

Africana Studies Resources on Understanding Race and Racism

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Books

Top Picks:

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

How to Be an Anti-racist by Ibram Kendi

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Religion of a Different Color by Paul Reeve

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

A Chosen Exile by Alison Hobbs, <https://history.stanford.edu/bookshelf/chosen-exile-history-racial-passing-american-life>

A World More Concrete: Real Estate and the Remaking of Jim Crow South Florida by Nathan Connolly

American Apartheid by Massey and Denton

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie

Being Black, Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences by Derrick R Brooms

Black Picket Fences by Mary Pattillo

Blindspot by Mahzarin Banaji

Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America by Patrick Phillips

Blood Done Sign My Name by Tim Tyson <https://documentarystudies.duke.edu/people/tim-tyson>

[*Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy*](#) by Heather Ann Thompson,

Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt by Hasan Kwame Jeffries

Breathe: A Letter to My Sons; More Beautiful and More Terrible: The Embrace and Transcendence of Racial Inequality in the United States; Prophets of the Hood: Politics and Poetics in Hip Hop; May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem all by Imani Perry

Country of My Skull: Guilt, Sorrow, and the Limits of Forgiveness in the New South Africa by Antjie Krog

Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama

Dying of Whiteness by Metz

Evicted by Matt Desmond

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David Blight

God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time by Desmond Tutu

I Write What I Like by Steve Biko

Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans From Colonial Times to the Present by Harriet A. Washington

No Future Without Forgiveness by Desmond Tutu

Segregation by Design by Trounstine

Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi

Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael Eric Dyson

The Autobiography of Malcolm X

The Black Revolution on Campus by Martha Biondi

The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein

The Cosmopolitan Canopy by Elijah Anderson

The Fire This Time by Jesmyn Ward

The History of White People by Nell Irvin Painter

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

Walking With the Wind by John Lewis

What the Twilight Says by Derek Walcott

White Backlash by Abrajano and Hajnal

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Anything by Toni Morrison

Films

Some Films (most available on Kanopy--which BYU has):

[-Slavery by Another Name](#)(90 min.)

[-Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice](#)(also on DVD 3051, 53 min.)

[-Marcus Garvey: Look for me in the Whirlwind](#)(DVD 4021, 90 min.)

[-Scottsboro: An American Tragedy](#)(86 min.)

- [The Untold Story of Emmett Till](#)
- [Dream Deferred](#)(1964, 35 min.)
- [Fannie Lou Hamer: Stand Up](#) (26 min.)
- [Freedom Riders](#)(120 min.)
- [The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross](#)(6 part series)
- [I Am Not Your Negro: James Baldwin and Race in America](#)(94 min.)
- [Eyes on the Prize](#)(14 part series)
- [Have You Heard from Johannesburg?](#)(also on DVD 4794, 90 min.)
- [The Untold Story of Black Mormons](#) (70 min.)
- [Banished: A History of African American Expulsion](#)(also on DVD 4094, 84 min.)
- A Long Night's Journey Into Day (about South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission)
- 13th
- Selma
- Tell Them We Are Rising
- When They See Us
- True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality

Articles

"The Case For Reparations," Ta-Nehisi Coates, *The Atlantic*, June 2014

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>

Nathan Connolly – see list of articles: <https://history.jhu.edu/directory/nathan-connolly/>

The school to prison pipeline, explained — Justice Policy Institute

<http://www.justicepolicy.org/news/8775?fbclid=IwAR19VyZVCtA35XTgRSXeuqU1UDLjNoWlwE WLVRvP274OxYVQDYhq5P82KWo>

NAACP | Criminal Justice Fact Sheet <https://www.naACP.org/criminal-justice-fact-sheet/?fbclid=IwAR1Eq9jEAAv7jwQKDCjnn5uy04O9ZvfWHhmzt0MRr8WaxHDknOlqDzZwnAU>

The Drug War is the New Jim Crow – ACLU <https://www.aclu.org/other/drug-war-new-jim-crow?fbclid=IwAR1p2wgeWclixHdZ95CVSHTNQox2bzNtPeC1Ut4zPStHhg7K3WrXVfLckBI>

'Building Us Up': Supporting Black Male College Students in a Black Male Initiative Program, DR Brooms, *Critical Sociology* 44 (1), 2018, 141-155.

