



The Association of Latin American Jesuit Universities (AUSJAL) in solidarity with the statement of the U.S. Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) on racial violence

Latin American Jesuit universities are aware and outraged with the violent death of George Floyd and of painfully many U.S. citizens as a consequence of racial violence. We are also mindful of the multiples faces of racial inequality, exacerbated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has reminded us of the various disparities that cut across our entire continent.

We support the efforts of U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities towards justice and reconciliation, inwards and outwards. Educational opportunities, academic experiences, everyday citizenship, and the action of political institutions should, with no exception, be fair and peaceful.

On our side, we are working against ethnic discrimination and any other kind of discrimination in Latin America, inside and outside our universities. Our own research reports that the serious inequalities that structure our societies are in many cases significantly related to ethnical traits. Our educational, research, and engagement programs should emphasize, even more than in recent years, our commitment to equity and reconciliation among social groups and individuals.

Jesuit universities worldwide seek to contribute to the building of more humane and equal societies, including societies all across the Americas.

Luis Arriaga Valenzuela, S.J.

President