When the center began operating, many people questioned the need for a center devoted to race-related issues, falsely believing that we had become a postracial society. The presidential election of 2016 and the events of August 2017 clearly show that the work of the center is needed now more than ever. Social media has helped to expose much of the racism in this country. In the words of Julian Bond, the late civil rights leader who made a speech at the center in 2010, “The truth is that Jim Crow may be dead, but racism is alive and well. That is the central fact of life for every non-White American, including the president of the United States, eclipsing income, position, and education. Race trumps them all.”