"It's Simply Because We're Black Men": Black Men's Experiences and Responses to the Killing of Black Men, DR Brooms, AR Perry, *The Journal of Men's Studies* 24 (2), 2016, 166-184.

Talks at BYU

"Faith in God: A Black Man's Perspective," Aaron Paxton Arnold, 4 Dec 2019

<https://kenedy.byu.edu/events/faith-in-god/>

"Segregation by Design: Local Politics and Inequality in American Cities," Jessica Trounstone, 9 Oct 2019

"Madame President: The Extraordinary Journey of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf," Helene Cooper, 6 Mar 2019

"Religion of a Different Color: Race and the Mormon Struggle for Whiteness," Paul Reeve, 7 Nov 2018

"Rethinking Jim Crow Segregation," Nathan D.B. Connolly, 8 March 2018

<https://kenedy.byu.edu/events/rethinking-jim-crow-segregation/>

"Believe It or Not: The Stories of an African Refugee," Leonard Bagalwa 2 Nov 2017

"Brazil's Afro-Paradise: Performance, Race, Violence, and the Black Body in Times of Terror," Christen Smith, 6 Oct 2016 <https://kenedy.byu.edu/events/brazils-afro-paradise/>

Panel Discussions and Conferences/Symposiums

Black-Latino Alliance <https://youtu.be/fKfuM8nFUCM?t=90>

What it Means to Celebrate Whiteness in America, 20 Feb 2020 – BYU Radio with BYU Professors and students <https://www.byuradio.org/episode/676d596e-797b-4954-8b91-97f05873308b/top-of-mind-with-julie-rose-what-it-means-to-celebrate-whiteness-in-america>

40 Years: Commemorating the 1978 Priesthood and Temple Revelation – 12 Oct 2018 <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOrN0FV73AsKlbRgAWoqr6wZDhpmxd0pH>

Forgiveness and Reconciliation: A Maxwell Institute Symposium – 30 May 2018 <https://youtu.be/C8EDjfE-o7w>

Race and Sport – 7 Feb 2018 <https://kenedy.byu.edu/events/race-and-sport/>

The Confederate Flag – 2 Mar 2017 https://youtu.be/-MJH_c792Fs

Blacks in the LDS Church – 26 Feb 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4O4eu2-Zig>

Understanding Racial Tensions in the United States – 26 Feb 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMkINlyDL9k>

BYU Research and Published Works

BYU Slavery Project – Christopher Jones, Matt Mason, Rebecca de Schweinitz

In recent decades, many universities in the US and elsewhere have studied their relationship to historical issues and practices, including slavery. With the authorization of BYU's administration, the History Department has launched the BYU Slavery Project to do just that. This 2-credit seminar-style class will constitute the first part of this research. In this class we will explore secondary scholarship that will help set BYU's early history in context of not only African American but also Native American slavery. Students will also do archival research to lay the groundwork for understanding the complex ways in which multiple themes interacted with BYU's founding and early history.

