

**Texas Historical Commission Pre-Webinar Handout**

***Museum Relevance: Exhibitions for Social Justice***

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[The American Alliance of Museums](#) (formerly American Association of Museums) has represented museums and museum professionals in the US since 1906. Today it has more than 35,000 members. Its blog features timely articles about the museum world. In this article, Gonzales discusses surprising findings about zoos and aquariums and what they have to teach other museums with different types of collections.

<https://www.aam-us.org/2019/12/11/zoos-and-aquariums-inspiring-visitors-inspiring-museums/>

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Here is Gonzales's contribution to this online journal's special issue from September 2019 on anti-racism. In the article, "Anti-Racist Curatorial Work," Gonzales discusses why using curatorial work to actively work against racism is important now along with some ideas for how to achieve it.

<https://activisthistory.com/2019/09/20/anti-racist-curatorial-work/>

**[The Inluseum](#)**

Follow up on several months of discussion and postings about the [#MassActionReadingGroup](#). The Inluseum blog convened #MassActionReadingGroup on Twitter to discuss the [Toolkit](#) published in 2016 by MASS Action (Museums as a Site for Social Action). In this article, Gonzales discusses her recently released book [Exhibitions for Social Justice](#), shares her motivations for writing it, and lets you know where you can find it.

<https://inluseum.com/2019/09/05/exhibitions-for-social-justice/>