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Welcome to my first newsletter

Thank you for subscribing to my post-twitter newsletter! My one worry about leaving Twitter was how to be able to share news about events I am organising or participating in, teaching resources, or new publications. I have been running a blog since 2005 and I know many people visit it, but Twitter was always a useful conduit for bringing people there. I hope this newsletter, which I promise to publish infrequently, will serve this purpose. The other main benefits of Twitter is keeping us in touch, something that has been especially important to me since I moved to 'australia' in 2012. It has really been a life-line. I also love it because we can show our support and appreciation for each other by sharing each other's work and sending messages of solidarity. However, Twitter has always been a space of surveillance. My presence on it has brought violence directly to my front door, and I cannot justify staying there, at least for the time being. So, I hope we will continue to dialogue and lift each other up through other channels.

In solidarity,

Alana

Radical Antiracism Today: New books in abolitionist, anticolonial, internationalist antiracism



Together with my colleague in the Culture & Society discipline at Western Sydney University, Quah Ee Ling, I launched the Radical Antiracism Today online seminar series. We have already held two seminars with Michael Richmond and Alex Charnley, in conversation with Debbie Bargallie, on their book *Fractured* and Charisse Burden-Stelly and Jodi Dean on their book *Organize, Fight, Win*. In our next, on June 14, Mahdis Azarmandi and Garrick Cooper will join Quah Ee Ling to discuss a volume they contributed to, *Towards a Grammar of Race in Aotearoa New Zealand*. For recordings of the events and more details on upcoming seminars:

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NEW BOOKS IN ABOLITIONIST, ANTICOLONIAL, INTERNATIONALIST ANTI-RACISM
 Edited by Alana Lentin & Quah Ee Ling

14 June 2023 7 PM AEST

Mahdis Azarmandi & Garrick Cooper
 Towards a Grammar of Race in Aotearoa New Zealand

In conversation with Quah Ee Ling

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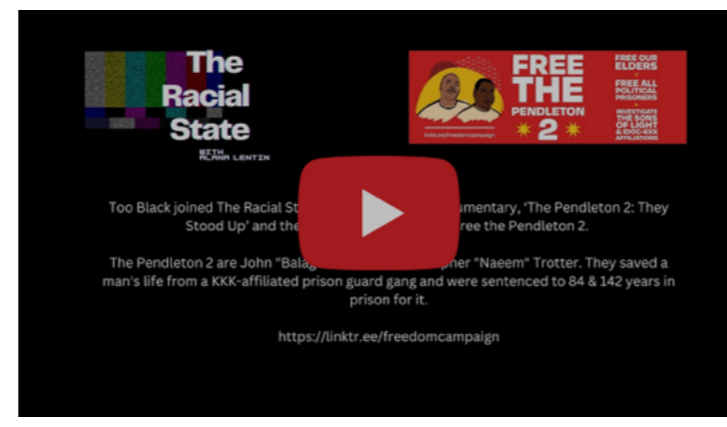
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Please click on the link to register for our need seminar with Mahdis Azarmandi and Garrick Cooper on June 14 at 7pm Australian EST.

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Teaching

This semester I have been teaching my undergraduate subject, *The Racial State*. Full access to lectures and other teaching materials I have developed for the class can be accessed [here](#), and can be freely used under a Creative Commons license. As part of the class, I invited a number of guests either to speak directly to the students or to be interviewed by me. Guests include *Khadjah Diskin*, *Too Black*, *Martin Hodgson*, *Keiran Assheton-Stewart* and *Maddison Stoff*. Here are two of the interviews I did, with more on my website.



Too Black on The Pendleton 2



Khadjah Diskin on the limits of white privilege

Publications

Breaking the racial silence



Debbie Bargallie, Nilmini Fernando and I published a new paper in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* titled 'Breaking the racial silence: putting racial literacy to work in Australia'.

