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 Recreate Race in the Twenty-first Century* (2012). See also her *TED talk*.


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*.


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).