

Resolution Supporting the Julie Laible Memorial Lecture Series

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate gives its enthusiastic endorsement to the establishment of an endowed memorial lecture series entitled the Julie Laible Memorial Lecture Series on Anti-Racist Scholarship, Education, and Social Activism as described below. It is the opinion of the Senate that such a lecture series will contribute positively to the UA community and to UA's local and national prestige.

The Julie Laible Memorial Fund

Dr. Julie Laible was an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Alabama from 1995-1999. During this brief period her work was dedicated to promoting anti-racist individual and institutional practices. This was a commitment she enacted in her personal life, her community life (especially her church), and her scholarship. Her example inspired many who knew her to share this commitment to anti-racism, to social justice, and to leading a morally engaged life.

Following her untimely and tragic death in March of last year, a memorial fund was established in Dr. Laible's name. The fund has been established to build an endowment for the Julie Laible Memorial Lecture Series on Anti-Racist Scholarship, Education, and Social Activism. This lecture series, as currently conceptualized, will annually bring an internationally recognized scholar and/or activist known for their anti-racist work to deliver three lectures. One of these lectures will be held at the University of Alabama, one will be held at Stillman College, and one will be held at a local church (that is currently a member of the Local Anti-racist Covenant Group, co-founded by Dr. Laible.) These lectures will be compiled and published as a book every year following the event.

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