the gap for children who have been relegated to under-resourced public schools," she said. While the bridge program isn't new, now "we're being much more intentional about creating a pipeline to college."

The university will also implement campuswide, mandatory diversity training for all faculty search committees to diversify its applicant pool and ultimately recruit more faculty of color. As for retention, it plans to develop targeted minority faculty mentorship programs.



# Valerie Harrison of Temple University: 5 Steps We Must Take To Truly Create An Inclusive, Representative, and Equitable Society



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**As** part of our series about '5 Steps We Must Take To Truly Create An Inclusive, Representative, and Equitable Society' I had the pleasure to interview **Valerie Harrison**.

*Valerie's formal pursuit of knowledge includes earning a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia, a juris doctorate from Villanova University School of Law, and a master's degree in liberal arts and a doctor of philosophy degree in African-American Studies, both from Temple University.*

*As an attorney, Valerie enjoyed both a corporate legal career and a church-based legal ministry. She provided leadership to a legal ministry that provided free services for the community ranging from criminal record expungements and wills preparation for seniors to career workshops for teens and young adults.*

*Inspired by her own passion for learning, Valerie was easily drawn to higher education. She came to Temple University as a member of its in-house legal team and now serves as senior advisor to Temple's president, leading the initiative to strengthen the university's efforts around diversity, equity and inclusion. As an educator, Valerie's research and teaching interests involve issues of race, education and the law. She is an adjunct professor at Temple University and a regular speaker at workshops and conferences.*

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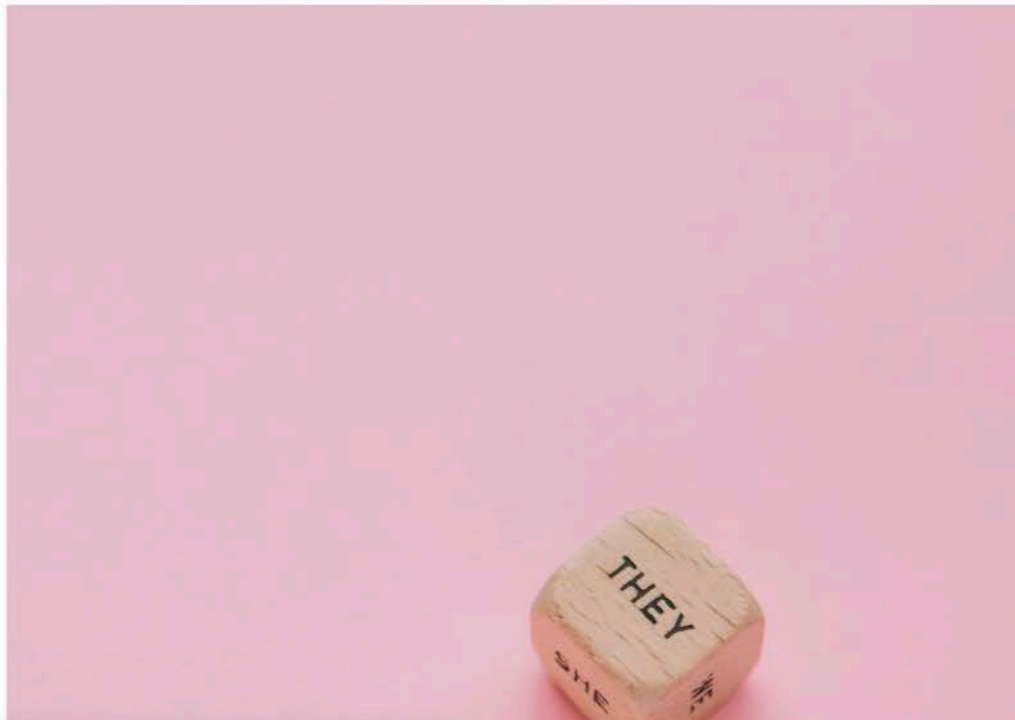


# Here's What You Should Really Know About Gender Neutral Pronouns

The list goes beyond "they/them."



BY JASMINE GOMEZ JUN 21, 2021



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Gender neutral pronouns can also be used in spaces where someone doesn't want to make an assumption about another person's gender or gender identity, says [Heath Fogg Davis](#), Director of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at Temple University and author of [Beyond](#)

[Trans: Does Gender Matter?](#). In this case, you might use a gender neutral pronoun in the workplace, a school setting, or other spaces where gender may not be relevant to what's being discussed. Davis says he personally does this when he's teaching in order to de-emphasize the sex binary.

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# FDA Authorizes New Drug for Emergency Use on Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients

By [Claire Wolters](#) | Updated on June 28, 2021

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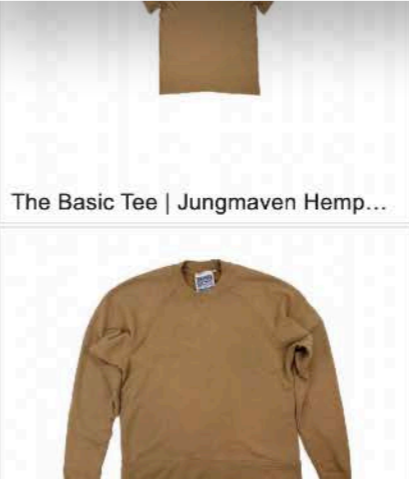
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“This is a drug best utilized in patients who are severely ill,” [Jason Gallagher, PharmD](#), a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital, writes to Verywell. “It’s best utilized if patients are sick enough to require an ICU admission or who are close to one.”

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**Dr. Jason Gallagher**, a clinical professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia and a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases, told Healthline there are two reasons we still see COVID-19 cases in vaccinated people.

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# How the NIH Is Addressing Structural Racism In Medicine

By [Kayla Hui, MPH](#) | Updated on July 04, 2021

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The biomedical science funding space is "still predominantly white, male, and people who are 50 years of age or older," [Sarah Bauerle Bass, PhD, MPH](#), the director of the Risk Communication Laboratory in Temple University's College of Public Health tells Verywell.

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### Key Takeaways

The National Institute of Health in February launched a program



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**What's the Real Deal With the Delta Variant?**  
Get all the details on the latest COVID-19 mutation.  
by **Erin L. Boyle** Health Writer

July 20, 2021

Where are we, exactly? For a little perspective, we talked with public health expert **Jeni Stolow, Ph.D.**, an assistant professor of instruction in social and behavioral sciences at Temple University in Philadelphia and part of the World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert & Response Network (GOARN) Research Focal Point for Risk Communication and Community Engagement for COVID-19.

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# I topped off my Johnson & Johnson vaccine with a Pfizer chaser. Here's why

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“I understand this anxiety,” says **Jason Gallagher**, an infectious disease pharmacist in Philadelphia and clinical professor at Temple University School of Pharmacy. Gallagher felt that way himself, he says. “I received the J&J vaccine in a trial in November, and as the Delta variant began to spread, I became concerned about a lack of data with the J&J vaccine and took a dose of the Pfizer mRNA vaccine in June,” Gallagher says. He had travel planned and wanted to keep himself and others as safe as possible.



# Why You Should Take Narcan Training Right Now

By [Joni Sweet](#) | Updated on August 04, 2021



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The financial struggles many people faced during the pandemic has created a “trickle up” effect of people using fentanyl, says [Sarah Bass, PhD](#), associate professor of social and behavioral sciences and director of the Risk Communication Laboratory at Temple University’s College of Public Health.

