

LIVING THROUGH A DYING DREAM

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The stench of ideas. The carcasses of progressive thought rotting in the hallways where once lively discourse resided.

Where heterogeneity was beginning to take root, But the antebellum past and the Neo-Jim Crow Institutional present conspired.

Smoothly, yet not tactically. You do not have to be. Within a right-to-work state, it is simply holding power, selectively enforcing procedures, and surrounding oneself(ves) with nurturers of narcissism.

Syphoning humanity. Incrementally. Ensuring licensure while eliminating agency.

If at all, advocating for the Melanated to become parapros, as to avoid the “traditional” hegemony creating a wedge between the profession and culture.

Dismissing issues of material struggle as academic deficit while further galvanizing the ideas of the ahistorical and apolitical.

Groupthink.

And endless winter.

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(Douglass)