The Department of Criminal Justice Studies Resource Guide to understanding the relationship of criminal justice to racial domination

and other resources
The Alchemy of Race and Rights (1991)
P. Williams

Dr. Williams, a professor of commercial law, is the great-great-granddaughter of a slave and a white southern lawyer. This book is an eloquent autobiographical essay in which the author reflects on the intersection of race, gender, and class.

Ando sanguando! (I am bleeding):
A. Morales

This unique book about the Mexican-American “barrio” depicts the relationship between the barrio and the traditional law enforcement system (police, courts, and corrections. (This title is available in some libraries)

Between the World and Me (2015)
Ta-Nehisi Coates

An extremely compelling personal narrative on institutionalized racism in America. Framed by police killings of Black people, it is one of the most important pieces of contemporary literature.

Character and Cops (6th Edition)
Edwin J Delattre

Chapters 6- Public Corruption for Profit, 7- Authority and Reform in Controlling Corruption, and Chapter 12 -Tragedy and “Noble Cause” Corruption are all quite good in describing what needs to be changed in the culture. Chapter 6 is especially good in identifying the “Rotten Apples” among police groups that need to be weeded out to keep from affecting others around them.

The Condemnation of Blackness (2019)
Khalil G Muhammad

The idea of black criminality was crucial to the making of modern urban America. Chronicling the emergence of deeply embedded notions of black people as a dangerous race of criminals by explicit contrast to working-class whites and European immigrants, Muhammad reveals the influence such ideas have had on urban development and social policies.

Critical Race Theory (2017)
Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic

One of the foundational texts of Critical Race Theory (CRT). Written in relatively accessible language it explains Critical Race Theory for a general audience.

Simone Brown

In Chapter One, Simone Brown examines and critiques Foucault’s “Discipline and Punish” and the widely adopted panopticon theory as failing to account for the experience of Black people visa-via a carceral state.

The End of Policing e-Book (2018)
Alex Vitale

This book attempts to spark public discussion by revealing the tainted origins of modern policing as a tool of social control. It shows how the expansion of police authority is inconsistent with community empowerment, social justice—even public safety. The e-book is currently available online for free.

Adrienne Maree Brown

Inspired by Octavia Butler’s explorations of our human relationship to change, “Emergent Strategy” is radical self-help, society-help, and planet-help designed to shape the futures we want to live.

Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice (2019)
Joycelyn M. Pollock

Chapters 5, 6 and 7 in particular address police corruption, causes, and responses such as Noble cause corruption, rotten apple corruption, the cop code, PTSD, rotten barrel corruption, early warning systems, ethical training, etc.
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<td>The Fire Next Time (1963)</td>
<td>James Baldwin</td>
<td>The first essay &quot;My Dungeon Shook- A Letter to my Nephew&quot; absolutely speaks to this moment we are living in right now. One of the prolific writers of his time, Mr. Baldwin’s work continues to inspire generations including the writer Ta-Nahesi Coates. Baldwin’s words are as cogent, painful and powerful as ever, and as necessary.</td>
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<td>Have Black Lives Ever Matter? (2017)</td>
<td>Mumia Abu-Jamal</td>
<td>In “Have Black Lives Ever Mattered?”, Abu-Jamal gives voice to the many people of color who have fallen to police bullets or racist abuse, and offers the post-Ferguson generation advice on how to address police abuse in the United States.</td>
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<td>The New Jim Crow (2010)</td>
<td>Michelle Alexander</td>
<td>“The New Jim Crow” is a stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status. Ms. Alexander’s central precept is that prisons picked up where slavery left off.</td>
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<td>Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America (2015)</td>
<td>Kristian Williams</td>
<td>In this revised and updated edition of his seminal study of policing in the United States, Williams shows that police brutality isn’t an anomaly, but is built into the very meaning of law enforcement in America.</td>
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<td>Policing the Black Man (2018)</td>
<td>Angela J. Davis, Bryan Stevenson, et al.</td>
<td>A comprehensive, readable analysis of the key issues of the Black Lives Matter movement, this thought-provoking and compelling anthology features essays by some of the nation’s most influential and respected criminal justice experts and legal scholars.</td>
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<td>Race and Crime: Geographies of Injustice (2018)</td>
<td>Elizabeth Brown and George Barganier</td>
<td>Two of our very own Criminal Justice Studies professors reviews the history of race and criminology and explores the impact of racist colonial legacies on the organization of criminal justice institutions.</td>
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<td>Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine and the Foundations of a Movement (2016)</td>
<td>Angela Y. Davis</td>
<td>In these newly collected essays, interviews, and speeches, world-renowned activist and scholar Angela Y. Davis illuminates the connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world.</td>
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<td>Golden Gulag (2007)</td>
<td>Ruth Wilson Gilmore</td>
<td>While the crime rate has fallen, the prison population has grown exponentially. In “Golden Gulag”, Prof. Gilmore examines prisons as modern day plantations.</td>
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<td>The Rooster’s Egg (1995)</td>
<td>Patricia Williams</td>
<td>A brilliant group of essays on race written with incredible prose, Williams exposes the pervasiveness of racism on college campuses, in adoptive services, in law, etc., Williams is unafraid to tackle even the toughest racial topics.</td>
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### News Media