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On today's Regional Roundup, we're joined by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner [SHAWN LATOURETTE](#) to discuss the conservation effort to stop off-road vehicle destruction of the Pinelands. We also hear from [JENI STOLOW](#), a Temple University professor and social and behavioral scientist, about the pandemic brain fog people are experiencing as they return to their pre-Covid hectic schedules. And, Schuylkill Valley Center Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation [CHRIS STRUB](#) cautions bird lovers about the mystery illness spreading to young species throughout the Northeast.

The screenshot shows the top portion of a webpage from Best Colleges. The navigation bar includes links for College Rankings, Student Resources, Career Guides, Blog, Research, and Bootcamps, along with a search bar. The main heading is 'College Experience Guide for LGBTQ+ Students', written by staff writers and published on August 10, 2021. Below the heading are social media sharing icons and a list of related links. A bulleted list highlights key challenges for LGBTQ+ students. The text below the list discusses a Gallup poll showing an increase in LGBTQ+ identification among U.S. adults.

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# College Experience Guide for LGBTQ+ Students

by Staff Writers  
Published on August 10, 2021

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- LGBTQ+ students face personal, social, and societal challenges navigating college.
- Choosing an inclusive campus requires doing some homework, but it's worth it.
- Conferences and events hosted by LGBTQ+ orgs offer additional support and education.
- LGBTQ+ college students are deeply impacted by the pandemic and fights for racial justice.

The latest Gallup poll indicates that 5.6% of U.S. adults identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community — a notable increase from 2017 data (4.5%). Furthermore, millennials and Gen Zers are [more likely to identify as LGBTQ+](#) than previous age groups, meaning incoming college classes will likely include more LGBTQ+ students than ever before. Where an [LGBTQ+ student chooses to attend college](#) can have lifelong

**Heath Fogg Davis** is a Professor of Political Science and the Director of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at Temple University. His book "Beyond Trans: Does Gender Matter?" questions our need for gender policies, and offers practical strategies to help organizations design and implement policies that are both trans-inclusive and better for all of us.

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**Do I Really Need the COVID Booster Shot?**

The FDA has just approved a third shot for the immunosuppressed community. So what does that mean for you?

by **Erin L. Boyle** Health Writer

August 13, 2021

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# People with Delta Variant Can Transmit Virus 2 Days Before Having Symptoms

Written by [Christopher Curley](#) on August 25, 2021 — Fact checked by Jennifer Chesak

“The fact that asymptomatic people spread the virus is not new information. We have known that people are contagious before they are symptomatic for over a year,” said **Dr. Jason Gallagher**, an infectious disease expert and clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.



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The article features a large image of a woman in a pink top and a man in a blue suit looking at a laptop. Below the image is a sub-headline: "Pfizer announced COVID-19 vaccine is safe for kids: Here's how long it could take for approval". The text below reads: "A smaller dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is safe to use on children ages 5-11 years old. Here's why it could take weeks for approval. *Just the FAQs, USA TODAY*".

To the right of the article is an advertisement for American Express. It shows a woman wearing a black face mask in a store. Below the advertisement is a quote in a white box: "This was a study of, 'Do kids that get this dose have an adequate response similar to adults?'" said Jason Gallagher, clinical professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital.

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# Everything You Need to Know About the COVID-19 Vaccine

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 by NINA BAHADUR  SEP 28, 2021

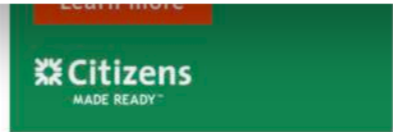


“New variants, or strains, happen with viruses all the time,” says **Jeni Stolow, PhD, MPH**, a social and behavioral scientist and professor of public health at Temple University. “That is normal and was expected.” Just think about the flu—it mutates regularly, which is why there’s a different flu shot each year to help protect you against the new strains.

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## How Much Rest Should You Get After the COVID-19 Vaccine?

More people tend to report side effects after the second dose of the COVID-19 shot. Here's what to keep in mind when getting your vaccine.

by **Joni Sweet**  
October 13, 2021

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# Everything Parents Need To Know About The Covid-19 Vaccine Trial Results For Kids

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“There are four steps remaining, many of which will likely occur quickly,” explained infectious disease expert **Jason Gallagher, PharmD.**

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## Why That 'Detox Bath' Won't Dilute the Effects of the COVID-19 Vaccine


Written by [Moira McCarthy](#) on November 16, 2021 — [Fact checked](#) by Dana K. Cassell

Vaccines, such as the one for COVID-19, enter the body and begin their work quickly, explained [Jason Gallagher](#), PharmD, a clinical professor of infectious diseases at Temple University in Philadelphia.

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# What Will Change When COVID Becomes Endemic?

Written by [Julia Ries](#) on November 17, 2021 — [Fact checked](#) by Jennifer Chesak



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“We will all be exposed to it at some point, and either will have no infection, mild infection, or severe infection,” said [Dr. Jason Gallagher](#), an infectious disease expert, clinical professor at Temple University’s School of Pharmacy, and clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital.

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# Are Booster Shots Common for Vaccines?

By [Kayla Hui, MPH](#) | Updated on November 24, 2021

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According to [Jason C. Gallagher, PharmD, FCCP, FIDP, FIDSA, BCPS](#), clinical professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy and clinical specialist in infectious diseases, boosters are common.

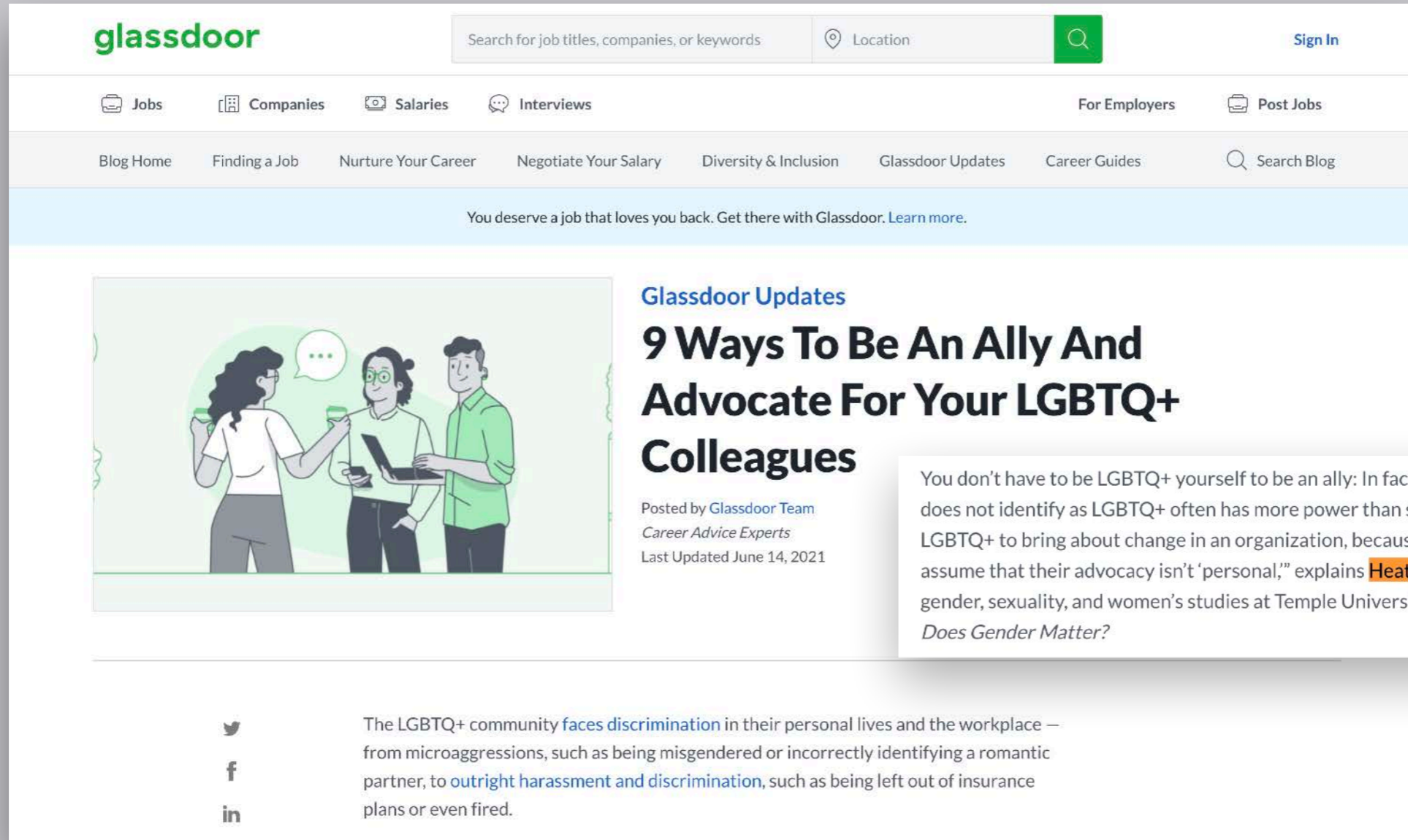
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The screenshot shows the top portion of a HealthCentral article. The HealthCentral logo is in the top left. The article title is "COVID Boosters: Everything You Need to Know Right Now" with a sub-headline asking about mixing vaccines and efficacy. The author is Erin L. Boyle. The date is November 24, 2021. Social media icons for Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Email, and Print are visible. A large image at the bottom shows three vials labeled "COVID-19" and a red heart, with a blue plus sign between two of the vials.

