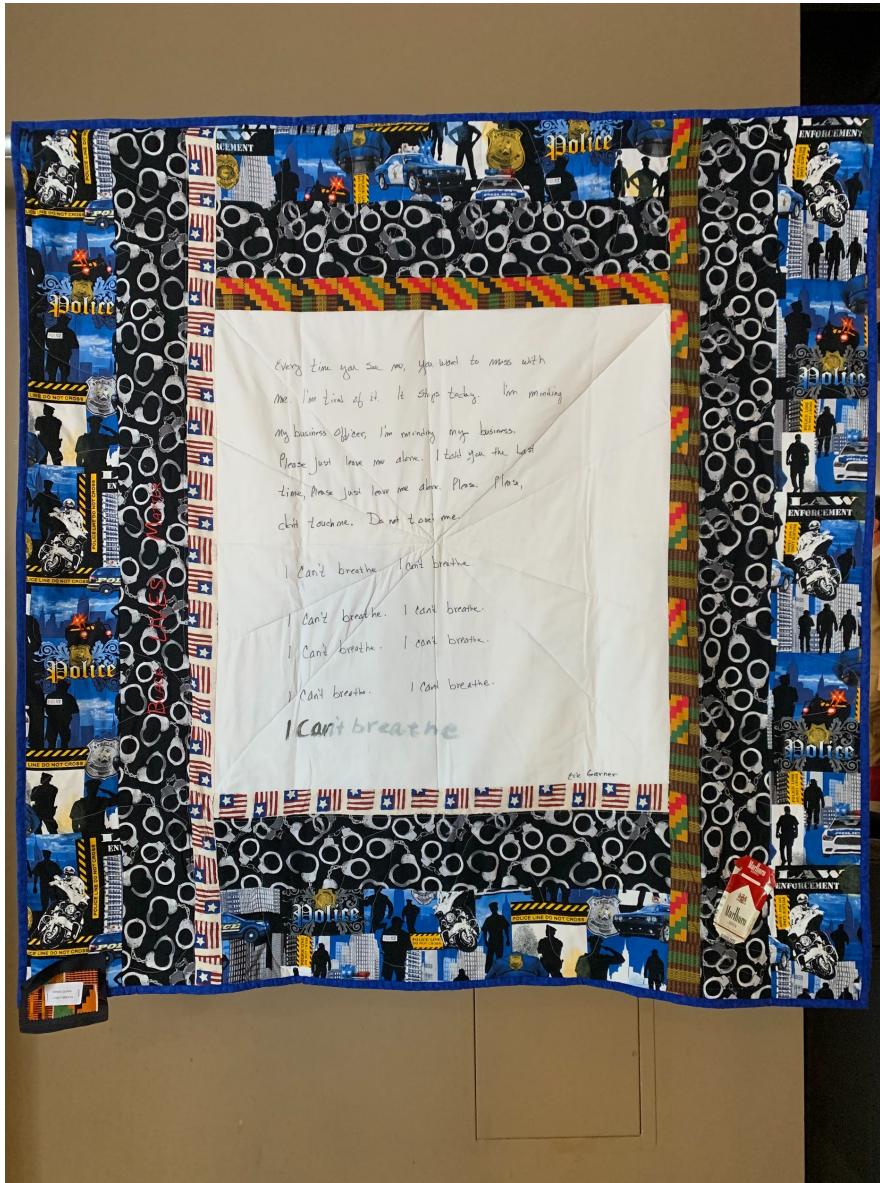


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Extra Credit Quilts



While analyzing all the quilts displayed throughout the library my favorite quilt was the one based on the tragic story of police brutality that killed Eric Garner. Eric Garner was an African American man who lived in New York and who died from a police officer choking him

and stopping his oxygen. The police officer was harassing the man for selling cigarettes on a staten island street in which he was attempting to arrest the man when he was slammed on the floor and suffocated by the NYPD officers. Shortly after the cops harassed him, Eric Garner had passed away from this cruel stressful event. His story is being remembered from this quilt designed by people who want to remind the world of this case of police brutality in which killed Eric Garner.

