

Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee

Work Group III

List of Educational Resources

GENERAL RESOURCES

Articles and Books:

Ijeoma Oluo, *So You Want to Talk About Race* (Seal Press, 2019)

Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.

Robin DiAngelo, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* (Beacon Press, 2018)

Antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and "allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to 'bad people' (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist* (One World, 2019)

Described by the *New York Times* as "the most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind." In this highly praised book, Ibram X. Kendi explains how racism is structurally embedded into society and culture, and also offers ways to actively be "anti-racist" to undo racism and its component policies to bring about a more just and equitable society.

Websites:

National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian. Talking about

Race <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race> Contains a wealth of resources for educators, parents and caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about race and how to engage in meaningful exploration and dialogue. Topics include whiteness, the historical foundations of race, self-care, community building, and systems of oppression among others.

Podcasts:

NPR's Code Switch <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch>

Code Switch is a race and culture outlet and a weekly podcast from American public radio network NPR. It began in 2013 with a blog as well as contributing stories to NPR radio programs. The Code Switch podcast launched in 2016. In the wake of the George Floyd protests, it became one of NPR's top ranked podcasts.

Crooked Media's Pod Save the People <https://crooked.com/podcast-series/pod-save-the-people/>

Hosted by activist DeRay Mckesson with Sam Sinyangwe, Kaya Henderson and De'Ara Balenger, this podcast explores culture, politics, and current events with a focus on social justice and issues related to people of color. In an interview with the Columbia Journalism Review, Mckesson described the purpose of the podcast "is about creating space for conversation about the most important issues of the week. It is also about making sure people have the information they need to be the most thoughtful activists and organizers."

BLACK CULTURE AND THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

Articles and Books:

***The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X as told by Alex Haley.**

The Autobiography of Malcolm X was published in 1965, the result of a collaboration between human rights activist Malcolm X and journalist Alex Haley. Haley coauthored the autobiography based on a series of in-depth interviews he conducted between 1963 and Malcolm X's 1965 assassination.

***No Names in the Streets* by James Baldwin**

In this stunningly personal document, James Baldwin remembers in vivid details the Harlem childhood that shaped his early consciousness and the later events that scored his heart with pain—the murders of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, his sojourns in Europe and in Hollywood, and his return to the American South to confront a violent America face-to-face.

Stacey Abrams, *Lead From The Outside: How To Build Your Future And Make Real Change* (New York: Picador, 2019).

Author, political leader, and founder of Fair Fight, an organization promoting fair elections, Stacey Abrams offers practical and hard-won personal advice on how to build critical leadership skills with attention to the ways that race, gender, and class have historically limited those on the outside – people of color, women, members of the LGBTQ community. She points to the ways "difference" is a strength that can be leveraged to effect change.

Films:

"I am not your Negro," Directed by Raoul Peck (Documentary Film on Netflix)

Based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript Remember This House. Narrated by actor Samuel L. Jackson, the film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr., as well as his personal observations of American history.

Podcasts:

"The Read," with Kid Fury and Crissle <http://thisistheread.com/>

A weekly podcast covering hip-hop and pop culture's most trying stars. Throwing shade and spilling tea with a flippant and humorous attitude, no star is safe from Fury and Crissle unless their name is Beyoncé. (Or Blue Ivy.)

HISTORICAL STUDIES ABOUT RACE

Articles and Books:

“George Floyd’s America” - *The Washington Post*

https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/george-floyd-america/systemic-racism/?itid=sc_graphics_floydamerica_1

A multi-part and multimedia series of articles that explores the life of George Floyd to highlight the many ways that systemic racism has operated historically and continues to function in the United States. The series includes stories that focus on education, housing, criminal justice, healthcare, and policing that illuminate the life of Mr. Floyd through interviews with people who knew him as it tells a larger story about race in Houston and the United States.

“Confronting Jim Crow,” *Houston History* magazine, vol. 8, no.1 (Fall 2010)

<http://houstonhistorymagazine.org/2010/11/volume-8-number-1/>

Published by the Welcome Wilson Houston History Collaborative in the UH Center for Public History, this magazine features articles written by faculty, staff, and students in the public history program on historical topics related to our city. This issue features stories that touch on African American jazz musician Illinois Jacquet, segregation and the KKK in Harris county in the 1920s, a memoir of author, artist, and activist Carroll Parrott Blue, and the Afro-Americans for Black Liberation’s fight for civil rights at UH.