That's why we sought some answers from **Jason Gallagher**, Pharm.D., a clinical professor at Temple University School of Pharmacy and clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. We also reached out to the makers of the only fully approved (to date) vaccine from Pfizer-BioNTech for booster insight pulled from the company's latest data. (Note: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has given the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines emergency-use-authorization for both initial doses and booster shots; while both are widely in use, neither is yet fully approved.)





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A white callout box on the right side of the article contains the following text: "You don't have to be LGBTQ+ yourself to be an ally: In fact, 'an LGBTQ+ advocate who does not identify as LGBTQ+ often has more power than someone who identifies as LGBTQ+ to bring about change in an organization, because managers and co-workers may assume that their advocacy isn't 'personal,'" explains **Heath Fogg Davis**, the director of gender, sexuality, and women's studies at Temple University and author of *Beyond Trans: Does Gender Matter?*"

At the bottom of the article, there are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. To the right of these icons is a paragraph: "The LGBTQ+ community [faces discrimination](#) in their personal lives and the workplace — from microaggressions, such as being misgendered or incorrectly identifying a romantic partner, to [outright harassment and discrimination](#), such as being left out of insurance plans or even fired."

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# Will COVID Be the New Flu?

By [Rachel Murphy](#) | Published on January 20, 2022

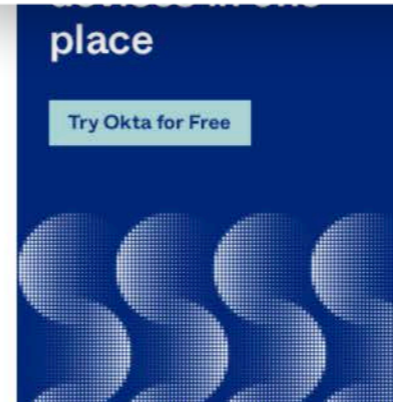
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Although the Omicron variant is highly transmissible, its milder symptoms are a good sign, according to **Jeni Stolow, PhD, MPH**, an assistant professor of instruction at Temple University who works in public health, and infectious disease outbreak response.

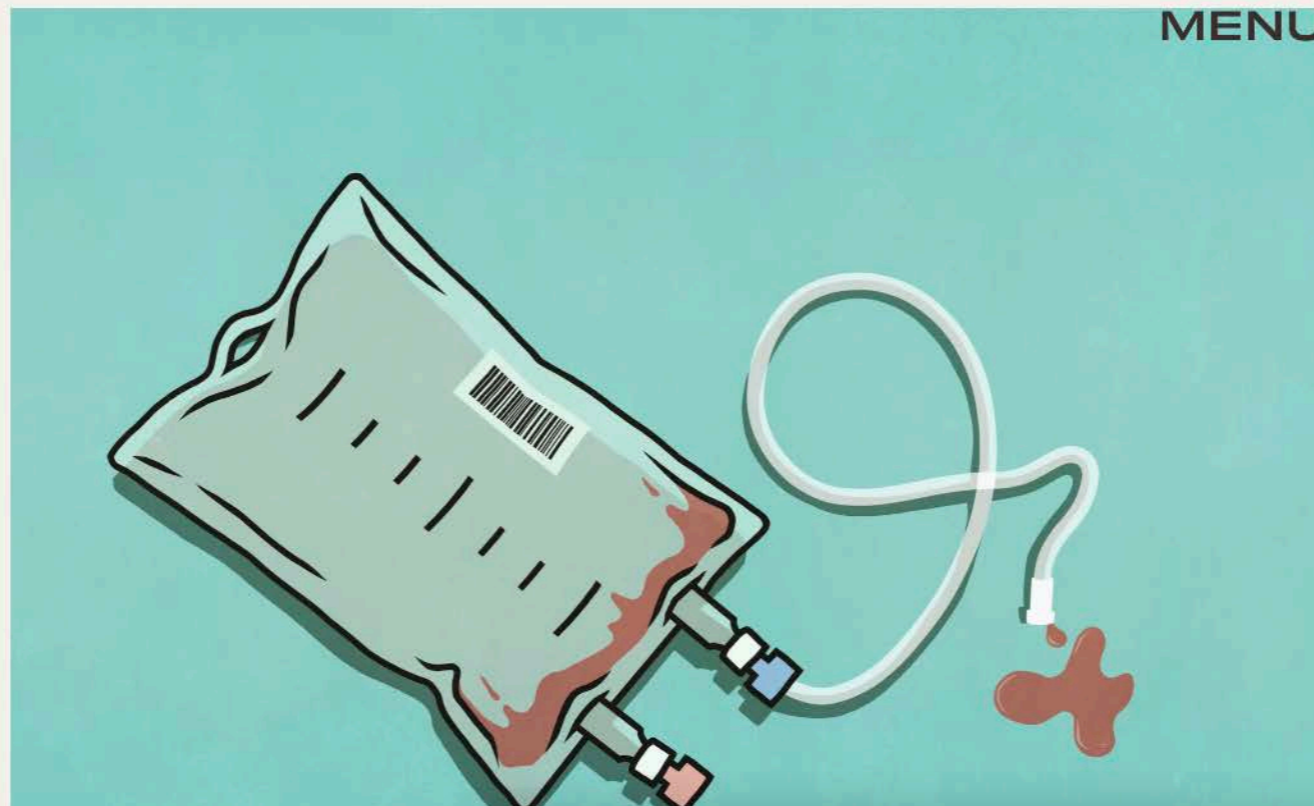
This story is [part of a series](#) where we look at the ways COVID-19 has changed our lives and how it will continue to affect public health in 2022.



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## WHY ARE WE STILL REJECTING BLOOD DONATIONS FROM GAY MEN?

Infectious disease experts offer eye-opening insight on the stigma-fueled, outdated practice.