**We Can't Breathe: On Black Lives, White Lies, and the Art of Survival (2018)**
Jabari Asim

“We Can't Breathe” disrupts what Toni Morrison has exposed as the “Master Narrative” and replaces it with a story of black survival and persistence.

### Peer Reviewed Articles and Policy Statements

**Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue (2018)**
American Public Health Assoc.

**Criminalizing Normal Adolescent Behavior in Communities of Color (2013)**
Kristin Henning

A powerful and pragmatic look at problems and solutions to racial disparities in prosecuting youth.

**Stop Law Enforcement Violence**
Editors of Incite.org

An article on how to stop violence against people of color and the trans community.

**TROOPS: Stand Down for Black Lives**
Various Military Veterans

An open letter to Donald Trump about the appropriation of the military for his personal agenda.

### Cops and No Counselors: How the Lack of School Mental Health Staff is Harming Students

ACLU Editors

The role of police is schools has been controversial. This article argues against police in schools and suggest that mental health counseling in schools could replace the need for school policing.

### Do police officers make schools safer or more dangerous?

Dana Goldstein

The question of whether police officers are needed in our schools is the focus of this article.

### Ending Secrecy on Police Misconduct

The NYT Editorial Board

An article that focuses on the secretive practices in policing, especially Section 50-a, a long-term New York law that seals police conduct records.

### Call It What It Is: Anti-Blackness

kohana miraya ross

Here, Dr. Ross discusses the difference between the terms racism and anti-blackness and encourages readers to familiarize themselves with this terminology.

### The Impact of Broken Windows

A very brief film that examines the controversial broken windows theory.

### Indignities of Order Maintenance Policing with Jeffrey Fagan

Baruch College School of Public Affairs with Jeffrey Fagan

Baruch College's School of Public Affairs welcomed Jeffrey Fagan as the guest speaker of the Lillie and Nathan Ackerman Lecture Series. His discussion was titled Indignities of Order Maintenance Policing.
“Is Mass Incarceration the New Jim Crow?”
Michelle Alexander
In this Tedx Talk, Ms. Alexander discusses the future of race in America.

Mapping police violence (2017)
Samuel Sinyangwe
In this powerful, data-driven Tedxtalk, Sam Sinyangwe shares the evidence from police departments around the United States, and the statistics on how the use-of-force policies lower rates of violence.

Melvin Russell, I love being a police officer but we need reform (2015)
Melvin Russell
This TEDx video features Baltimore Lt. Colonel, Melvin Russell discussing the need for police reform.

New York’s Indispensable Institution: The NYPD’s crime-fighting sparked the city’s economic revival and is essential to its future.
Heather Mac Donald
A case for policing is made by Heather Mac Donald, the Thomas W. Smith Fellow of the Manhattan Institute.