“Agency: The Quest for Civil Rights,” *Houston History* magazine, vol. 14, no. 2 (Spring 2017)

<https://houstonhistorymagazine.org/2017/06/14-2-civil-rights-table-of-contents/>

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Natalia Molina, *How Race is Made in America: Immigration, Citizenship and the Historical Power of Racial Scripts* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014).

This book looks at the ways in which immigration laws and practices between 1924 and 1965 fused ideas about race and citizenship that racialized Mexican and Mexican Americans as perpetually “racially other.” This important study argues that our understanding of race is socially constructed in relation to other groups – her concept of “racial scripts” shows how racist attitudes towards certain groups were adapted and used against other groups across time.

Richard Rothstein, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of how our Government Segregated America* (Liveright, Reprint Edition, 2017).

This widely acclaimed book examines the history of racial segregation examines the systematic and deliberate ways in which government programs and actions around housing loans, zoning, tax exemptions and support for sometimes violent resistance to integration created segregation and inequality in cities across the United States that persist to this day.

Tyina Steptoe, *Houston Bound: Culture and Color in a Jim Crow City* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2015).

An engaging history of Houston that reveals the messy ways in which racial categories operated in a polycultural city. While White Houstonians attempted to enforce Jim Crow segregation in which Black

and White were fixed racial categories, the presence of Mexicans and Creoles challenged the racial binary and reflected different understandings of race revealed in language, culture, sound.

Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, *Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2019).

Named to the 2019 National Book Award Longlist, this timely and important study examines how despite the end of housing discrimination anticipated with the passage of the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act, exploitative real estate practices continued, further undermining Black homeownership and allowing a predatory real estate industry to profit.

POLICING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Reports:

City of Houston, Mayor's Task Force on Policing Reform (September 2020).

<https://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2020/police-reform-recommendations.html>

Responding to the demand for policing reform, the Mayor's Task Force, comprised of 45 members, conducted months of research into best practices from around the country, listened to Houstonians and local organizations, and received more than 7,000 responses to community surveys. This 153-page report presents 104 recommendations based on their work, broken down into six categories: Community Policing, Independent Oversight, Power dynamics, Crisis Intervention, Field Readiness, and Clear Expectations.

Articles and Books:

***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness* (The New Press; 10th Anniversary ed. Edition, 2020)**

Called "one of the most influential books of the last 20 years" by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the winner of numerous awards and accolades, this book recounts the rise of a new form of Jim Crow wrought by the rapid expansion of mass incarceration in the United States. Precipitated by the War on Drugs and anti-crime policies that targeted urban Black men and communities of color, she argues how the criminal justice system has systematically created a system of second-class citizenship.

Films:

***When They See Us* Directed by Ava DuVernay (Netflix)**

Based on events of the 1989 Central Park jogger case and explores the lives and families of the five male suspects who were falsely accused then prosecuted on charges related to the rape and assault of a woman in Central Park, New York City.

***Thirteenth* Directed by Ava DuVernay (Netflix)**

This documentary film explores the criminalization of African Americans and the massive expansion of the prison industrial complex.

VOTING RIGHTS

Articles and Books:

Adele Logan Alexander, *Princess of the Hither Isles: A Black Suffragist's Story from the Jim Crow South* (Yale University Press, 2019)

Historian Adele Logan Alexander recounts the story of her grandmother, Adella Hunt Logan, who fought for political and educational rights for African Americans. Her unique story – born during the Civil War into a slaveholding family, she taught at Tuskegee, and joined the segregated women’s suffrage movement (passing as white) – gives fascinating insight into women’s and African American history.

Carol Anderson, *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy* (New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019)

In this acclaimed study of voting rights, Carol Anderson details the ways that African American voting rights have been curtailed since the 2013 *Shelby* ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that gut the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Martha S. Jones, *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All* (Basic Books, 2020)

Martha S. Jones offers a new history of African American women’s political lives in America. She recounts how they defied both racism and sexism to fight for the ballot, and how they wielded political power to secure the equality and dignity of all persons.

Films:

***Chisholm '72: Unbought and Unbossed* Directed by Shola Lynch (Amazon Prime)**

This documentary recounts the story of the 1972 presidential campaign of New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress and also the first woman to run for U.S. presidency.

***Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice* Directed by William Greaves (Vimeo)**

This documentary examines the life and work of African American journalist, activist, suffragist and anti-lynching crusader, Ida B. Wells.