“There is no practical or necessary reason for all men who have sex with men to be excluded from blood donation,” [Sarah Bauerle Bass](#), an HIV treatment researcher, professor of public health, and director at Temple University’s Risk Communication Laboratory, tells Mic. “It is really a historical holdover from the beginning of the HIV epidemic when the majority of HIV infections were occurring in MSM and there was not rigorous testing in place,” says Bass. In other words, this [policy’s homophobic roots](#) are likely the only thing keeping it in place.



**Dr. Sarah Bauerle Bass**, an associate professor and director of the Risk Communication Laboratory at Temple University, says, "Covid is everywhere. It occupies everybody's brain and that's all everybody talks about. That kind of pushes away anything else that might be important, especially for young people who are sexually active. They're not getting that information that really gives them the sense that this is a risk that I need to listen to." She says, simply, "Wear a mask — and use a condom."

## The AIDS crisis never ended — and COVID may have even made it worse

Encouraging breakthroughs make headlines, but testing rates fell during COVID as new infections rose

By **MARY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS**  
Senior Writer

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## Temple Police Clash With Administrators

Amid a surge in gun violence near campus, the Temple University Police Association disputes as “factually untrue” the hiring and patrol numbers the administration has reported.

By **Josh Moody** • Published April 5, 2022

Looking at data from January 2017 to June 2021, **Caterina Roman**, a criminal justice professor at Temple, and doctoral student Nicole J. Johnson found an uptick in gun violence in Philadelphia. And they noted one key but perhaps unsurprising takeaway: that gun violence occurred with more frequency in neighborhoods where illicit narcotics were easily bought and sold.

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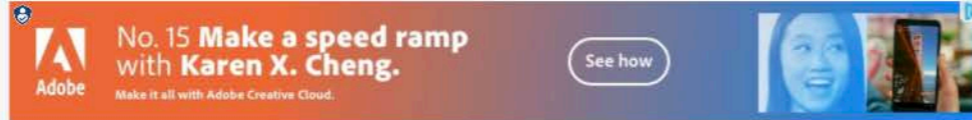
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## About 1 in 10 People Hospitalized with COVID-19 Are Readmitted or Die Within 30 Days

By [Bob Curley](#) on May 15, 2022 — [Fact checked](#) by Jennifer Chesak

**Jason Gallagher**, PharmD, a professor at the Temple University School of Pharmacy in Pennsylvania and a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital, told Healthline that the research presents an opportunity for healthcare providers to review and improve treatment protocols for COVID-19.



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# 1 Million Dead from COVID-19 in U.S.: Where Do We Go from Here?



By [Julia Ries](#) on May 17, 2022 — [Fact checked](#) by Dana K. Cassell



“There are simply far more adults who are vaccinated than unvaccinated, so even if the chance of them dying from infection is much lower, the fact that the number of vaccinated people is higher means that even though the proportion of them who die from COVID is low, they represent a greater number of the deaths than when few people were vaccinated,” says [Jason Gallagher](#), PharmD, an infectious disease expert and a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital.

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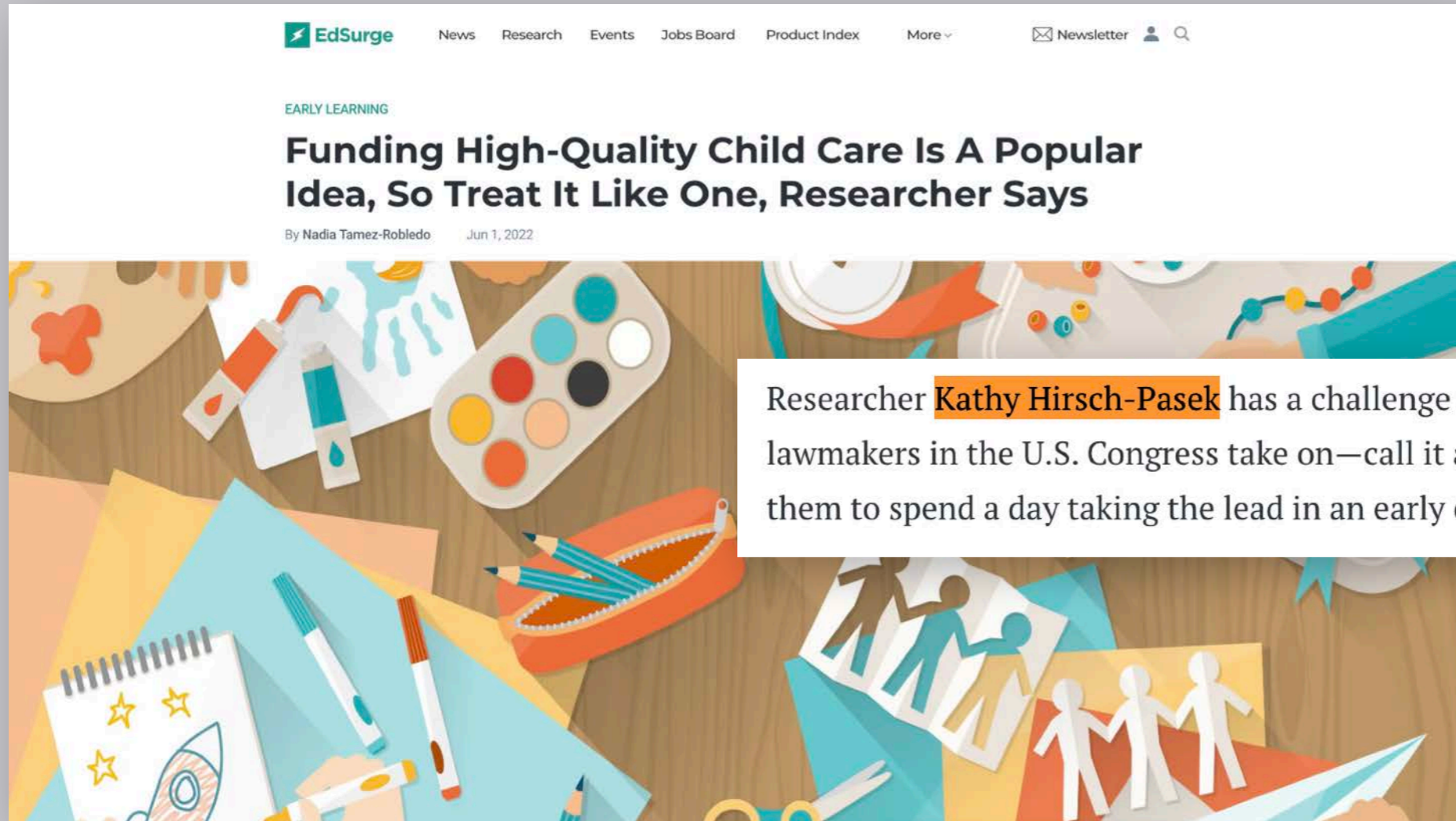
By [Julia Ries](#) on June 1, 2022 — Fact checked by Jennifer Chesak

**Caterina Roman**, a criminal justice professor at Temple University, says that gun violence not only varies across states and cities, but within cities as well.

Through her research, Roman has found that the presence of a drug market is significantly associated with an increasing rate of violence.

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Researcher **Kathy Hirsch-Pasek** has a challenge she would like to see lawmakers in the U.S. Congress take on—call it a dare. She wants all 535 of them to spend a day taking the lead in an early childhood classroom.



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## INTERVIEW WITH DR. SARAH BAUERLE BASS

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Dr. **Sarah Bauerle Bass** is an associate professor (SBS) and director of the Risk Communication Laboratory at Temple University. Her research focuses on health and risk communication and how public health messages are crafted for diverse audiences to enhance decision-making.

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## Temple University Launches Digital Equity Center

By Sara Weissman • Published June 9, 2022

Temple University recently opened its Digital Equity Center to provide access to computers, technology support and free digital literacy education to residents of surrounding neighborhoods in North Philadelphia.

