

**UUFDC Racial Justice Task Force
Resources List
10/2016**

ONLINE RESOURCES:

UUA

"It is imperative, whatever our level of education or our privileges, that none of us looks away. If we are to live up to our First Principle, and truly honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, then we must proclaim, with words and deeds, that black lives matter." Kenny Wiley

'Life calls us on': Sinkford challenges at GA Service of the Living Tradition 2016 (Shown 9/27 @ UUFDC)

"Resistance is what love looks like in the face of hate."

<http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga16-service-living-tradition>

UU site that includes many articles concerning Black Lives Matter

<http://www.uua.org/worship/collections/black-lives-matter>

Racial Justice

<http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism>

<http://www.uuworld.org/articles/5-ways-support-black-lives-matter>

Standing on the Side of Love: The Power of the Black Lives Matter Banner

<http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/the-power-of-the-black-lives-matter-banner>

Rev. William Barber brings crowd to its feet at racial justice rally. Public witness event features interfaith leaders, young adults.

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga2016publicwitness>

Movement for black lives, young UUs of color take main stage on General Assembly's final day

"It ain't just your faith. It's mine."

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga16-closing-worship>

Attached is the site from the UUA that endorses Black Lives Matter at the General Assembly in 2015.

<http://www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement>

Black Lives Matter by Estella Lauter (podcast on UUFDC web site, March 2016)

<http://uufdc.org/?sermons=black-lives-matter>

Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs Facebook site. Beyond the Banner 2.5

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=black%20lives%20matter%20to%20wisconsin%20uus>

Partnering to end The New Jim Crow (General Assembly 2015 Event 405)

Michelle Alexander's, *The New Jim Crow*, focused attention on the ways that mass incarceration has led to a new racial caste system. Partners of the Ending the New Jim Crow social action group at First Unitarian Church, Portland OR, will provide insights and strategies for working together to create potential legislative, reentry, and policing reforms.

<http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism/ga/partnering-end-new-jim-crow>

<http://www.liberalpulpit.org/2016/02/blm-uu.html>

BLACK LIVES MATTER

<http://blacklivesmatter.com>

<http://blacklivesmatter.com/who-we-are/>

<http://blacklivesmatter.com/herstory/>

THE MOVEMENT FOR BLACK LIVES

<http://action.movementforblacklives.org/>

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/national-museum-of-african-american-history-culture-breaking-ground-180957740/>

TED TALKS

John Legend: "Redemption Song"

https://www.ted.com/talks/john_legend_redemption_song

Angélica Dass: The beauty of human skin in every color (Wonderful photographic study of skin color)

https://www.ted.com/talks/angelica_dass_the_beauty_of_human_skin_in_every_color

Sanford Biggers: An artist's unflinching look at racial violence

https://www.ted.com/talks/sanford_biggers_an_artist_s_unflinching_look_at_racial_violence

Clint Smith: How to raise a black son in America

https://www.ted.com/talks/clint_smith_how_to_raise_a_black_son_in_america

Clint Smith: The danger of silence

https://www.ted.com/talks/clint_smith_the_danger_of_silence

NPR CODE SWITCH

Race and Identity, Remixed (podcasts)

New show on NPR. A team of journalists fascinated about the overlapping themes of race, ethnicity and culture, how they play out in our lives and communities and how all of this is shifting.

ARTICLES:

Smug White Liberals – Do We Fit This Description?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nikki-johnsonhuston-esq/the-culture-of-the-smug-w_b_11537306.html

The Great Dismal Swamp – Amazing!

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/deep-swamps-archaeologists-fugitive-slaves-kept-freedom-180960122/?no-ist>

Black Lives Matter

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-halstead/dear-fellow-white-people-b_11109842.html?ncid=engmodushpimg00000006 (Includes Harvard implicit bias testing website link.)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/12/black-lives-matter/421839/>

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/03/14/where-is-black-lives-matter-headed>

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/why-museums-should-be-safe-space-discuss-why-black-lives-matter-180955114/?no-ist>

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/why-museums-should-be-safe-space-discuss-why-black-lives-matter-180955114/?no-ist>

White Privilege

Peggy McIntosh article, "Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack". She was first to describe white privilege in the 1980s.

