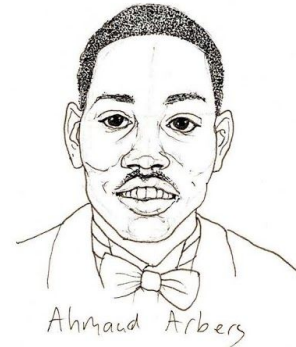
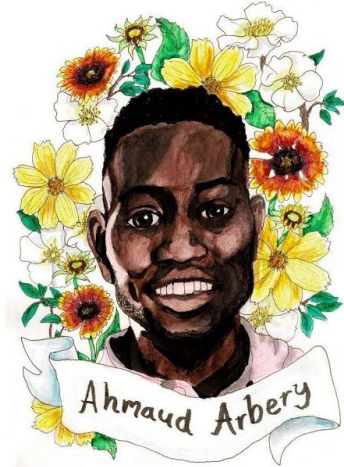
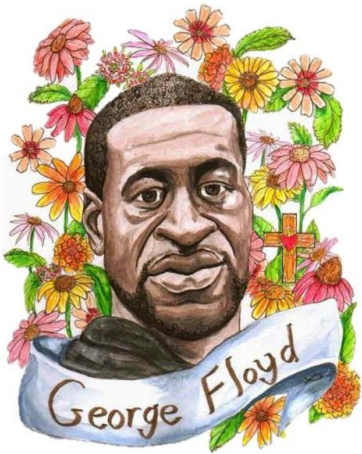


Protest Postcards



For my Summer Scholars project I researched, systemic racism, police brutality, and postal art. Research included books, articles, podcasts, documentaries, etc. with specific focus on the cases of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. Research helped form an informed basis for creating and sending protest postcards to people in positions of power. For this project people in positions of power consisted of; elected officials, police, and religious leaders. Protest postcards were also sent to my friends, family, classmates, and professors to help raise awareness.



All together I sent almost 600 protest postcards consisting of six batches. The initial round of protest postcards in each case featured a colored portrait of the person murdered surrounded by wildflowers from their state. As the summer drew to a close energy around the Black Lives Matter movement was receiving less energy and support despite being as important as ever. The killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery are some of the most well known cases of racial killings over the last year in America. Yet justice has still not been accomplished in any of these cases. So I created pen drawn portraits and sent follow up postcards. When writing follow up postcards the family's demands.



The officers who shot Breonna Tayler; Jonathan Mattingly, Brett Hankison, and Myles Cosgrove have been judged not guilty of murder or manslaughter. Brett Hankison was charged with three counts of wanton endangerment for firing shots that went into another home with people inside. Breonna's family and community are continuing to demand for transparency and accountability in her case.

In the murder of George Floyd, Derek Chauvin has been charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder, second-degree manslaughter. J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas K. Lane, and Tou Thao have been charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder. The court case is ongoing and George's family demands justice for George. They also continue to urge for an end to police violence against people of color.

Travis McMichael, Gregory McMichael, and William "Roddie" Bryan have been charged with malice murder, felony murder (4 counts), aggravated assault (2 counts), false imprisonment, criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment for the murder of Ahmaud Arbery. The case is ongoing and his family and community continue to fight for justice.