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
- 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

- 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
- Optional: From White Racist to White Anti-Racist: the Life-long Journey by Tema Okun
- Sharing of family stores, group I

Week 5 (March 20): White Identity Development Continued

- What is White Supremacy? by Elizabeth Martinez
- Sharing of family stores, group II
Week 6 (Mar 27): The System of White Supremacy

- *What is White Supremacy?* by Elizabeth Martinez

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

- *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:*
  - 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

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, borchure, 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
- **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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