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OCTOBER 2023 SPECIAL EDITION:

Race, Disability, and Technology

This month we focus on what is—and what isn't—happening in [research at the intersection of race, disability and technology](#). We spotlight a [Community Partner](#) that works specifically at that intersection, and [an app](#) that aims to reduce misunderstandings during traffic stops. [What We're Reading](#) summarizes two articles on parenting with disabilities, where challenges are compounded by racial bias. You'll also find intersectional [events](#) to commemorate 50 years of Section 504 of the ADA.

CREATE NEWS

Funding proposals due November 15

[The Race, Disability, and Technology initiative](#) is accepting proposals for up to \$15,000 to support pilot research and capacity-building efforts that address the gap in scholarly work at the intersection of race, technology and disability. [Join our mailing list](#) to find out about related calls and events.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Research at the Intersection of Race, Disability and Accessibility

Two CREATE Ph.D. students, [Aashaka Desai](#) and [Aaleyah Lewis](#), and collaborators have found a lack of research at the intersection of race and disability and assessed the value of such research. They are presenting their findings at ASSETS 2023 next week.

- [Short read on CREATE website](#)
- [Full ASSETS 2023 paper](#)



Virtual Traffic Stop expands

A Gainesville Florida K-12 school has announced their endorsement of [Virtual Traffic Stop](#) and has encouraged parents and their children to sign up and start using the app. Now being used by two police departments (University of Florida and Gainesville police departments), the app designers aimed to ease tensions and prevent misunderstandings between drivers and law enforcement during traffic stops. They'd love to expand further:

- [Contact the designers to learn about becoming a partner](#)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



[Open Doors](#) is a CREATE Community Partner that has contributed panelists at our [2022 Community Day](#) and our [Race, Disability & Technology conversation](#) in February.

By removing cultural and linguistic barriers for families from low income, immigrant, and refugee communities of color, Open Doors operates in South King County to help families define the direction of their lives. They nurture early childhood development, youth leadership, and job readiness and provide support for older adults with disabilities.

EVENTS

UW 504 at 50 events and resources

To [commemorate the 50th anniversary of Section 504](#) of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the UW has a plethora of new websites, resources and events. We'll be posting about them all year, but this month we want to highlight three upcoming talks that feature the intersection of race and disability:

- **[The Disabled Gaze - Jaipreet Virdi](#)**

October 24, 6:30 p.m.

[Dr. Jaipreet Virdi](#) asks us to consider how being disabled changes the ways people view the world and the things they create. Through these perspectives, she invites alternative approaches for remaking crip worlds where disabled people are centered first and foremost.

- **[An Evening with Alice Wong](#)**

January 9, 6:30 p.m.

Disabled activist and writer, [Alice Wong](#) will join us remotely for

a moderated conversation addressing topics important to her work in raising the visibility of disabled people.

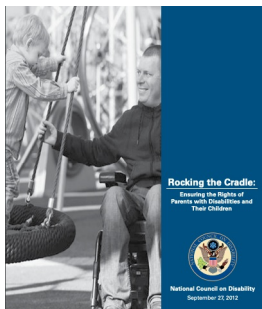
- **[Disability Justice: Centering Intersectionality and Liberation - Patty Byrne](#)**

January 17, 6:30 p.m.

The cofounder and Executive Artistic Director of [Sins Invalid](#), will discuss the importance of intersectionality in disability justice and the need to address how diverse systems of oppression reinforce each other.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Intersections of disability, racial, and environmental justice



[Catherine Jampel's](#) paper in **Environmental Sociology** asserts that disability both *increases* exposure to environmental injustice and is more likely to be *caused by* environmental injustices. After Hurricane Katrina, "the increase in disability in New Orleans was disproportionately concentrated among young and middle-aged Black women, with the young faring the worst."

The author raises concerns about stigmatizing disability, and argues that environmental justice is "fundamentally an access issue: How can everyone have access to a healthy world in which to live, work and play?"

Parenting with disabilities

Two recent publications address unnecessary challenges faced by parents with disabilities and how those challenges are made extraordinary by a legal system that is not protecting parents or their children.

[Rocking the Cradle: Ensuring the Rights of Parents with Disabilities and Their Children](#) finds that the roughly 4 million parents in the U.S. who are disabled (about 6% of parents) are the only distinct community that must struggle to retain custody of their children. And [Under the Watchful Eye of All: Disabled Parents and the Family Policing System's Web of Surveillance](#) details how the child welfare system employs extensive surveillance that disproportionately targets marginalized families, subjecting them to relentless oversight.

- [CREATE's take on these two Parenting with Disability articles](#)

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