Notes from the Field (HBO)
Anna Deavere Smith
An Important film to watch about race, class and the school to prison pipeline by author, writer and performist artist, Anna Deavere Smith.

NYPD “Stop and Frisk” (ABC News) Nightline
A brief video on the controversial stop and frisk policy employed by the New York City police departments.

Oakland school board abolishes its police force with unanimous vote
Bay City News Service
An engaging article on The Oakland School Board’s recent unanimous vote to end policing in their schools.

Policing the police
Frontline (PBS)
A look inside the Newark Police Department in New Jersey, one of many troubled forces in America. Writer and historian Jelani Cobb examines allegations of police abuses and the challenge of fixing a broken relationship with the community.

Rudy Giuliani and quality of life policing (60 minutes)
60 Minutes
A transcript of an interview with then NYC Mayor Giuliani, and the controversial policing tactics he used to clean up the city.

The School to Prison Pipeline
Nina Robinson
A 2012 BBC documentary about Texas policies.

Thousands of Complaints Do Little to Change Police Ways
Shaila Dewan & S. Kovaleski
An superb article on the efforts to hold police officers accountable and the resistance from police unions and juries.

Why Is Police Brutality Still Happening?
Spencer Bokat-Lindell
Rethinking the role of police and examining policies that can contribute to American police violence against its citizens.

Yes, we mean literally abolish the police
Mariame Kaba
Mariame Kaba (Here Mariame Kaba, the director of Project NIA) makes a case for abolishing police departments.

Alex Vitale -- The End of Policing (In Conversation)
Vitale argues that instead of our current approach of inhumane and ineffective punitive force, we should be going upstream to focus our attention on addressing inequality and providing community and social programs for those in need.

Reimagine Justice
SFSU’s Department of Criminal Justice Studies brand-new podcast offers several episodes about the criminal justice system.

Seeing White
John Biewen
In conversation with Chenjerai Kumanyika and other guests this podcast is an unprecedented and disquieting look at the social and political construction of whiteness in American history and cultural studies.

Thinking About How to Abolish Prisons with Mariame Kaba
Chris Hayes
Journalist Chris Hayes speaks with prison abolitionist Mariame Kaba about what it would take to dismantle the current “criminal punishment system.”
### Anti-Racist Resources

**Healthy & Free Tennessee**  
Healthy and Free TN is on an intentional and ongoing journey to disrupt white supremacy and to de-center whiteness within our coalition and in the work we do in our state.

**Anti-Racism Resources Google Docs**  
This document is intended to serve as a resource to white people and parents who are interested in deepening their anti-racism work.

### Other Educational Resources

**Imprisonment and Justice Syllabus, Spring 2012**  
How do definitions of criminality and conditions of targeted imprisonment relate to regimes of racialization and gendering? This syllabus features a variety of readings of imprisonment to engage these questions.

**Policing and Imprisonment Syllabus, Fall 2017**  
This syllabus contains readings that examine contemporary debates about approaches to reforming policing and imprisonment and the role of grassroots social movements in analyzing these systems, building pressure for change, and developing alternatives.

**Prison Abolition Syllabus**  
This syllabus from Black Perspectives, tackles the role of the Prison Industrial Complex in American society. From the origins of slavery, to the chain gangs, to race, sex and violence, the Prison Abolition Syllabus contains a wealth of resources to anyone interested in learning how and why America has the largest number of incarcerated in the world.

**Abolitionist Futures**  
Abolitionist Futures is a collaboration of community organizers and activists in the UK and Ireland who are working together to build a future without prisons, police and punishment.

**Abolition Study Reading Resource Guide**  
A fascinating reference guide to support anyone who’s interested in learning more about abolition.

**Making Space for Students of Color Resource Packet**  
This resource guide is packed with essays articles, interviews, and much more on ways that students of color can be supported in their educational journey. (To access this packet, return to the Resource Guide to Black Lives Matter page where the link is listed)