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# THE CONVERSATION

### 400 Years of Resistance: Race, Policing, and Abolition

### July 2 4:00pm - 5:30pm PST

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Americans are on the edge. Amid deepening economic austerity and the expansion of carceral technologies, the U.S. government's manipulation of the COVID-19 crisis has deepened the fault-lines of racialized valuation and the population's differential exposure to mortality. Astonishingly, the convergence of the health crisis and the visual mediation of antiblack policing in the U.S. has created the conditions for mass revolt. In this conversation, scholar-activists Andrea Boyles, Ofelia Cuevas, and Erin Gray discuss the resurgence of Black movements against policing since the May 25 killing of George Floyd, rooting the current calls to abolish police in the 400+ years movement to end slavery.

**Andrea S. Boyles** is a feminist, race scholar, a sociologist and critical criminologist. She is the author of *You Can't Stop the Revolution: Community Disorder and Social Ties in Post-Ferguson America* (UC Press, 2019), and *Race, Place, and Suburban Policing: Too Close for Comfort* (UC Press, 2015).

**Ofelia Ortiz Cuevas** is an interdisciplinary scholar in the Department of Chicana/o Studies at UC Davis. She is currently completing her manuscript, *Visuality of Violence: Watching and Witnessing the Policing of Race*, and is at work on a second book, *Policing L.A.'s Human Terrain: The Criminal Non-Human at Point Zero*.

**Erin Gray** is a post-disciplinary writer and assistant professor of Black literary and cultural studies in the English department at UC Davis. Her co-edited anthology, *The Black Radical Tradition in the United States*, is forthcoming from Verso Press in 2021.

### #8TOABOLITION

A WORLD WITHOUT PRISONS OR POLICE,  
WHERE WE CAN ALL BE SAFE

DEFUND THE  
POLICE



DEMILITARIZE  
COMMUNITIES



REMOVE POLICE  
FROM SCHOOLS



FREE PEOPLE FROM  
PRISONS & JAILS



WE BELIEVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE  
ZERO POLICE MURDERS BECAUSE THERE ARE ZERO POLICE.



REPEAL LAWS  
CRIMINALIZING  
SURVIVAL



INVEST IN  
COMMUNITY  
SELF-GOVERNANCE



PROVIDE SAFE  
HOUSING FOR  
EVERYONE



INVEST IN CARE,  
NOT COPS

ABOLITION CAN'T WAIT.