The purpose of the project is to recycle the university's old computers so local community members from eight nearby ZIP codes can use them. The center has a computer lab, classroom and multipurpose room, which are open to the public and will provide job training and career readiness programs. Temple also plans to use funding from Dell Technologies to create a community help desk and digital navigator office at the center to help people use the refurbished technology. The center has already distributed more than 200 of the 600 computers and laptops it plans to provide to community members by the end of the year.

"We are committed to bridging the digital divide in North Philadelphia," Gregory Mandel, provost at Temple, said in a press release. "Through this new center, we will be able to ensure that children can keep up with their schoolwork. We will be able to help their parents receive free continuing education. And, perhaps most importantly, we will be able to bring families together to enjoy cultural programs, workshops and concerts on their computers, tablets and phones."

## Preventing Gun Violence on Campus

Alarmed by mass shootings in Uvalde and Buffalo, colleges are working to protect their campuses with threat assessment teams, active shooter drills and partnerships with law enforcement.

By **Maria Carrasco** · Published June 10, 2022



Georgetown University students protest gun violence after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in 2018. (Nicholas Kamm/Getty Images)

Temple University is taking a community-based approach to prevent gun violence, said **Caterina Roman**, a criminal justice professor at Temple. After a student was shot and killed near campus in November, Temple created a task force on violence reduction that includes students, faculty and staff, and community members.



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In the event that a patient is not able to provide a list of all medications and updated health records, or if an already prescribed medication needs a dosage adjustment to make Paxlovid safer to take, pharmacists may refer the patient to a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant licensed or authorized to prescribe drugs, [Jason Gallagher, PharmD](#), a clinical professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital, told *Health*.



**Rachel Rebouché, a professor and interim dean at Temple University** Beasley School of Law, said the Supreme Court ruling constituted a “profound shift” of power to states, where the impacts of state officials criminalizing and restricting abortions are just beginning.

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## The Weird Side Effect You Might Get from Taking Paxlovid—and What to Do About It

You don't have to live with that terrible taste in your mouth.

KAITLIN VOGEL • JUL 26, 2022



“Ritonavir is well-known to many healthcare providers because it used to be commonly used in the same way with HIV medications,” says **Dr. Jason Gallagher**, [PharmD](#), infectious disease expert, a Clinical Professor at Temple University’s School of Pharmacy, and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases at Temple University Hospital. “The side effect of taste disturbance is a known problem with ritonavir. The tablet itself is bitter, but even if it doesn’t touch the mouth the unpleasant taste can still occur.”

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## How Biden's Response To Monkeypox Reflects Crisis Management Lessons Learned From Covid

Edward Segal Senior Contributor  
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“The lessons learned about how to communicate about both HIV and COVID-19 are important to understand how to respond to monkeypox, trying to be clear about what we do and don't know and not marginalizing specific populations,” according to Sarah Bass, an associated professor of social and behavioral science and director of the risk communication laboratory in Temple University's College of Public Health.

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

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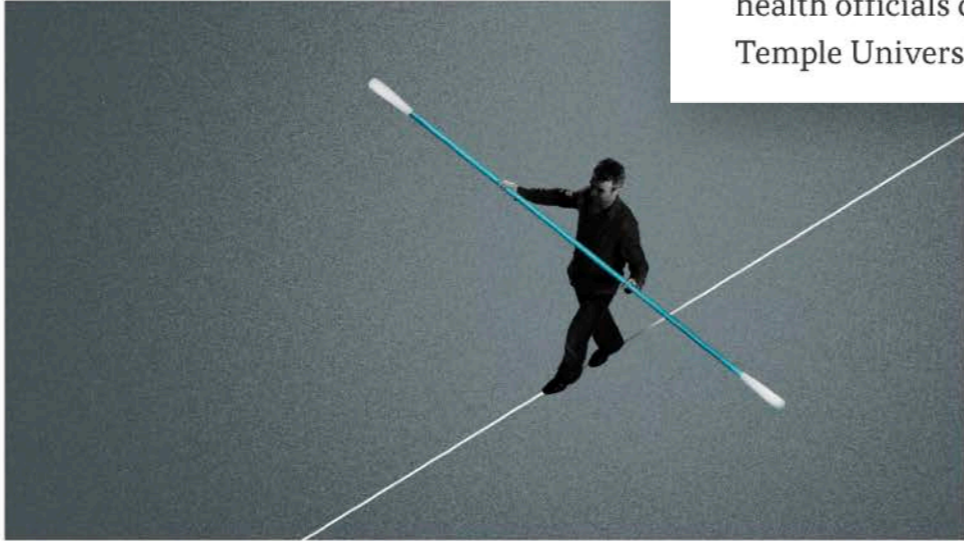
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# Why officials have a balancing act in explaining virus risks

 Eileen Drage O'Reilly



- This was also seen with the COVID-19 pandemic, where "the message got lost" that public health officials didn't know everything at the start, says **Sarah Bauerle Bass**, director of Temple University's Risk Communication Laboratory.

The image shows a screenshot of an NPR website article. At the top, there are logos for NPR and WHY (with PBS and NPR sub-logos). Navigation links include NEWS, CULTURE, MUSIC, PODCASTS & SHOWS, and SEARCH. A blue banner on the right says "WHYY On Air Now" with links for "HOURLY NEWS", "LISTEN LIVE", and "PLAYLIST". The article title is "Shootings spiked during the pandemic. The spike now looks like a 'new normal'", dated August 29, 2022, by Martin Kaste. A "7-Minute Listen" audio player is visible. Below the player is a photo of shattered glass. An Amazon Music advertisement for "FREE STREAMING MUSIC" is on the right. A white text box is overlaid on the bottom right of the screenshot, containing a quote from Jason Gravel, a Temple University criminologist. At the bottom of the screenshot, there are links for "Sponsor Message" and "Become an NPR sponsor".

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Temple University criminologist **Jason Gravel**, who studies how young people acquire and use guns, says the role of social media may be the biggest change of the last few recent years.

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There's no reason to think that symptoms from the new booster would be different from previous COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, said **Dr. Jason Gallagher**, an infectious disease expert and clinical professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacy specialist in infectious diseases at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.



# College athletics sees surge in nonprofits paying players

By JIM VERTUNO and PAT EATON-ROBB September 30, 2022



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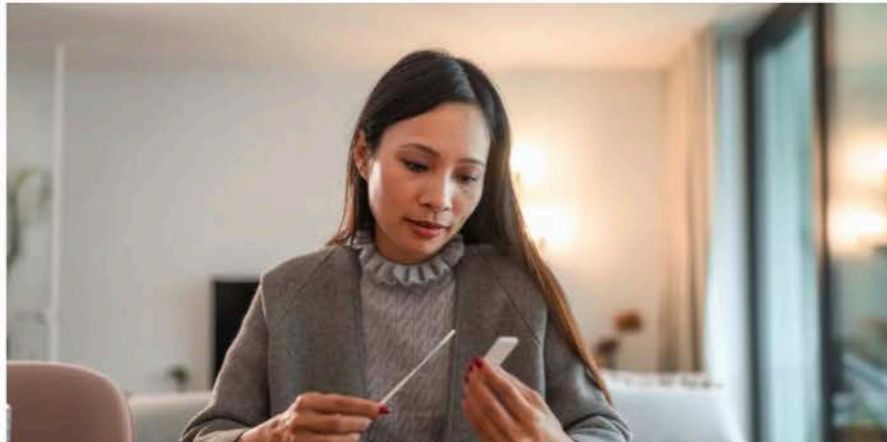
**Thilo Kunkel**, director of the Sport Industry Research Center at Temple, questioned how the nonprofits can place a dollar value on an athlete's efforts on behalf of a charity that could range from something as simple as a tweet to a visit with sick children to delivering meals to the elderly.

