

Readings on Race and Racism in the US

From the ACLP Residency Education Subcommittee

Jennifer Tsai notes the imprecise use of the concept of race in medicine, in this [article](#) in Scientific American from 2018, [What Role Should Race Play in Medicine?](#)

Ibram X. Kendi is a professor of history and international relations at American University, who authored this comprehensive intellectual history of racism in America, winner of the 2016 National Book Award for Nonfiction: *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* (2017). Also to be recommended are his books, *How to Be Antiracist* (2019) and *Be Anti-racist: A Journal for Awareness, Reflection, and Action* (2020).

Camara Phyllis Jones, professor at Morehouse School of Medicine, researches race and healthcare, but offers this overall conceptual view in her 2017 [TED talk](#), *Allegories of Race And Racism*.

Dorothy Roberts, professor of law and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, argues that race is biological myth in her book, *Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-first Century* (2012). See also her [TED talk](#).

Ta-Nehesi Coates, national correspondent for The Atlantic, offers a personal literary exploration of race in American, named one of the ten best books of the year by The New York Times Book Review: *Between the World and Me* (2015). See also his 2014 article, *The Case for Reparations* [here](#).

Robin DiAngelo, antiracism educator, analyzes the difficult conversation about racism in: *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* (2018). A discussion and summary of the book by the author is available [here](#).

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie explores race and belong in the 2014 novel about two Nigerian immigrants to the US and the UK, *Americanah*. See also her 2009 [TED talk](#), *The Danger of a Single Story*.

John Archibald, Pulitzer Prize winner and columnist for AL.com, offers this editorial call to action, [This is on us, White America](#).

Derald Wing Sue, professor at Columbia University, talks about talking about race in his 2016 book, *Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race*. He is also the author, with David Sue, Helen A. Neville, Laura Smith, of the 8th edition of his textbook, *Counseling the Culturally Diverse: Theory and Practice* (2019).

Latin American educator Paulo Freire first published his classic work in Portuguese in 1968 and it remains thought-provoking today: *Pedagogy of Oppression* (most recently published in English as the 50th Anniversary Edition, 2018).



bell hooks, feminist theorist, writes about how to educate for greater awareness in her works, *Teaching Critical Thinking: Practical Wisdom* (2009) and *Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom* (2009).

Kevin K. Kumashiro is Dean of the School of Education, University of San Francisco, and offers a perspective on enlightened education for K-12 and above in *Against Common Sense: Teaching and Learning Toward Social Justice* (third edition, 2015).