***Selma* Directed by Ava DuVernay (Amazon Prime)**

This feature film, starring David Oyelowo as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., recounts the fight for voting rights with a focus on the events leading to and including the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

RACE AND STEM

Articles and Books:

“A diverse view of science to catalyze change,” Urbina-Blanco, C.A., Jilani, S.Z., Speight, I.R. *et al.*, *Nat. Chem.* 12, 773–776 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41557-020-0529-x>.

An article related to valuing diversity in STEM which will lead to scientific excellence and progress in science. Diversity must be valued, not only in words, but also in actions.

Website:

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Resources on Racial Injustice & Anti-Racism website is a living document which highlights articles, books, podcasts, etc., and serves as the inspiration for the Office of First Year Programs’ ongoing NSM Talks, Listens, and Shares events which will occur starting in Fall 2020. <https://uh.edu/nsm/resources/antiracism/>

Seminar Series:

“Striving for Racial Justice in Academic Biology” from August 27th - December 1st by the Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research focused on promoting awareness, understanding and commitment to change academic biology environments to be more inclusive and strive for racial justice in STEM education. https://saberbio.wildapricot.org/Diversity_Inclusion

RACE AND COVID-19

Articles and Books:

Brian W. Simpson and Keshia Pollack Porter, “How Structural Racism Harms Black Americans’ Health,” Hopkins Bloomberg Public Health Magazine: <https://magazine.jhsph.edu/2020/how-structural-racism-harms-black-americans-health>

A one-page presentation of data from John Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health that reveals racial inequities in an efficient manner

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, “Racial Inequality May be as Deadly as COVID-19” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.* <https://www.pnas.org/content/117/36/21854>

A scientific article reveals the significant disparities in COVID-related mortality between White and Black Americans, and argues for the need for imaginative and concerted tools to combat the disease that affects these groups so disparately.

Tiffany Ford, Sarah Reber, and Richard V. Reeves, “Race gaps in COVID-19 deaths are even bigger than they appear,” *Brookings Institution.* <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/06/16/race-gaps-in-covid-19-deaths-are-even-bigger-than-they-appear/>

Outlines the significant disparities in COVID mortalities between Whites and people of color, including African Americans, Latinxs, and Indigenous communities.

Morehouse School of Medicine, “MSM Researchers Find GA Counties with More Black Residents Have Higher Rates of COVID-19,” <https://www.msm.edu/RSSFeedArticles/2020/May/ga-counties-with-more-black-residents-higher-rates-covid-19.php>

In this white paper, researchers studying COVID-19 cases in Georgia found that counties with a larger percentage of black population had higher confirmed case rates, independent of proportion of people in the county who were poor and uninsured. The paper makes an argument for tracking positive cases and mortality by race and ethnicity.

Data Trackers:

Covid Racial Data Tracker <https://covidtracking.com/race>

New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/world/coronavirus-maps.html>

Comparison by state data collection

<https://www.nashp.org/how-states-report-covid-19-data-by-race-and-ethnicity/>

Africa

<https://africacdc.org/covid-19/>

Caribbean

<https://bb.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/covid-19-information/>

UK

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/890258/disparities_review.pdf

Centers for Disease Control

Hospitalization and deaths: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/investigations-discovery/hospitalization-death-by-race-ethnicity.html>

Disparities: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6933e1.htm>

Cases and deaths by counties: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-map>

Johns Hopkins University

Coronavirus Resource Center <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>

Racial Data Transparency <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/racial-data-transparency>

Comparison with 1918 Pandemic <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/newsroom/news-releases/covid-19-story-tip-study-ties-racial-disparities-impacts-on-1918-pandemic-to-similar-effects-of-covid-19>

Covid 19 Dashboard <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

Websites:

Meharry Medical College <https://home.mmc.edu/media-covid-19-and-the-community/>

This website from the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee is regularly updated and provides items about the pandemic in the media.

University of Washington

C-19 Facts and Resources <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/>

University of Minnesota

C-19 Resource Center <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19>

California Department of Public Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Race-Ethnicity.aspx>

Videos:

C-SPAN Washington Journal. Dr. Wayne Frederick on COVID-19 Racial and Health

Disparities, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?471209-4/washington-journal-dr-wayne-frederick-discusses-covid-19-racial-health-disparities>

Howard University president Dr. Wayne Frederick talked about racial and health disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic.

NON-PARTISAN VOTER ENGAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Mi Familia Vota – www.mifamiliavota.org

“A national civic engagement organization that unites Latino, immigrant, and allied communities to promote social and economic justice through citizenship workshops, voter registration, and voter participation. Our mission is to build Latino political power by expanding the electorate, strengthening local infrastructures, and through year-round voter engagement.”

OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates of Greater Houston – www.oca-houston.org “OCA-Greater Houston Chapter is a volunteer driven organization of community advocates that strives to meet the current and evolving needs of a diverse population through a comprehensive continuum of programs targeting different life stages of AAPIs with a focus on developing advocacy, leadership, and civic engagement participation of AAPIs.”

Texas Freedom Network – Texas Rising – www.txrising.org
GOTV and civic engagement opportunities for young people on college campuses and in communities using multi-issue, intersectional social justice framework.

Community Empowerment Solutions (CES) – www.cesolutionstx.com
CES is a community-based social justice collaborative founded to address the systemic gaps and deficiencies experienced by underrepresented communities. CES facilitates systemic change by collaborating with stakeholders to develop prosperous and safer communities that preserve the civil rights and liberties of every resident.

Houston Justice – www.houstonjustice.org
Houston Justice is a non-partisan advocacy group aimed at eradicating homelessness, recidivism, and injustice in the community at-large. #ProjectOrange “aims to register eligible inmates and their family members during visitation” at Harris County Jail.

Engage USA – Houston Chapter – www.emgageusa.org
“We strive to build the political awareness and capacity of Muslim Americans to engage on key policy issues that affect all of us as Americans, but especially as Muslims....Engage is dedicated to bridging the gap between the electorate and the policies that affect their lives by organizing grassroots efforts such as voter registration campaigns, absentee ballot drives, candidate forums, statewide phone banking and canvassing, organizing early voting events and distributing nonpartisan issue guides.”

Houston In Action - <https://www.houstoninaction.org/elections/>
“Engaging and expanding the electorate across generations to register voters, get out the vote and challenging the barriers that have historically and systemically blocked our access to civic participations, especially among marginalized communities.”

Texas Civil Rights Project – Texas Voter Protection - <https://texasvoterprotection.org/>
“Texas Voter Protection is a group of 31+ organizations and 300+ trained volunteers. Together, we make up the largest non-partisan election protection campaign, working together to ensure the rights of all voters in Texas are respected.” People can sign up on the website to volunteer to be a non-partisan poll monitor.

League of Women Voters-Houston - <https://lwv-houston.org/>
“The League of Women Voters of Houston is a nonpartisan organization that believes in the power of every person to create a more perfect democracy. Together, we support the desire, right and knowledge for all to participate and be heard.” LWV puts out a non-partisan voter guide ahead of every election that’s available electronically.

ACTIVISM

Articles and Books:

Michael G. Long, editor, *We the Resistance: Documenting a History of Nonviolent Protest*, (City Lights Publishers, 2019)

A collection of the words of activists in the United States from the pre-Revolutionary period to the present day, that shows the long history of non-violent protest to effecting change. Includes a foreword by Chris Hedges and an afterword by Dolores Huerta.

Aziz Choudry, *Learning Activism : The Intellectual Life of Contemporary Social Movements* (University of Toronto Press, 2015)

A look at the intellectual underpinnings of activism and activists, this book examines how activists combine practice and theory.

Elisa Camahort Page, *Road Map for Revolutionaries* (Ten Speed Press, 2018).

A how-to guide for new activists, this book provides practical advice on topics such as timely topics such as staying safe at protests, supporting marginalized communities, online privacy, and how to keep up the fight for the long term.

An Xiao Mina, *Memes To Movements: How the World's Most Viral Media Is Changing Social Protest and Power*, (Beacon Press, 2019)

Examines the transformative power of memes – in positive and negative ways – and how memes reinforce, amplify, and shape today's politics and digital environment.

Stephen Drury Smith and Catherine Ellis, editors. *Free All Along: The Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Interviews* (The New Press, 2019)

An edited collection 1960s-era interviews with James Baldwin, Martin Luther King Jr., Stokely Carmichael, Ralph Ellison, Roy Wilkins and others on race in the United States, conducted by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and poet Robert Penn Warren.

Peniel E. Joseph, *The Sword and the Shield: The Revolutionary Lives of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.* (Basic Books, 2020). This new comparative biography challenges conventional understandings of the differences between these two Civil Rights activists and the Civil Rights Movement.

Websites:

New York Public Library Essential Reads on Feminism <https://www.nypl.org/books-more/recommendations/essential-feminism/adults> This curated list includes a range of books related to feminism from an intersectional perspective, featuring works by Black, Latinx, indigenous, and other women of color. The link also has tabs for essential readings about feminism for teens and kids.