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## How Long After Having COVID Are You Actually Protected Against Infection? Here's What To Know

There are different types of immunity, so as you navigate your risk, understanding each is key.

KAITLIN VOGEL • OCT 4, 2022



**Dr. Jason Gallagher, PharmD**, infectious disease expert, a Clinical Professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases at Temple University Hospital says that 'it depends.' It seems that high levels of antibodies last for at least three months before they start to drop. But when they do drop, they can still be effective, especially against variants that are similar to what a person was infected with previously. Also, antibodies aren't the only component of the immune system that helps after infection, they're just one of them and the easiest to measure.

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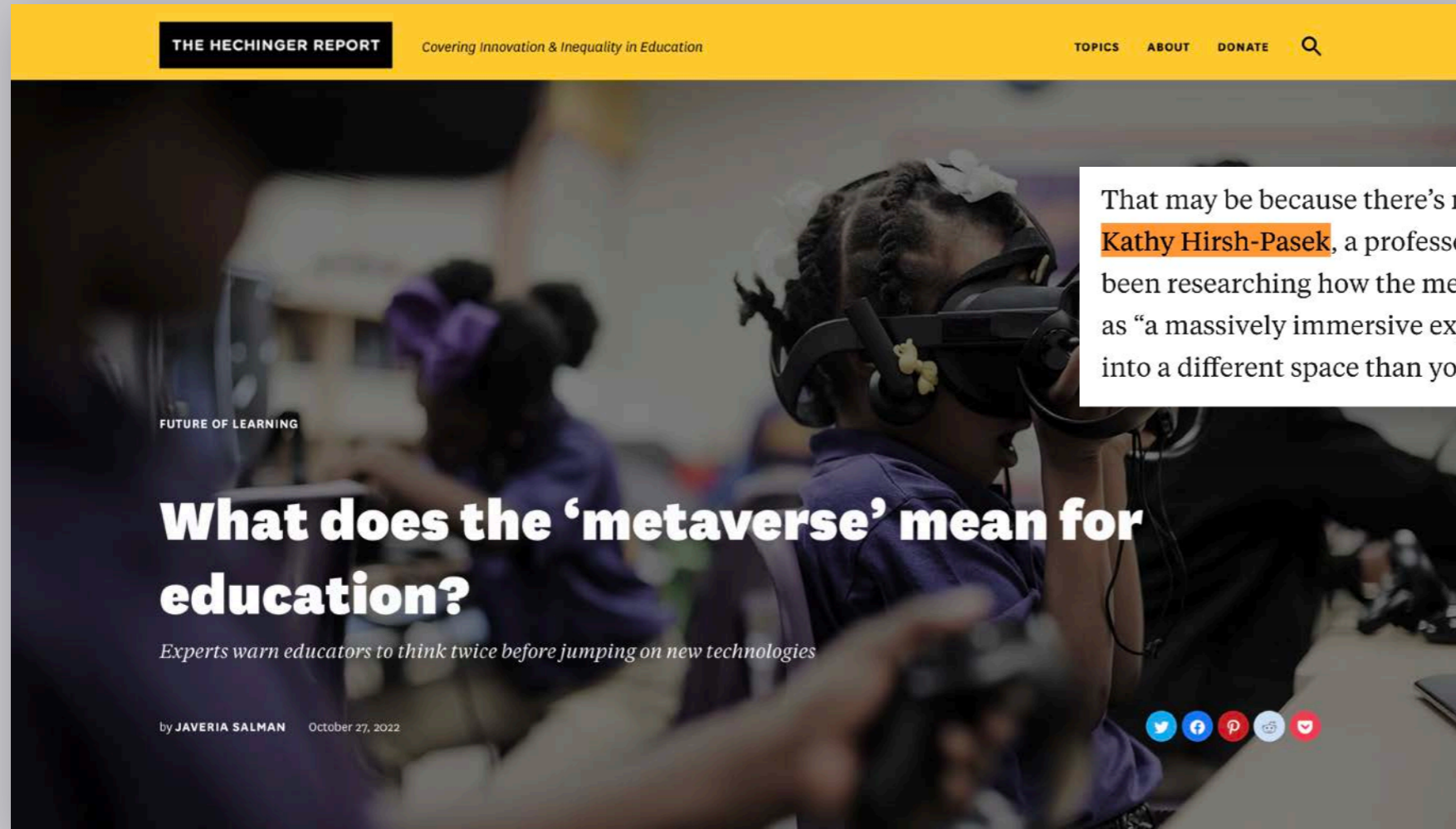
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According to [Dr. David Wohl](#), an infectious diseases specialist at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine, "it can take a good two weeks to get the full effect of the vaccine." And exactly two weeks before Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 10.

The body's response to booster shots is quicker than an original vaccine, so it may be fully effective before that two-week mark, but that's a safe guarantee for full efficacy, added [Dr. Jason Gallagher](#), a clinical professor at Temple University's School of Pharmacy.





That may be because there's no clear consensus on what the term means. **Kathy Hirsh-Pasek**, a professor of psychology at Temple University who's been researching how the metaverse can be used in education, described it as "a massively immersive experience that is digitally designed to put you into a different space than you're currently in."

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# The business of Dawn Staley is booming – to her players' benefit

By Kareem Copeland  
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Group and team-wide deals aren't exactly novel, explained **Thilo Kunkel**, an associate professor in the School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management at Temple University and director of the Sport Industry Research Center. United Wholesale Mortgage announced deals with the Michigan State women's basketball and volleyball teams for 2022-23 after previously having deals with the Spartans' football and men's basketball teams. SmartyStreets, a location data intelligence company, struck a deal with BYU to include every female athlete. The Maryland women's basketball team has an initiative with Fanatics for players to profit off jerseys and T-shirts with individual names and numbers. The list goes on.

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## Black History Month: The Role of Higher Education in Black Activism

By Erik Cliburn - December 23, 2022

These individuals and their impact, along with many like them, demonstrate the important role that colleges and universities can play in shaping the activists and thought leaders of the future, says **Timothy Welbeck**, JD, director of the Center for Anti-Racism and assistant professor in the department of Africology and African American Studies at Temple University, and a civil rights attorney.

TEACHING

# Talking to Students About Tyre Nichols and Police Violence: Ideas From 3 Experts



By [Eesha Pendharkar](#) — February 08, 2023 ⌚ 5 min read



## Teachers need to prepare for these conversations to come up

Before teachers can have a conversation about systemic racism and police violence, they need to gauge how comfortable they are with talking about those topics, what kind of discussions their students are prepared to have, both based on their age and other factors, and be prepared because these discussions can happen spontaneously in any classroom, according to **David Brown**, an assistant professor of instruction at Temple University.

“A teacher that signs up to teach French, for example, maybe is like ‘I don’t want to touch that because I do not feel equipped to,’ that’s going to be an educated choice,” Brown said.

“It could even be dangerous for someone to try to wade into those waters who isn’t ready to swim. That can be dangerous for them as instructors, and even more so be harmful for the students and someone who is still kind of grappling with it.”

## The New York Times

### ‘Air’ and the Argument for Letting the Talent Share in the Profits

The movie’s focus (how Michael Jordan got a cut from Nike) reflects what its filmmakers, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, are trying to do in their new venture.