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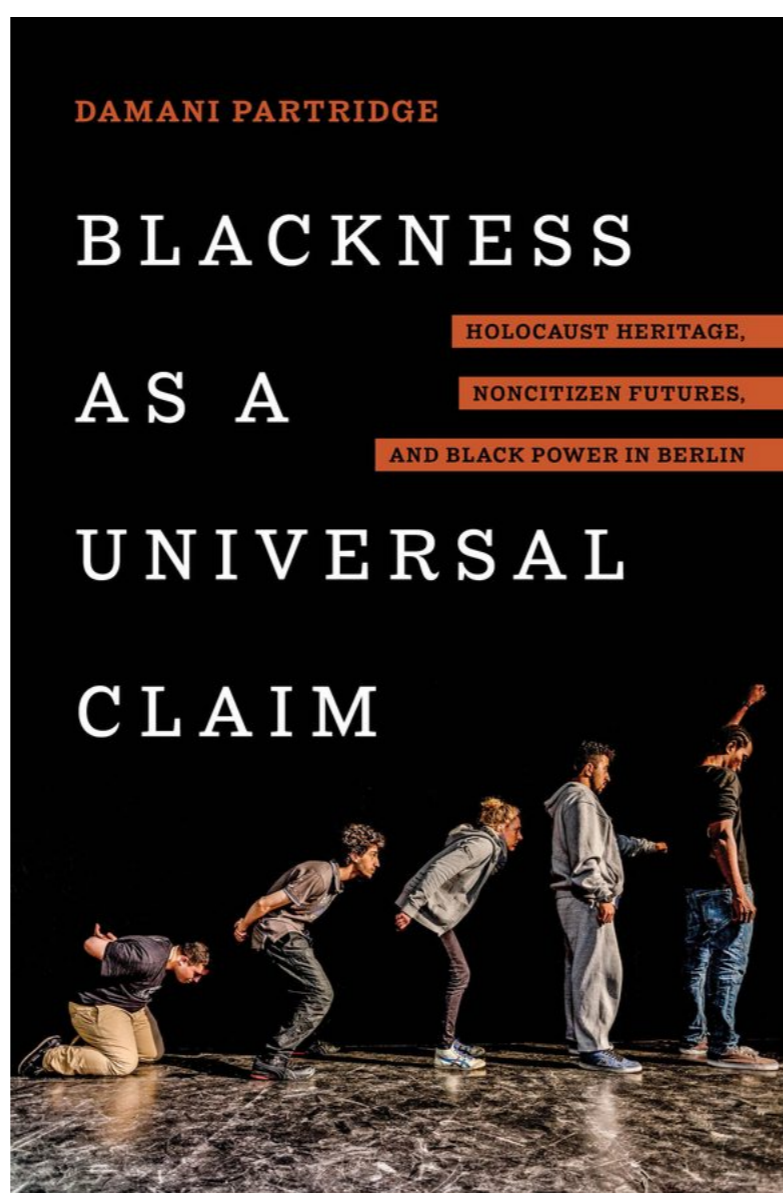
La guerre contre la Critical Race Theory en Australie



The journal, *Mouvements*, invited me to write about the Critical Race Theory debacle in 'australia' (en français). My analysis looks to the lesson of Indigenous critics of white historians' 'history wars'.

