Resources Towards Understanding Racism
Office of Inclusion and Community Engagement

This list of resources is designed to honestly and realistically encourage discussions about race and racism. Below you will find an incomplete list of books and articles to read and podcasts to listen to. Take the time to choose at least one of these resources to study carefully and thoughtfully. This list is meant to evoke informed discussion. It is also meant to be expansive. We invite you to contribute other resources that you think will be useful for our ongoing discussions about the destructive pandemic of racism. Our lives, our families, our communities and this country depend upon our urgent and informed struggles to transform our world.

- Carole Anderson - *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide*
- Michelle Alexander - *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
- Theodore W. Allen - *The Invention of the White Race*
- James Baldwin:
  - *The Fire Next Time*
  - *The Evidence of Things Not Seen*
- Ta Nehisi Coates - *Between the World and Me*
- Robin DeAngelo - *White Fragility: Why it’s so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*
- Matthew Desmond - *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*
- Kristina DuRocher - *Raising Racists*
- Michael Eric Dyson - *Tears we Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*
- Bell Hooks - *Teaching to Transgress*
- Ira Katznelson - *When Affirmative Action was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth Century America*
- Ibram Kendi:
  - *How to be An AntiRacist*
    - *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*
- Ijeoma Olu - *So you Want to Talk About Race*
- Toni Morrison - *Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination*
• Ersula Ore – *Lynching: Violence, Rhetoric, and American Identity*

• Nell Irvin Painter - *The History of White People*

• Imani Perry - *Breathe: A Letter to my Sons*

• Christian Picciolini - *Breaking Hate: Confronting the New Culture of Extremism*

• Barbara Ransby - *Making all Black Lives Matter: Reimagining Freedom in the Twenty-First Century*

• Richard Rothstein - *The Color of Law*

• Layla F. Saad - *Me and White Supremacy*

• Sarah Smarsh - *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth*

**Other Resources**

• Ta Nehisi Coates - “The Case for Reparations (*The Atlantic*, June 2014)

• Nicole Hannah-Jones:
  o The New York Times 1619 Project
  o “What is Owed” *New York Times Magazine* (June 28, 2020)


• Isabel Wilkerson - “America’s Enduring Caste System” *New York Times Magazine*, July 6, 2020

**Podcasts**

• NPR - [https://www.npr.org/](https://www.npr.org/)
  o *Code Switch* - [https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/](https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/)
  o *Invisibilia* – [https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510307/invisibilia](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510307/invisibilia)
  o *It’s Been a Minute* - [https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510317/its-been-a-minute-with-sam-sanders](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510317/its-been-a-minute-with-sam-sanders)
  o *Ted Talks* - [https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510298/ted-radio-hour](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510298/ted-radio-hour)

**Videos**

• African American Policy Forum - [https://aapf.org/](https://aapf.org/)
  o Under the Black Light: Part 1 - 12 - [https://www.youtube.com/user/aapolicyforum](https://www.youtube.com/user/aapolicyforum)
ASU Library resources