

# Whites Challenging Racism Syllabus

## Spring 2008:

### Week 1 (Feb 21): Making Whiteness Visible

- Movie: [Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible](#)

### Week 2 (Feb 28): White Privilege | Experiencing & Responding to Racism

- [White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#) by Peggy McIntosh
- "Killing Rage," *Killing Rage: Ending Racism* by bell hooks (1995).
- *Supplemental*: the first two chapters of Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*.
- *Supplemental*: [The Twelve White Steps](#) by damali ayo
- *Supplemental*: [I Can Fix It!](#) by damali ayo

### Week 3 (Mar 6): Intersectionality | The Racial Wealth Divide

- "Sexual Violence as a Tool of Genocide," *Conquest: Sexual Violence and American Indian Genocide* by Andrea Smith (2005).
- Selections from *The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide* by Meizhu Lui, et al. (2006).
- [The Meritocracy Myth](#): A Dollars & Sense interview with Lani Guinier
- Begin to prepare your family story: [Tips on preparing your family story](#)

### Week 4 (Mar 13): White Identity Development

- Chapters 9-11, *A Race is a Nice Thing to Have* by Janet Helms (1992).
- Selection from *How To Rent A Negro* by damali ayo
- [White Supremacy Culture](#) by Tema Okun
- Video: [A Girl Like Me](#)
- *Supplemental*: "[My Class Didn't Trump My Race: Using Oppression to Face Privilege](#)," Robin J. DiAngelo *Multicultural Perspectives* 8(1), 52-26 (2006).
- *Optional*: [From White Racist to White Anti-Racist: the Life-long Journey](#) by Tema Okun
- Sharing of family stories, group I

### Week 5 (March 20): White Identity Development Continued

- "Defining Racism," Beverly Daniel Tatum, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race* (1997).
- [What is White Supremacy?](#) by Elizabeth Martinez
- "[The Color of Supremacy: Beyond the discourse of 'white privilege'](#)" by Zeus Leonardo, *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 36(2), 137-152 (2004).
- Sharing of family stories, group II

## Week 6 (Mar 27): The System of White Supremacy

- "Defining Racism," Beverly Daniel Tatum, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race* (1997).
- [What is White Supremacy?](#) by Elizabeth Martinez
- "[The Color of Supremacy: Beyond the discourse of 'white privilege'](#)" by Zeus Leonardo, *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 36(2), 137-152 (2004).

## Week 7 (Apr 3): Case Study: Anti-Arab Racism

- "Introduction: The Evolution of White Supremacy," Steven Salaita, *Anti-Arab Racism in the USA: Where It Comes from and What It Means for Politics Today* (2006).
- "[Heteropatriarchy and the Three Pillars of White Supremacy](#)" Andrea Smith in *Color of Violence: The INCITE! Anthology* edited by Incite! Women of Color Against Violence (2006).
- "Moving from Cultural Appropriation Toward Ethical Cultural Connections," Joanna Kadi *Thinking Class: Sketches from a Cultural Worker* (1996).
- *Supplemental*: "[Shouting Across the Divide](#)," This American Life (if pressed for time, Act One: Which One of These Is Not Like the Others? is the main thing to listen to)
- *Supplemental*: [The Splended Table May 19](#). Start listening at 34:20
- *Supplemental cultural appropriation resources*:
  - "[For All Those Who Were Indian In A Former Life](#)" by Andrea Smith (1991).
  - [Cultural Appropriation != Outlaw Culture](#) by MaxZine Weinstein

## Week 8 (April 10): Racism in Social Justice Movements

- [Racist Activism 101](#) [or "How to be a Completely Clueless and Aggravating White Activist", or again "How to Get on Nadine's Personal Shit List"] by Nadine
- "[Is Gay Marriage Racist?](#)" Marlon M. Bailey, Priya Kandaswamy, and Mattie Udora Richardson in *That's Revolting! Queer Strategies for Resisting Assimilation* edited by Mattilda, aka Matt Bernstein Sycamore
- [With Allies Like These, You Don't Need Enemies: Michael Moore and the Racism of the White Left](#) by Ewuare Osayande
- *Recommended*: [Coalition-Building between Natives and Non-Natives](#) by Haunani-Kay Trask, *Stanford Law Review*, 43(6), 1197-1213 (1991)

## Week 9 (April 17): Prison Industrial Complex | Public Transportation Inequity

- Chapters 1 & 2, pages 9 - 39 from [Are Prisons Obsolete?](#) by Angela Davis (2003)
- [Color of the Keystone: Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Use of](#)

### [Incarceration in Pennsylvania](#)

- *Supplemental:* [How Pennsylvania teens end up put away for life](#)
- *Supplemental:* [Abolishing the Prison Industrial Complex](#) Rachel Herzing in conversation with Trevor Paglen
- "Transit Activism in Steel Town, USA" Brian Nogrady and Ayanna King in *Highway Robbery: Transportation Racism & New Routes to Equity* (2004).

## **Week 10 (April 24): Gentrification | Engaging in anti-racist work**

- Selections from Angry Brown Butch
  - ["innate charm," my ass](#)
  - [postmodern hipster colonists suck](#)
  - [on gentrification in Bushwick](#)
  - [more thoughts on gentrification](#)
  - [Since apparently my many previous clarifications weren't enough](#) (include comments 1-6)
  - [Hey white folks -- it's time to get really mad at me again!](#)
- [Staying Put and Staying Punk](#) Dan Eldridge City Paper 24 March 2005
  - *Supplemental:* [Conversation with Mark Harvey Smith](#) Bill O'Driscoll Pittsburgh City Paper 25 August 2005
  - *Supplemental:* [Articles on Bakery Square](#)
  - *Supplemental:* [Bakery Square site](#) (note overview, brochure, renderings)
  - *Supplemental:* [Anti-Gentrification Across the US](#) Rustbelt Radio 20 Aug 2007 (story starts at 23:25 min)
  - *Supplemental:* [Sometimes I Feel Like I'm The Only One Trying To Gentrify This Neighborhood](#) *The Onion*
  - *Supplemental:* request [Flag Wars](#) from the library
  - *Supplemental:* [Articles on casino & Arena](#)
- "What Happens When White People Change," *Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope* by bell hooks (2003)
- [The Work Is Not The Workshop: Talking and Doing, Visibility and Accountability in the White Anti-Racist Community](#) by Catherine Jones
- Excerpt from: [The Politics of Solidarity: Six Nations, Leadership, and the Settler Left](#) by Tom Keefer

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