

## 2023 Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium

### Recommended Resources

#### Books and On-Line Materials

The following is a resource list for those interested in learning more about systemic racism. It is not a complete list, nor does it cover all aspects of race, climate, and justice. Not every resource will appeal to everyone, but hopefully, a few will appeal to you.

#### Websites:

[Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice](https://www.bullardcenter.org) at Texas Southern University  
The center was launched to address longstanding issues of systemic inequality and structural racism that cause disproportionate pain, suffering and death in Black and other people of color communities. There is an especially strong focus on environmental justice. <https://www.bullardcenter.org>

#### [Talking About Race, The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture](https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race)

This website helps individuals, families, and communities talk about racism and racial identity and their effects on all parts of society. The *Talking About Race* topics include Bias, Being Antiracist, Community Building, Race and Racial Identity, Whiteness, and the Historical Foundations of Race. <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race>

[The 1619 Project](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html) was produced by the New York Times. It was an initiative to cover the range and depth of impact that the forced immigration of Native Africans for chattel slavery, beginning in 1619, had on the developing American settlements, the formation of the country, and every aspect of cultural, civic and governmental life. The project began in the August 18, 2019 issue of the New York Times Magazine and is deeply illuminating. A free curriculum is available at [NYTimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), as is a pamphlet for \$5.00. It is also available via podcast. This year Hulu aired a six-episode documentary by the same name featuring Nikole Hannah-Jones  
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html>

#### Video:

##### [Systemic Racism Explained](https://ed.ted.com/best_of_web/j7Tzdz8r)

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This webtoon is a TED-Ed user-created lesson that was selected by volunteer teachers and TED-Ed staff to be part of their "best of series". It is a four-minute introduction to systemic racism.

##### ["What is Systemic Racism"](https://www.raceforward.org/videos/systemic-racism) Featuring Jay Smooth

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"What Is Systemic Racism?" is an 8-part video series that shows how racism shows up in our lives across institutions and society: Wealth Gap, Employment, Housing Discrimination, Government Surveillance, Incarceration, Drug Arrests, Immigration Arrests, Infant Mortality...

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#### Race - The Power of an Illusion

[http://www.pbs.org/race/000\\_General/000\\_00-Home.htm](http://www.pbs.org/race/000_General/000_00-Home.htm)

A three-part educational documentary produced by California Newsreel that originally aired on PBS and available on Kanopy

#### **Podcasts:**

The Sum of Us [www.thesumofuspodcast.com](http://www.thesumofuspodcast.com)

Heather McGhee (author of the book by the same name) travels across America, unearthing stories of American solidarity. She travels from rural Maine to the California coast and everywhere in between, meeting extraordinary Americans who are crossing demographic, cultural, and political lines to build a better future for all of us.

#### **Article:**

Another Reason We Can't Breathe by Jamil Smith in Rolling Stone October 27, 2020

This article discusses the then candidate's different approaches to the environment. The article is interesting but even more so are all the links to more information.

#### **Books:**

Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II by Douglas A. Blackmon

A Pulitzer Prize-winning account of the "Age of Neoslavery," the American period following the Emancipation Proclamation in which convicts, mostly black men, were "leased" through forced labor camps operated by state and federal governments.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

Jim Crow was fiction; a minstrel show character created by a white song and dance man. Jim Crow laws, passed between 1876 and 1965 to establish and maintain racial segregation, are anything but fiction. Michelle Alexander, author, litigator, and scholar, proposes in her book, first published in 2010 (and in a new edition in 2020) that mass incarceration is, "metaphorically the **new** Jim Crow." A landmark revelation of systemic racism in our criminal justice system.

The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone

Published in 2011, Cone's extended theological reflection on racism and systemic anti-Black violence begins with a passage from *Acts*: "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree" (10:39). Cone, who died in 2019, moves smoothly between history, theology and cultural analysis as he illumines the true meaning of the Christ's cross *over* the lynching tree: divine power, Black life, the subversion of sin and death. One of the best Lenten reads available, and an unforgettable exploration of our faith's central symbol.

The Anti-Racism Team also has a list of recommended readings on the Trinity website.

<https://www.trinitychurchboston.org/anti-racism-team>