

## Many Voices Initiative



“Will You Forget Me” (Emma Amos, 1991).

Credit: Emma Amos/Ryan Lee Gallery

*None of us alone can save the nation or the world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so.* (Cornel West, 1994)

### Invitation to CCSU Students, Faculty and Staff to Participate in the *Many Voices Initiative*

Dear CCSU Students, Faculty and Staff,

The CCSU Equity and Inclusion Committee is extending an invitation to participate in the *Many Voices Initiative* that celebrates identity, story, diversity, and voice. Given the events in our country this is the time to address a critical need for our collective voices at CCSU, to ring out all forms of injustice, racism, and inequities via multiple expressions in arts and aesthetic mediums. Original poetry, story, spoken word, paintings, video, photography, dance, drama, music, memes and/or any combination of aesthetic mediums will be uploaded to a creative and innovative digital platform titled, *Many Voices Initiative*.

Students, Faculty and Staff may participate in multiple ways including: individually or in collaboration with other students, faculty, and staff, together with community partners, or as an integrated course project or extra credit, etc. If you have any questions please contact the following members of the *Many Voices Initiative* committee: Kate Ayotte: [kateayotte@ccsu.edu](mailto:kateayotte@ccsu.edu); Jan Bishop: [bishopj@ccsu.edu](mailto:bishopj@ccsu.edu)

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## Submission Information:

The goal of the Many Voices Initiative (MVI) is to bring to light and share the many personal experiences and thoughts our students, faculty and staff have with regards to equity and inclusion.

As we grow, we envision promoting truth and hope through showcasing submissions in a variety of ways including but not limited to: posting items on related-academic WebPages, displaying items in campus buildings, rotating collections in the library, putting together collections (digital and physical), off-campus exhibitions to schools, hospitals, town libraries.

- **Vision:** The Many Voices Initiative is not a contest. All voices have a space.
- **Original work:** Members of the CCSU campus are invited to submit original creative works. These may take many forms including but not limited to: poetry, story, spoken word, paintings, video, photography, dance, drama, music, memes, graphic design and/or any combination of aesthetic mediums.
- **Deadline:** Submissions will be accepted at any time but a review of submissions to put together collections and displays will occur at the end of each semester. The semester deadline is the last day of final exams.
- **Format:** Submissions will be digital for now which means some works such as a sculpture or a dance will need to be submitted as a photograph, series of photographs, or video. Once we are fully back on campus, we hope to showcase items in their original or intended form.
- **Collaboration:** Works may be created by one person or be a collaboration of two or more persons. Collaborations can be any combination of students, faculty and staff.
- **Title:** All works must have a title.
- **Description:** A project description may be included - 100 word maximum.
- **Reference:** Any submissions that integrate photographs or online imagery from other artists and other sources as part of the work must be referenced.
- **Name(s):** Work can be submitted anonymously or with the creator(s)' name(s).
- **Formats:** The following formats are acceptable for submission.  
If your work is in a different format and you need assistance converting it, or it is larger than 1GB, please send an email to: [kateayotte@ccsu.edu](mailto:kateayotte@ccsu.edu) or [bishopj@ccsu.edu](mailto:bishopj@ccsu.edu)
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