By Marc Tracy

April 12, 2023

There can only be so much suspense in [“Air.”](#) The new drama depicts Nike’s quest in 1984 to sign the then-rookie Michael Jordan to an endorsement deal, and everyone knows that in the end, Nike will get its man. Some viewers are doubtlessly wearing Swoosh-adorned Air Jordan sneakers.

Yet the filmmakers conjure a gripping moment late in the film. Through wit and grit, Sonny Vaccaro, the Nike executive played by Matt Damon, has secured Jordan’s agreement — until Jordan’s mother, Deloris Jordan (Viola Davis), makes an additional demand: Her son must receive not only a \$250,000 fee, but also a cut from [every sneaker](#) sold.

“A shoe is just a shoe,” she tells Vaccaro, “until my son steps into it.”

The message of “Air” might help explain why it has been embraced by critics and audiences. It turns Michael Jordan from an extraordinary athlete into a stand-in for the viewer. “He’s not the underdog compared to the everyday person, but he’s still someone people can relate to,” said **Thilo Kunkel**, a professor at Temple University who studies athlete branding.

# Temple Associate Dean Of Students Rachael Stark Talks ‘Landmark’ Zweig Endowment, Disability, More

Steven Aquino Contributor

Steven covers accessibility and assistive technologies.

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In early February, Temple University put out a press release in which the Philadelphia-based school announced a “landmark gift” for its physically disabled students. The \$10.9 million donation will “create an endowed fund to help students with physical disabilities pursue an education and earn their degree.” The fund will “generate approximately \$450,000 every year in perpetuity to benefit Jeanne Zweig scholarship recipients,” according to Temple’s announcement.

The gift will support the Jeanne Zweig Endowment, named for former Temple alum Jeanne Zweig. Zweig, a business student, had cerebral palsy and later would go on to launch an accounting firm that proved a very successful business.

“The donation from the Zweig estate is among the largest gifts awarded to a university in support of students with disabilities,” the university said about the donation in the press release. “Details related to the gift and subsequent scholarship were finalized at the end of last year, and Temple plans to begin awarding the scholarship to eligible students this fall.”

For **Rachael Stark**, the ginormous donation is bound to make a ginormous impact.

“We will be able to provide direct scholarships to students who are registered with DRS. This will be the first-of-its-kind scholarship that can truly cover full tuition for students which can be a barrier to attendance,” Stark said of the Zweig gift in an interview with me over email early last month. “The endowment will also be able to cover assistance technology for students should they need accommodations above and beyond what we currently have available for students.”

An 11-year member of the the school’s faculty, Stark is Temple’s senior associate dean of students. One of the many things under her purview is the so-called Disability Resources and Services office. She also oversees the Cherry Pantry, which, in another form of accessibility, is an on-campus pantry that stocks goods free of charge for students facing food insecurity. In addition to disability resources and the Cherry Pantry, Stark is in charge of case management as well.



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# Wheelchair repairs and adaptive gaming: Temple is opening a new \$500k space for people with disabilities

Temple and TechOWL's new community space will help connect people with disabilities with assistive technology.



Participants in a workshop from TechOWL's Wheelchair Alliance learn about wheel repair and maintenance at Neighborhood Bike Works in West Philly. The workshops bring together ... [Read more](#)  
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“We’re really trying to build a space that’s centered in disabled experience, and that is accessible for as many different people with as many different circumstances as is possible,” said **Kim Singleton**, the senior director of assistive technologies at Temple’s Institute on Disabilities. She made clear that this space is not just for Temple affiliates, but for all Philadelphians.

“Our vision of the work that we do is to make sure that ... people with disabilities are centered within the larger community. Not making [it so] that people with disabilities have to change to be into the community,” said **Sally A. Gould-Taylor**, the executive director of Temple’s Institute on Disabilities.

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## Nearly 1 in 5 Temple students seeking mental health counseling say they're 'in crisis'

University officials this year expect the highest numbers of reported same-day crisis appointments since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

 By [Marcus Biddle](#) · May 7, 2023



 Temple University campus at North Broad Street and Montgomery Avenue. (Emma Lee/WHYY)

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## 11 years into Oklahoma's affirmative action ban, the state has seen some 'unintended consequences'

Oklahoma joined the lawsuit against the University of North Carolina that SCOTUS is considering in a national affirmative action ban. But some in Oklahoma say the state's ban has hurt diversity in larger ways than the government acknowledges.



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"I've run into instances in work when dealing with a city, and we're asking questions about consultants or contractors, and a lot of times they [can't give the] answer because of the anti-affirmative action ban," says Charity Marcus. She's a consultant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who works with cities, mapping out strategies for economic and community development.

In 2012, the Oklahoma legislature passed a ballot initiative known as the Oklahoma Affirmative Action Ban, or State Question 759. The amendment passed by over 230,000 votes. The first attempt to ban

**Timothy Welbeck**, director of Anti-Racism Research and an assistant professor of instruction at Temple University, says that affirmative action is a set of governmental policies that are designed to correct the centuries of racial discrimination, particularly that were impacting Black people in the United States as it relates to post-secondary institutions.

"For most of our nation's history, in many jurisdictions across the country, it was literally against the law for Black people to learn to read and write," he says. "And in the era of Reconstruction, historically Black colleges and universities [HBCU] began to sprout up across the nation to help remedy that particular practice. And then over time, there became government initiatives, most notably affirmative action as it sought to correct the history of racial segregation that was still taking place, and what we now refer to as predominantly white institutions."

Welbeck explains that the Oklahoma law is one of many to try to dismantle affirmative action and "any good that it's sought to bring to society, particularly the overall good of its initial goal of correcting centuries of racialized segregation." Some of the cases before the courts are also "conveniently painting narratives that are not entirely based in facts," he adds.

Welbeck noted the data on the University of Oklahoma from the attorney general's brief but says that there are several caveats to that data. "One, we're only looking at one institution, the University of Oklahoma," he says. "And two, we're also failing to consider that the racial demographics of the University of Oklahoma, though they have not changed in the last 11 years, already are not representative of the racial demographics of the state. So that indicates that there is a disconnect somewhere between the admissions practices, and the overall admittance of a student body that reflects the State of Oklahoma."

