



The Providence College Black Studies Program is proud to announce its second annual commemoration of Dearly Beloved. Dearly Beloved is an annual commemoration initiated by Dr. Julia Jordan-Zachery and Dr. Viviane Saleh-Hanna, two Black mothers in New England who are also professors concentrating in Black Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Political Science, and Crime and Justice Studies.

The purpose of Dearly Beloved is to memorialize and honor the children, women, and men of color who have been murdered as a result of government-inflicted violence.

Local intergenerational artists will collectively paint the portraits of thirty-three (33) local and national victims of government-inflicted violence. These thirty-three (33) men, women, and children were between the ages of twelve (12) and fifty-eight (58) at the time of their brutal, untimely, and unjustifiable death. The portraits will be printed on cloth, and a group of local mothers, daughters, and grandmothers of color will sew them into a large quilt.

The Providence College Black Studies Program will host a memorialization event in which both the thirty-three (33) painted portraits and the quilt featuring the sewn prints will be displayed. The artists and the quilters will be present during the memorialization event. The purpose of this event is to come together as a community to remember and honor those who have lost their lives.