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**VPR and Vermont PBS Present:
(Un)fractured: Covering Race and Racial Injustice Issues
in Our Communities**

*Public Media Organizations Mark One-Year Anniversary of George Floyd's Death
with Community Conversation on Race in Media*

Colchester, Vt. and Winooski, Vt.—To mark the one-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, VPR and Vermont PBS will host a virtual event, *(Un)fractured: Covering Race and Racial Injustice Issues in Our Communities*, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25 to explore how Vermont media has covered race and racial justice.

Hosted by VPR's Connor Cyrus and Jane Lindholm, the event will ask guests and the community at large, "How has local media coverage of race and racial justice issues reflected your reality? What would you like to see moving forward?" The community is encouraged to write to community@vpr.org with comments and questions in advance of the event.

"Over the last year, it seems like many news organizations have exploited the traumas of nonwhite people but didn't tell stories beyond the pain and suffering. I hope this conversation brings transparency and healing for BIPOC who haven't felt seen and inspires journalists and newsrooms to reflect on how they tell stories," said Cyrus, who is the [incoming co-host of VPR's Vermont Edition](#).

The event will be broadcast live on [VPR stations](#) and streamed via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) and can be watched at [VPR.org](#) and [vermontpbs.org](#).

“As we head toward our July 1 merger with VPR, this is exactly the kind of program we are excited to make more of,” said Steve Ferreira, CEO of Vermont PBS. “Public media has an important role to play in providing greater access to all audiences.”

VPR will offer additional special coverage on race and racial justice over the next month.

About VPR

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