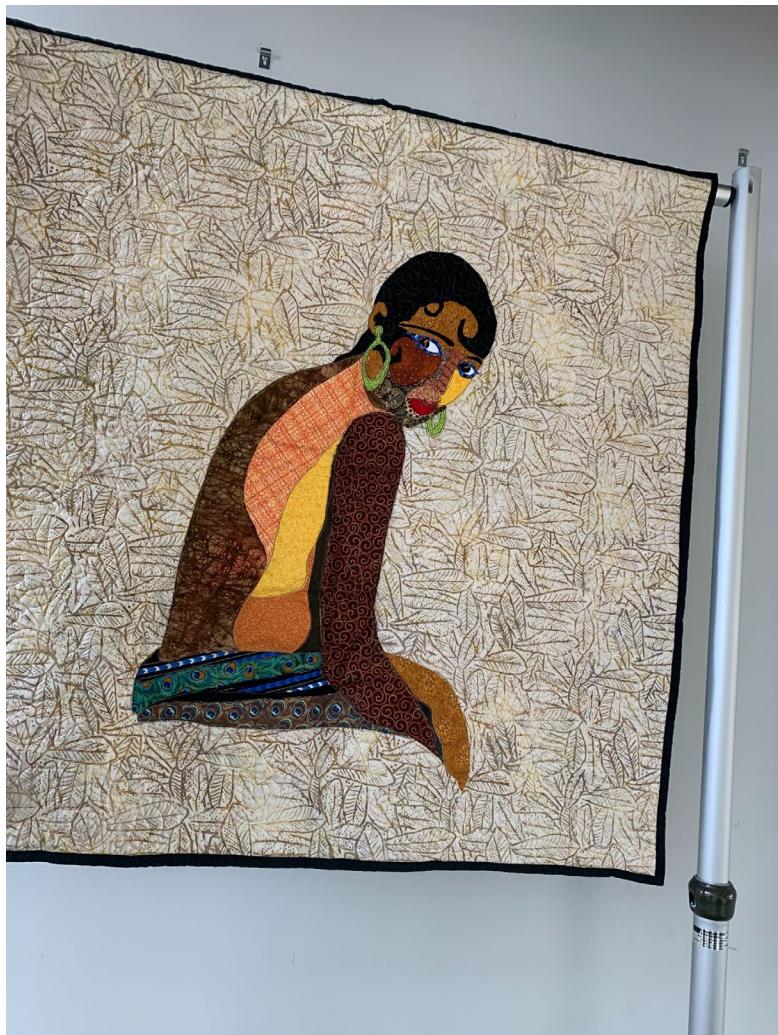
I believe this quilt stood out to me the most because I specifically remember this incident when it occurred, I was in high school doing a current event on this case. This case made a lot of people mad especially because a white police officer had targeted, brutally attacked, and harassed a African American man who was not committing a serious crime. This quilt made me very amazed at all the puzzle pieces in the quilt that resembles this event. The handcuffs represent the arrest, the policemen, badges, cars represent the authority they hold, and the victims story is written in the middle of the quilt in a white canvas area. The repeating words at the end state “I can’t breath” which is what Eric Garner was saying while being arrested, but the police refused to take his word or cater to his needs.

This quilt means a lot to me because it shows that his story is not forgotten. This quilt demonstrates a civilian experiencing unnecessary police brutality and racial discrimination because the officers on site did not treat Garner with any dignity, respect, and care. This case brought a lot of people to have respect for police officers like these NYPD officers, and also helped enforce the use of body cameras after this event occurred. The authority police officers hold makes people question their actions, especially when it comes to minorities being mistreated. When I first discovered this quilt I was full of emotions like sad, anger, joy all

because I remember when this event occurred and how it affected people all over the world due to police brutality.



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