Rebecca de Schweinitz, History

If We Could Change the World: Young People and America's Long Struggle for Racial Equality

<https://uncpress.org/book/9780807872154/if-we-could-change-the-world/>

“‘Loving hearts’ and ‘brave ones’: slavery, family, and the problem of freedom in antebellum America’.” *Slavery & Abolition*, 2020

<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/NAPOQJMSEFBJKCFEKHD2K/full?target=10.1080/0144039X.2020.1744264>

“There Is No Equality”: William E. Berrett, BYU, and Healing the Wounds of Racism in the Latter-day Saint Past and Present, *Dialogue, Fall 2019* https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/issues/Dialogue_V52N03.pdf (full issue has personal essays by a number of students/former students)

American Girl Doll: <https://magazine.byu.edu/article/telling-her-story/>

<https://news.byu.edu/news/byu-professors-research-shapes-american-girl-doll-important-historical-back-story>

Ryan Gabriel, Sociology

Urban Sociology, Residential Segregation, Residential Mobility and Attainment, Race/Racism

https://www.heraldextra.com/news/community/higher-education/byu-column-won-t-you-be-my-neighbor-house-hunting-is-a-struggle-for-mixed/article_7bdd11c1-0cb4-5352-91aa-5e8e2fe3bb6f.html

2019 Hess*, Chris, Ryan Gabriel, Christine Leibbrand*, and Kyle Crowder. “Does Hypersegregation Matter for Black-White Socioeconomic Disparities?” *Demography* 56(6): 2169–2191.

2019 Gabriel, Ryan, and Amy Spring. “Neighborhood Diversity, Neighborhood Affluence: An Analysis of the Neighborhood Destination Choices of Mixed-Race Couples with Children.” *Demography* 56(3): 1051–1073.

2018 Gabriel, Ryan. "Mixed-Race Couples, Residential Mobility, and Neighborhood Poverty." *Social Science Research* 73: 146–162.

2018 Gabriel, Ryan. "Gender and the Residential Mobility and Neighborhood Attainment of Black-White Couples." *Demography* 55(2): 459–484.

2018 Hall, Matthew, Kyle Crowder, Amy Spring, and Ryan Gabriel. "Foreclosure Migration and Neighborhood Outcomes: Moving Toward Segregation and Disadvantage." *Social Science Research* 70: 107–114.

2017 Gabriel, Ryan, and Stewart Tolnay. "The Legacy of Lynching? An Empirical Replication and Conceptual Extension." *Sociological Spectrum* 37(1):77–96.

Leslie Hadfield, History

Liberation and Development: Black Consciousness Community Programs in South Africa (2016)

George Handley, Interdisciplinary Humanities

Postslavery Literatures in the Americas, traces the common legacies of slavery and their impact on literature and national identity in the US and the Caribbean; arguments over competing, alternative postslavery identities in the Caribbean and the US led to various repressions of slavery's legacies of racial plurality and racial mixing; explores authors such as William Faulkner, Toni Morrison, Frances Harper, Charles Chesnut, and a variety of Caribbean authors such as Cirilo Villaverde, Martin Morua Delgado, Jean Rhys and others.

Has done extensive research on the work of Derek Walcott, including a book *New World Poetics* and several essays. Also has edited two collections of essays that examine race and the environment from a postcolonial perspective: *Caribbean Literature and the Environment* and *Postcolonial Ecologies*.

Christopher Jones, History

Teaches Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Atlantic World, African American Family History, and Missions and Missionaries in American History

"'The religion is assailed by most in the Country': A Letter from the First Mormon Converts in Jamaica, 1854," *Mormon Historical Studies* 20:1 (Spring 2019): 111-27. Co-authored with Rachel Felt.

"'An Encroachment on our religious rights': Methodist Missions, Slavery, and Religious Toleration in the British Atlantic World," in Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds., *The Lively Experiment: Religious Toleration in America from Roger Williams to the Present* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015): 101-116.

Matt Mason, History

Co-director of Historians Against Slavery <https://www.historiansagainstsavery.org/main/>

John Quincy Adams and the Politics of Slavery: Selections from the Diary. Oxford University Press, 2017

Apostle of Union: A Political Biography of Edward Everett (2016)

Contesting Slavery: The Politics of Bondage and Freedom in the New American Nation (2011)

Slavery and Politics in the Early American Republic (2006)

years-long interest in what it takes to sustain activism, as well as what it takes to turn antislavery belief into antislavery action. 100% focused on right now the political wrangling in the American Revolutionary era over the term “rebel.”