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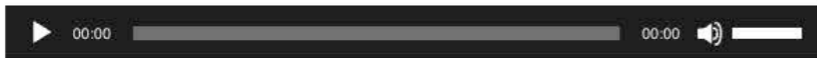
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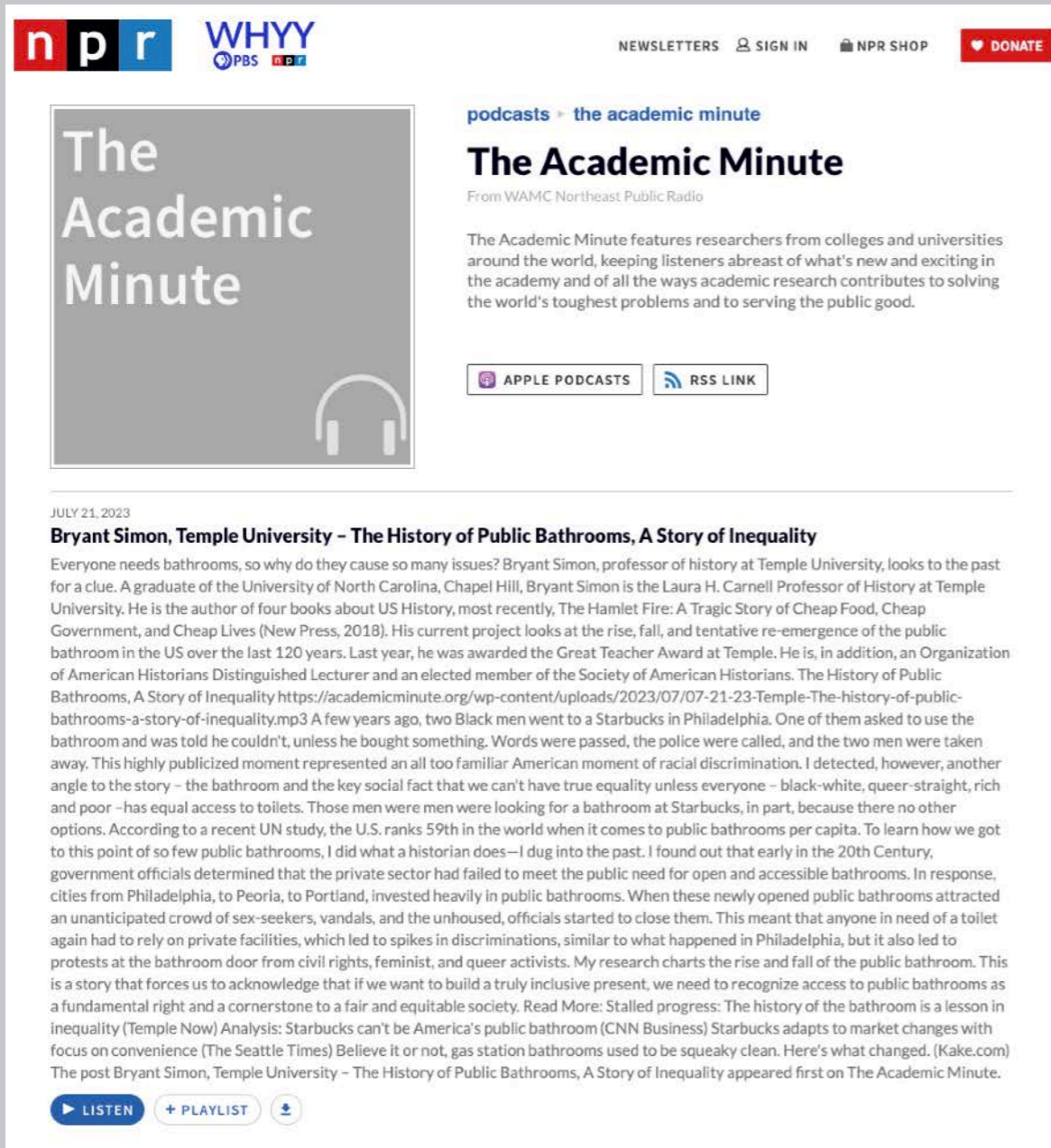


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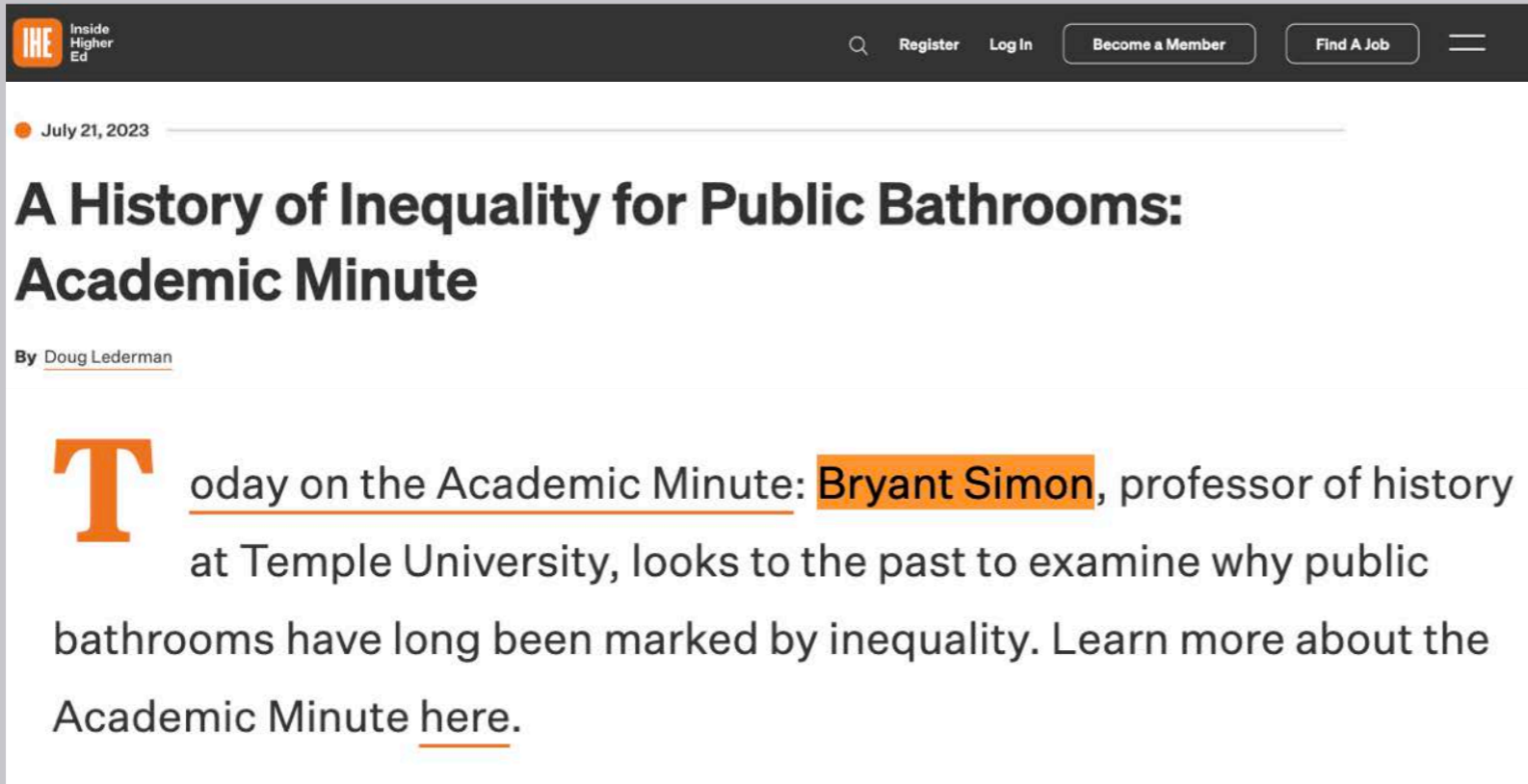
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# I Teach A College Course On Porn. The Response Has Been Eye-Opening.

"As much as I hoped my students would learn from me throughout the semester, I ended up learning even more from them."



By Jenn Pollitt, Ph.D.

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I teach people about porn.

That's my job, or part of it, as an assistant professor in the Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies program at Temple University. In January 2023, I launched a brand-new college-level course that focuses on the study of porn with a very specific goal: to help heal the painful social divisions in our country.

It's no secret that waking up in America today often means waking up to deep, painful, social and political divisions, which seem to be intensifying with alarming speed. Each time I read a new headline stoking the flames of these divisions, I become more certain that thoughtful, less fraught conversations about porn and sexuality education are part of the solution to healing our wounds and bringing us back together.

My goal is to make the unspeakable, speakable. We need to make talking about sex and porn as normal as talking about the weather. The more normal we can make these conversations, the more likely we are to recognize our shared humanity, reconnect with our *human-ness*, and stop hurting each other.

Thinking this is one thing. Acting on it is another. But the more I thought about it, the more I knew I needed to practice what I preach if I was going to make something I wholeheartedly believed into a reality. So in January 2023, I walked into my boss's office and said the words that would get most employees sent to Human Resources: "Porn — I want to teach a course about porn."

Before I could even finish the sentence, I partly regretted it and wished I could stuff it back in my mouth.

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