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ASU is about people and progress. ASU recognizes its responsibility as part of the communities it serves. ASU asks what is needed and responds with efficient, timely and effective solutions.

What I Can Do

Recent events have highlighted how much work there is to do in addressing the racial inequalities prevalent within our society. The following is a suite of resources that can help you learn more about anti-racism, systemic racism, and better understand the potential struggles of students and colleagues, particularly those who identify as Black.

Books

Lynching: violence, rhetoric, and American identity, by Ersula Ore. ASU faculty author. ISBN: 1496821599

White fragility: why it’s so hard for white people to talk about racism, by Robin DiAngelo. ISBN: 0807047414

The possessive investment in whiteness: how white people profit from identity politics, by George Lipsitz. ISBN: 1592134947

How to be an antiracist, by Ibram X. Kendi. ISBN: 0525509283


So you want to talk about race, by Ijeoma Oluo. ISBN: 1580058825

Biased: uncovering the hidden prejudice that shapes what we see, think, and do, by Jennifer Eberhardt. ISBN: 0735224951

Me and white supremacy, by Layla Saad. ISBN: 1728209803

Raising white kids: brining up children in a racially unjust America, by Jennifer Harvey and Tim Wise. ISBN: 1501878077


Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption, by Bryan Stevenson. ISBN: 9780812984965. Also adapted into a major motion picture, see details under Film.

Discussions and Ted Talks

The Truth About the Confederacy in the United States (2017), Jeffery Robinson, a racial justice expert at the ACLU, discusses the dark history of Confederate symbols across the country and outlines what we can do to learn from our past and combat systemic racism.
Films and documentaries

**Just Mercy** (2029), a film based on civil rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson’s work on death row in Alabama. Adapted from a biography, see details under Books.

**When They See Us** (2019), a Netflix miniseries about the Central Park Five.

**13th** (2016), a Netflix documentary about the racial inequality of the criminal justice system and the U.S. prison boom. Full feature is also available on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

**I Am Not Your Negro** (2016), a documentary based on James Baldwin’s unfinished manuscript. The film explores racism in the United States through the stories of Civil Rights leaders and Baldwin’s own experience and observation.

Podcasts

**Code Switch**, podcast by NPR hosting conversations about race.

**Brené Brown with Ibram X. Kendi** (June 3, 2020), topic is on antiracism.


Online Trainings

**To Be Welcoming**, ASU and Starbucks created a series of training modules on bias.

Local organizations

**Black Lives Matter Phoenix Metro**

**Black Family and Child Services of Arizona**

**Arizona Coalition for Change**

**Local First Arizona**