SPRING READS

Choose one (or more) of these titles to begin an energizing and enriching journey that we hope will provoke meaningful and fruitful conversations regarding the formation of antiracist identities; regarding the eradication of the depressing, debilitating and hopeless state that is racism.

“So You Want to Talk About Race” by 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.

“Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor” by Virginia Eubanks
Algorithms are made by humans, so they are susceptible to human biases. From deciding which neighborhoods get policed to who gets welfare benefits, discrimination has gone digital. By scrutinizing statistical models and telling personal stories, Eubanks shows that machines do not correct racist systems — they only shift blame.

“The End of Policing” by Alex S Vitale
“The problem is not overpolicing, it is policing itself. Why we need to defund the police and how we get there... Among activists, journalists and politicians, the conversation about how to respond and improve policing has focused on accountability, diversity, training, and community relations. Unfortunately, these reforms will not produce results, either alone or in combination. The core of the problem must be addressed: the nature of modern policing itself.”

“An African American and Latinx History of the United States” by Paul Ortiz
An intersectional history of the shared struggle for African American and Latinx civil rights.

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“me and white supremacy” by Layla F. Saad
"Layla Saad moves her readers from their heads into their hearts, and ultimately, into their practice. We won’t end white supremacy through an intellectual understanding alone; we must put that understanding into action.” (Robin DiAngelo)

“This Muslim American Life: Dispatches from the War on Terror” by Moustafa Bayoumi
...an unflinching look the culture of the War on Terror as experienced by Muslim Americans.

“Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America” by Jennifer Harvey
...offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism when they encounter it and tackles tough questions about how to help white kids be mindful of racial relations while understanding their own identity and the role they can play for justice.

“Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White” by Frank Wu
...examines affirmative action, globalization, immigration, and other controversial contemporary issues through the lens of the Asian-American experience.

“The Color of Law” by Richard Rothstein
Exploding the myth of de facto segregation arising from private prejudice or the unintended consequences of economic forces, Rothstein describes how the American government systematically imposed residential segregation: with undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods.

“Harvest of Empire” by Juan Gonzalez
A comprehensive account of the intersection of Latin-American history with United States history that exposes the direct connection between the long history of U.S. intervention in Latin America and the immigration crisis we face today.

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.
— Maya Angelou —

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