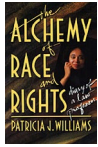


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Book Recommendations



The Alchemy of Race and Rights (1991) Patricia 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 sangrando! (I am bleeding): A study of Mexican American-police conflict & an analysis of the East L.A. 1970 riots. 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)



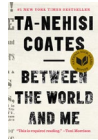
And We are Not Saved (1989) Derrick Bell

One of the most powerful critical thinkers on racism in the American legal system, Bell puts the American legal system on trial and come to the verdict that it is inextricably racist.



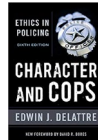
Are Prisons Obsolete? (2003) Angela Y Davis

Political activist, professor, feminist writer, a pivotal work on racism and sexism foundation within the U.S. prison system.



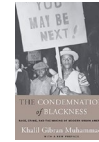
Between the World and Me (2015) Ta-Nehisi Coates

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.



Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness (2015) 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

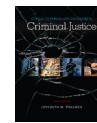
This book attempts to spark public discussion by revealing the tainted origins of modern policing as a tool of social control. It shows how the expansion of police authority is inconsistent with community empowerment, social justice—even public safety. The e-book is currently available online for free.



Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds (2017)

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)

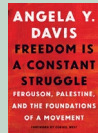
Joycelyn M. Pollock

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.



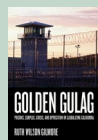
The Fire Next Time (1963)
James Baldwin

The first essay "My Dungeon Shook- A Letter to my Nephew" 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.



Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine and the Foundations of a Movement (2016)
Angela Y. Davis

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.



Golden Gulag (2007)
Ruth Wilson Gilmore

While the crime rate has fallen, the prison population has grown exponentially. In "Golden Gulag", Prof. Gilmore examines prisons as modern day plantations.



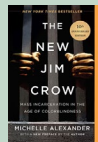
Governing Through Crime (2007)
Jonathon Simon

Mr. Simon shows how a racialized discourse on crime since the Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1968 has badly distorted American policy priorities.



Have Black Lives Ever Mattered? (2017)
Mumia Abu-Jamal

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.



The New Jim Crow (2010)
Michelle Alexander

"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.



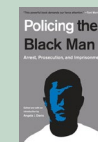
Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America (2015)
Kristian Williams

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.



Policing America's Empire: The United States, the Philippines and the Rise of the Surveillance State (2009)
A.W. McCoy

McCoy shows how United States surveillance systems set up in the Phillipines in the 1950s migrated from the Phillipines to the United States.



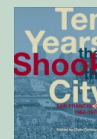
Policing the Black Man (2018)
Angela J. Davis, Bryan Stevenson, et al.

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.



Race and Crime: Geographies of Injustice (2018)
Elizabeth Brown and George Barganier

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.



Ten years that Shook the City: San Francisco 1968-1978
J.M. Ferreira

Recommended Read from the book: "With the Soul of a Human Rainbow": Los Siete, Black Panthers, and Third Worldism in San Francisco, (pp. 30-47).



The Rooster's Egg (1995)
Patricia Williams

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.



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.

News Media Artist/Author(s)

The answer to police violence is not 'reform'. It's defunding. Here's why
Alex Vitale

Vitale argues for a better response from police departments that goes beyond bias training, body cameras, & community dialogues.

Breaking rank: A top cop's expose
C-SPAN and Norm Stamper
Stamper discusses his book "Breaking Rank" and the dark side of American policing.

Broken Windows Policing and Institutionalised Racism: An extract from 'Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to #BlackLivesMatter'
Christina Heatherton J. Camp
This article discusses the book "Policing the Planet" in which the excerpt explores the broken windows theory and the impact it has had on communities of color.

Call It What It Is: Anti-Blackness
kihana miraya ross
Here, Dr. Ross discusses the difference between the terms racism and anti-blackness and encourages readers to familiarize themselves with this terminology.

Cops and No Counselors: How the Lack of School Mental Health Staff is Harming Students
ACLU Editors
The role of police in schools has been controversial. This article argues against police in schools and suggests 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.

For Police Officers, Demonstrations Take a Toll and Test Duty
Manny Fernandez
In this article, Manny Fernandez takes a look at the impact the recent social unrest has had on the lives of police officers.

The George Floyd Protests Won't Stop Until Police Brutality Does
The NYT Editorial Board
This article examines the use of force and the militarization of America's police departments and offers some reform ideas.

How Police Unions Became Such Powerful Opponents to Reform Efforts
Noam Scheiber
This riveting article discusses the lobby efforts by police unions within local and congressional governments to block any kind of real reforms.

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 dicusses 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 TEDxvideo features Baltimore Lt. Colonel, Melvin Rusell 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 Guliani, 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 offers accountable and the resistance from police unions and juries.

Why Is Police Brutality Still Happening?

Spencer Bokak-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 KabaHere

Mariame Kaba, the director of Project NIA) makes a case for abolishing police departments.

Podcast

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 organisers 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)