# De Anza Honors Newsletter



"If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

Lilla Watson, Australian Indigenous Activist

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# FILM RESOURCES Show; We're Watching

#### Black-ish

ABC

"Watch this episode and it'll give you that very entry-level groundwork for what we're talking about and what we're yelling about and what we're in the streets about," says Thompson."

– USA Today

#### 13th

NETFLIX

"Named after the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery in 1865,
DuVernay's Emmy-winning documentary follows history from slavery through
to the mass incarceration of Black people in the United States. The
documentary shows why many people have been calling for reform against
police brutality for years."

- Connellan

## **Just Mercy**

AMAZON

"The movie makes it clear early on that the Alabama court system convicted McMillian despite stunningly weak testimonies and evidence. It may not be the flashiest courtroom drama, but these smaller stories of racial injustice are crucial."

#### - Dallas Observer

#### The Hate U Give

HULU

"The Hate U Give" takes on themes of Black Lives Matter, police brutality and black identity and puts them in the thought-provoking story of a black girl growing up "in a black inner-city community and going to a white private school across town." – USA Today

## When They See Us

NETFLIX

"When They See Us" is DuVernay's strongest work to date..... relentless portrayal of a criminal justice system that locks up, scapegoats and brutalizes black and brown American children with ease and enthusiasm. Part dirge, part indictment, the series stands out because it insists that we see the boys as they once were and as they always saw themselves: innocent."

– NY Times

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# **BOOK RESOURCES** Write; We're Reading

# Freedom is a Constant Struggle by Angela Y. Davis

"Reflecting on the importance of black feminism, intersectionality, and prison abolitionism for today's struggles, Davis discusses the legacies of previous liberation struggles, from the Black Freedom Movement to the South African anti-Apartheid movement. She highlights connections and analyzes today's struggles against state terror, from Ferguson to Palestine.

# White Fragility

by Robin DiAngelo

"Robin DiAngelo coined the term 'White Fragility' in 2011 to describe this process and is here to show us how it serves to uphold the system of white supremacy. She shows us how we can start having more honest conversations, listen to each other better and react to feedback with grace and humility."

#### The Fire Next Time

by James Baldwin

"At once a powerful evocation of James Baldwin's early life in Harlem and a disturbing examination of the consequences of racial injustice, the book is an intensely personal and provocative document. It consists of two "letters," written on the occasion of the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, that exhort Americans, both black and white, to attack the terrible legacy of racism.

### I'm Still Here

by Austin Channing Brown

"In a time when nearly all institutions (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claim to value "diversity" in their mission statements, I'M STILL HERE is a powerful account of how and why our actions so often fall short of our words. Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice, in stories that bear witness to the complexity of America's social fabric--from Black Cleveland neighborhoods to private schools in the middle-class suburbs, from prison walls to the boardrooms at majority-white organization."

### I Am Not Your Baby Mother

by Candice Braithwaite

'A thought-provoking, urgent and inspirational guide to life as a black mother. It explores the various stages in between pregnancy and waving your child off at the gates of primary school, while facing hurdles such as white privilege, racial micro-aggression and unconscious bias at every point.

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# TED RESOURCES Teach; We're Learning

## **Not all Superheros**

TEDxFrankfurt with Nova Reid
"Nova Reid is a diversity and anti-racism campaigner and consultant who uses her professional
background in mental wellbeing to focus on mindset change, working with organisations and
individuals to improve diversity and systems of discrimination from the inside-out."

Click here to watch

#### 50 Years of Racism

TEDxColumbus by James A. White Sr.
"Jim White Sr. provides a lens that goes back 53 years from his first experience with discrimination."

Click here to watch

# The Root of Racial Injustice

TEDxRainier with Megan Ming Francis
"Francis traces the root causes of our current racial climate to their core causes, debunking common misconceptions and calling out "fix-all" cures to a complex social problem."

<u>Click here to watch</u>

### **Internalised Racism**

TEDxTysonSalons by Jabari Lyles
"Lyles discusses his personal journey to understanding and loving himself as a Black man, in spite of growing up among a predominantly white community."

