

## **APCG Statement on the Death of George Floyd and Other Victims of Oppression**

The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, a diverse and inclusive community of scholars, educators, and practitioners, strongly condemns and opposes all forms of racism, white supremacy, xenophobia, intolerance, and inequality. We stand in solidarity with and support all peaceful protesters who work to eradicate these forms of violence against all people everywhere. We are grieved and outraged by the hateful and senseless deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Marquez Arbery, Tony McDade, and all others who have died by violence as victims of institutionalized racism. As scholars and community members we will work to dismantle systemic racism and racial inequalities in our communities and beyond. We stand in solidarity with Black and African-American families — and all people of color — that have been victimized by racism, historically and in the present time, and we are deeply saddened by the deaths of their loved ones at the hands of rogue and racist policemen. We also stand in solidarity with those anti-racist law enforcement officers who are outraged by, and recoil from, the brutal and murderous actions of their colleagues. As a community we will work to prepare the next generation of geographers to unmask oppression, eliminate intolerance, and promote social justice.

--Michael Pretes and the APCG Executive Council