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norms, the policing of racial behavior, and the regulation of racial bodies as they are underpinned by demarcations of sexuality, gender,

and class. Ehlers places the work of Michel Foucault, Judith Butler's account of performativity, and theories of race