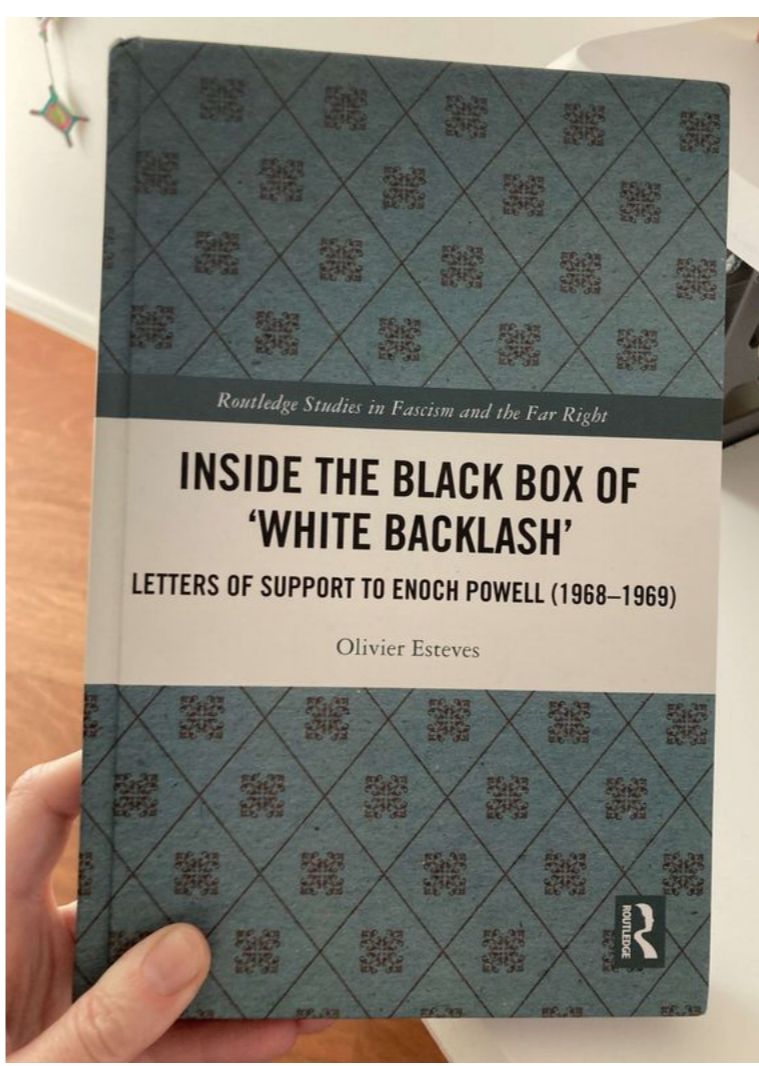
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Blackness as a Universal Claim



I reviewed Damani Partridge's excellent book, *Blackness as a Universal Claim: Holocaust Heritage, Noncitizen Futures, and Black Power in Berlin* for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Inside the Black Box of White Backlash



Olivier Esteves, the author of the recently published *Inside the Black Box of White Backlash: Letters of Support to Enoch Powell*, asked me to contribute a preface to the book.

[Read the preface](#)