Kristin L. Matthews, English

“‘Woke’ and Reading: Social Media, Reception, and Contemporary Black Feminism.”

Participations, 16.1. May 2019.

<http://www.participations.org/Volume%2016/Issue%201/contents.htm>

“Well-Read Black Women: Reading, Social Media, and the Contemporary Freedom Struggle.”
Invited lecture. BYU Kennedy Center Lecture Series 2019: Women & Politics. Provo, UT. 16 January 2019.

Brian Roberts, English

His first book, *Artistic Ambassadors: Literary and International Representation of the New Negro Era* (University of Virginia Press, 2013) examines the literary and diplomatic performances of African American writers who traveled as US diplomats during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, tracing how these performances contributed to the formation of the Harlem Renaissance. Since then, he has published, with Keith Foulcher, *Indonesian Notebook: A Sourcebook on Richard Wright and the Bandung Conference* (Duke University Press, 2016), which contains English translations of myriad Indonesian-language documents related to Wright’s travel in Indonesia to attend the postcolonial Bandung Conference of 1955.

Jacob Rugh, Sociology

Race and Space, Housing Segregation, Mortgage Lending, Stratification, Latinos, Immigration, Racial Discrimination

“Why Black and Latino Home Ownership Matter to the Color Line and Multiracial Democracy,”
Race & Social Problems, January 2020 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-019-09275>

Rugh, J. (2018). The Great Recession and the Destruction of Minority Wealth. *Current History*, 117(802), 298-303.

Massey, D. S., & Rugh, J. S. (2017). The Intersection of Race and Class: Zoning, Affordable Housing, and Segregation in U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *The Fight for Fair Housing: Causes, Consequences and Future Implications of the 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act*.

Massey, D. S., Steil, J., Albright, L., & Rugh, J. (2016). 'Riding the Stagecoach to Hell:' A Qualitative Analysis of Racial Discrimination in Mortgage Lending. *City & Community*, 15(2), 118-136.

Hyra, D., & Rugh, J. (2016). The US Great Recession: Exploring Its Association with Black Neighborhood Rise, Decline and Recovery. *Urban Geography*, 1-27.

Rugh, J., & Massey, D. S. (2014). Segregation in Post-Civil Rights America: Stalled Integration or End of the Segregated Century?. *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 11(2), 205-232.

Rugh, J., & Massey, D. S. (2010). Racial Segregation and the American Foreclosure Crisis. *American Sociological Review*, 75(5), 629-651.

Sherinah Saasa, Social Work

Orphans and vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa; African immigrants in the United States

Saasa, S. & Allen, L. (Accepted). Social exclusion among African immigrants in the United States. *Social Work Research*.

Saasa, S. K. (2019). Discrimination, coping and social exclusion among African immigrants in the United States: A moderation analysis. *Social Work*. 64:3,198-206. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swz018>

Other Resources

Smithsonian and National Museum of African American History and Culture: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/being-antiracist>

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movement of the '60s; listen to [anti-fascists](#) who struggled, and are still struggling, for equality.
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JSTOR: Institutionalized Racism

<https://daily.jstor.org/institutionalized-racism-a-syllabus/>

Princeton, Dept of African American Studies Reading List: <https://aas.princeton.edu/news/aas-faculty-reading-list>

Some Books on White Supremacy: <https://fivebooks.com/best-books/white-supremacy-kathleen-belew/>

Podcast: BackStory With the American History Guys – www.backstoryradio.org

- Episodes: Black and White: The Idea of Racial Purity; Nose to the Grindstone; Blackstory; From Music to Madiba; Skin Deep; Fierce Urgency of Now

Podcast: This is Democracy <https://podcasts.la.utexas.edu/this-is-democracy/>

- Episodes: Race and Coronavirus (96); Race and Democracy in America Today (6)