<u>Click here to watch</u>

### No. You Cannot Touch My Hair!

TEDxBristol with Mena Fombo

"Through her own personal story and the hair-raising experiences of other women and girls,
Mena Fombo's talk is a witty, yet compelling and sometimes dark exploration of the
objectification of black women."

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# PODCASTS RESOURCES

Speak; We're Listening

#### **Code Switch**

Hosted by NPR

"Code Switch takes on race and racism across a spectrum of identities and offers personal stories, historical context, and impactful analysis on the challenging past and present of race in America."

Click here to listen

# **BLM: The Story of a Slogan**

Hosted by BBC

"Mukul Devichand and Mike Wendling travel around the United States, talking to Black Lives Matter activists, the parents of young black men shot by police, civil rights elders like the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and police officials.

Can BLM change America?"

Click here to listen

#### 1619

Hosted by Nikole Hannah-Jones
"An audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling."

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## **Intersectionality Matters!**

Hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw

"Featuring on the ground interviews with some of the world's most innovative activists, artists, and scholars, each episode will explore a different topic through an intersectional lens, ranging from the Supreme Court to grassroots activism in Brazil and the Congo to #SayHerName and the future of the #MeToo campaign.

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The current season, "Under the Blacklight," dissects the intersectionality between race, gender, poverty, illness, and culture in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic."

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#### **What Matters**

Hosted by BLM.com
"What Matters combines documentary narrative with interviews to illuminate specific, timely issues, aiming to create safe dialogue to promote freedom, justice, and collective liberation."

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## ARTICLE RESOURCES

Type; We're Browsing

# The 1619 Project

by The New York Times

"The 1619 Project is an ongoing initiative from The New York Times Magazine that began in August 2019, the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. It aims to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of our national narrative."

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#### FAQ about the BLM Movement

by The Bold Italic
"Why is the response violent and destructive? Should I go protest? Won't I get Covid19?What should I say or do for my Black friends? Why does the Amy Cooper thing
matter so much to people? Does posting on social media matter or is it performance?"

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# White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

by American College Personnel Association (ACPA)
"A powerful personal account by Peggy McIntosh, associate director of the Wellesley
College Center of Research for Women, on the prevalence of white privilege in daily
life and how it perpetuates a system of racism."

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## Why It's Different This Time

by The New Yorker

"Isaac Chotiner speaks with Tometi, who advises a number of black-led organizations and previously served as the executive director of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration. Their conversation surrounds what it would mean to defund police departments, how the coronavirus pandemic has shaped the American response to the protests, and what's next for Black Lives Matter."

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## 7 Ways we know Systemic Racism is Real

by Ben & Jerry's
"Racism is built right into every level of our society in ways that might surprise you."

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# ORGANISATIONS

Ask; We're Giving

#### The National Association of Black Journalists

Help support Black journalists and media professions by donating to America's largest group for journalists of color. The organization promotes media diversity and supports workers who have been laid off or struggle to find employment.

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#### **Pimento Relief Fund**

Pimento provides black business in Minnesota without insurance relief, after white supremacists set them on fire during the protests.

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## **NAACP Legal Defense Fund**

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) is the country's first and foremost civil and human rights law firm. Founded in 1940 under the leadership of Thurgood Marshall, who subsequently became the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, LDF was launched at a time when the nation's aspirations for equality and due process of law were stifled by widespread state-sponsored racial inequality. From that era to the present, LDF's mission has always been transformative: to achieve racial justice, equality, and an inclusive society.

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## **Split Bail Fund Donations**

Split a donation to all the bail funds, mutual aid funds, and activist organizations listed on this page, or allocate specific amounts to individual groups.

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#### **Know Your Rights Camp**

Colin Kaepernick founded this organization that holds education seminars across the country for black and brown youth. Know Your Rights Camp teamed up with defense lawyers in the Minneapolis area to help provide legal resources for those in Minnesota in need right now.

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