Events

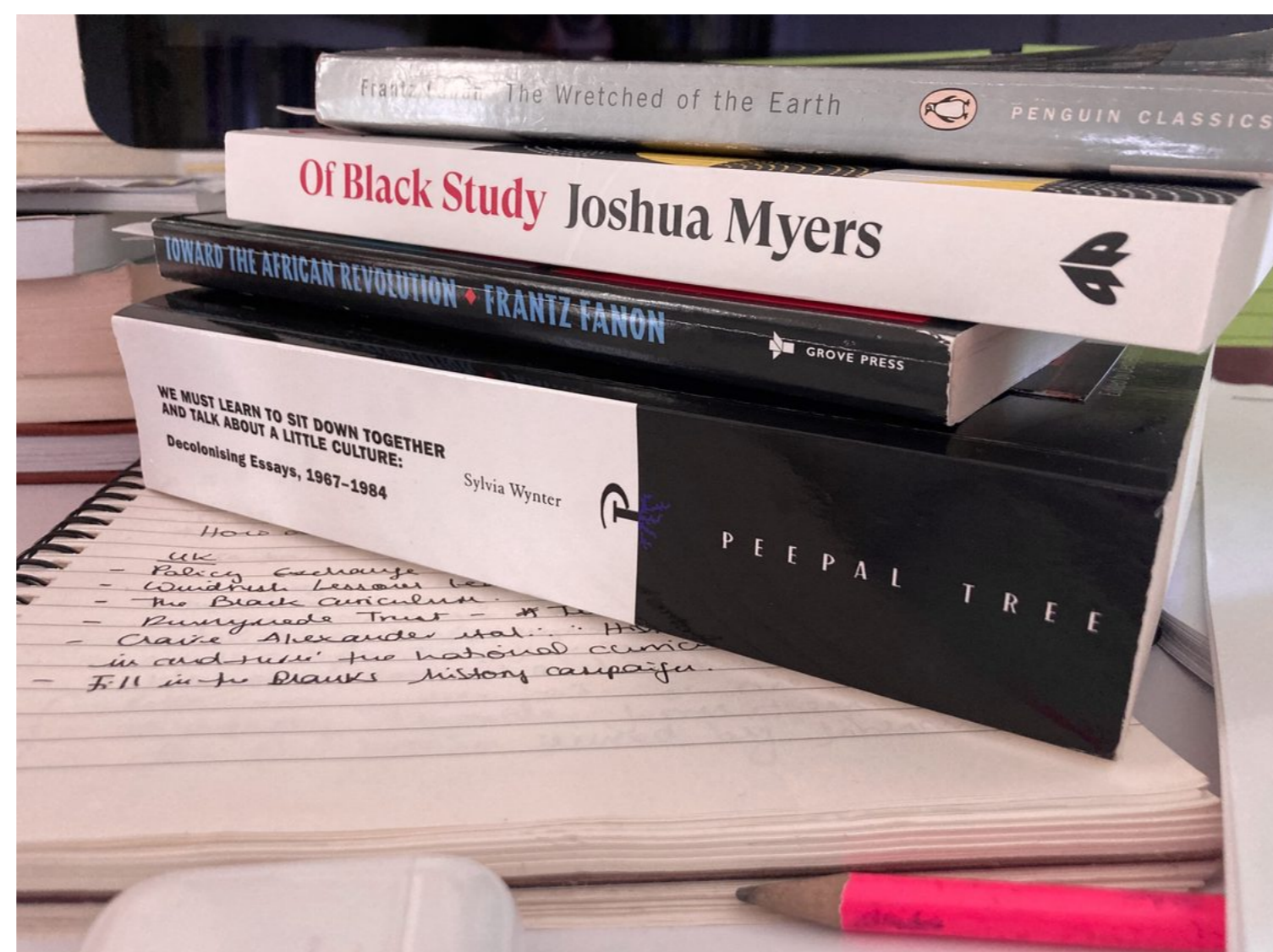


I'll be participating in a workshop being organised by CoDE (Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity) at Manchester University on June 22, titled *Working With and Against Race*.

I will be talking about how to conceptualise race as a technology of power via Cedric Robinson's idea of the racial regime, in order to help us think about how race is recursively enacted. She will also explore the ways in which racial capitalism can be used as a methodology. This first half of the seminar from 2 - 3.30 will be a hybrid event.

[Register here](#)

What I'm reading and listening to



I am avid listener of podcasts and I especially appreciate *Millennials are Killing Capitalism*. A recent favourite was the episode they did with *Damien Sojoyner* on his new book, *Against the Carceral Archive*. That led me to go back and re-read Sojoyner's chapter in *Futures of Black Radicalism*. 'Dissonance in Time: (Un)making and (re)mapping of Blackness.' It is a totally brilliant meditation on time "in its intimate proximity to Western constructions of difference." Along with Sylvia Wynter, W.E.B. Du Bois, Cedric Robinson, Josh Myers, Dionne Brand and Phillip Deloria, it is helping me think through time as a major concept for making sense of the so-called 'war on critical race theory' and its framing of history.

I am also grateful to the Millennials are Killing Capitalism reading group on *The Wretched of the Earth* which is a weekly boon.

Research

I am currently working on my fifth monograph on the so-called 'war on critical race theory', which tries to take a more internationalist focus and moves away from treating it as a moral panic or part of the 'culture wars', eschewing these two framings, I work with racial capitalism and the racial regime as conceptualised by Cedric Robinson as methodological tools to unravel the current conjuncture. I don't want to say too much more about this now, but as this is unfunded, unassisted research, if anyone would like to contribute to my data spreadsheet, then please let visit [here](#).

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