<http://genius.com/3797864>

<http://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/the-origins-of-privilege>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2016/09/28/i-never-worry-ill-be-shot-in-chicago-after-all-im-white/>

Implicit Bias

http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/can-implicit-bias-training-stop-police-officers-acting-hidden-prejudice-n656071?cid=eml_on-site (Includes link to Harvard implicit bias testing website.)

<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html> (Direct link to Harvard implicit bias testing.)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/07/upshot/were-all-a-little-biased-even-if-we-dont-know-it.html>

MAGAZINES:

Smithsonian Sept. 2016 - If you have a copy of this issue, keep it, save it, pass it around! It is packed with fantastic articles.
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/issue/september-2016/>

BOOKS:

***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

"I've been wondering who might fill the intellectual void that plagued me after James Baldwin died. Clearly it is Ta-Nehisi Coates. The language of *Between the World and Me* . . . is visceral, eloquent, and beautifully redemptive. And its examination of the hazards and hopes of black male life is as profound as it is revelatory."

-Toni Morrison

***Citizen* by Claudia Rankine**

As Rankine pointedly writes, "Just getting along shouldn't be an ambition." "Citizen" throws a Molotov cocktail at the notion that a reduction of injustice is the same as freedom. – New York Times

***From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation* by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor**

"Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor's searching examination of the social, political and economic dimensions of the prevailing racial order offers important context for understanding the necessity of the emerging movement for black liberation."

-Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*

***In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby* by Mark Morrison-Reed**

Memoir of an Integration Baby gives voice to the unspoken story of those Afro-Americans who were among the first to bring racial diversity to their neighborhood, school, church or workplace, to the increasing number of partners in interracial relationships and those blessed with and yet struggling to raise multiracial children in a polarized world.

***Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult**

Small Great Things is the most important novel Jodi Picoult has ever written. It will challenge her readers [and] expand our cultural conversation about race and prejudice. – The Washington Post

***White Rage* by Carol Anderson**

White Rage is a harrowing account of our national history during the century and a half since the Civil War--even more troubling for what it exposes about our present, our deep and abiding racial divide. This is necessary reading for anyone interested in understanding--and perfecting--our union.—Natasha Trethewey, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Native Guard* and two-term Poet Laureate of the United States

LYNN OLSON OWNS THESE BOOKS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE THEM:

- ***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander**
- ***Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
- ***Crossover* by Kwame Alexander** (Newberry Medal Winner, Coretta Scott King Award) "A basketball novel, yes, but also a story of family, dedication, loyalty, loss, and redemption wrapped up in a slam dunk of powerful language."
- ***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**
- ***The Anti-Racist Cookbook: A Recipe Guide for Conversations About Race That Goes Beyond Covered Dishes and Kum-Bah-Ya* by Robin Parker, Pamela Smith Chambers**
- ***From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation* by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor**
- ***The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead**
- ***Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson**

EMAIL: Mary Smythe shared this from the Sierra Club:

Dear Richard and Mary,

Senseless tragedies like the recent police shootings of Terence Crutcher in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Keith Lamont Scott in Charlotte, North Carolina, can fill us with despair and leave us feeling helpless. The list of unjustified killings of black people in our nation -- a list that was too long when it had even one name on it -- continues to grow. But as long as we have a voice, we are *not* helpless -- and we should only truly despair if we're afraid to raise that voice in the name of justice.

[The Sierra Club's mission is to protect both the natural and human environment.](#) We cannot claim to truly fulfill that mission if our volunteers, our staff, our members, our partners, and our communities are forced to live with the violence and hate of racism on a daily basis. Racist acts of violence tear apart the fabric of humanity in ways that actively work against our ability to protect and create environments for all people to enjoy and feel safe.

Black Lives Matter, and that is why we continue to stand in solidarity with those demanding justice, accountability, and action to confront the racism and inequality that has allowed these tragedies to persist.

As details emerge about these tragedies, the Sierra Club calls on the authorities involved to invite community feedback and to practice transparency to the fullest extent possible.

We send our love and compassion to the families of those killed, knowing that their lives will never be the same. We also know that thoughts are not enough in a country where black men, women, and children live in fear of any interaction with law enforcement. That is why we cannot and will not remain silent.

As we've stated before, standing boldly against racism, homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, sexism and other forms of hate is the only way we can tear down the systems of oppression and exclusion that have divided our country for far too long.

Together we can and will make a difference,

Michael Brune

Executive Director, Sierra Club