

WHAT WE STAND TO LOSE.



A National Forum on Black Studies Under Fire

ON THE INCREASING SIGNIFICANCE AND NEED FOR BLACK STUDIES

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On February 12, a 30-minute Zoom call ended 50 years of struggle. The University of Texas at Austin — home to the first Black Studies PhD program in the American South — announced the consolidation and effective dismantling of its African and African Diaspora Studies department. One week later, the University of Louisville “reallocated” all graduate assistantships in Pan-African Studies. Across Florida, the DeSantis administration has systematically gutted African American Studies at both HBCUs and predominantly white institutions. Then, on February 19th, under pressure from the federal government, 31 universities cut ties with a program designed to increase the PhD pipeline for students of color — eliminating one of the most effective pathways for diversifying the academy.

“Don’t Mess With Texas — or Anywhere Else.” This is a national crisis.

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