UMKC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Reading List

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(* = new to the list)

**Ability, Disability, and Ableism**

*Beauty is a Verb*, edited by Jennifer Bartlett, Sheila Black, and Michael Northen (2011)

*El Deafo*, by Cece Bell, illustrated by David Lasky (2014)

*Everything Here is Beautiful*, by Mira T. Lee (2018)

*Depresso: Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Embrace Being Bonkers*, by Brick (2010)


*Exile and Pride*, by Eli Claire (2015)

*Marbles*, by Ellen Forney (2012)

*Recovering Bodies*, by G. Thomas Couser (1997)


**Age, Aging, and Ageism**

*Agewise*, by Margaret Morganroth Gullette (2011)

*Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande (2014)


*Learning to be Old*, by Margaret Cruiikshank (2008)


*The Next America* by Paul Taylor and Pew Research Center Staff (2014)

*This Chair Rocks*, by Ashton Applewhite (2016)

*Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis (1994)

*Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher (2019)

*You Don’t Look Your Age...* by Sheila Nevins (2017)

**Country of Origin, Immigration, and Nativism**

*The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears*, by Dinaw Mengestu (2008)

*Citizen Illegal* by José Olivarez (2018)

*Cosmopolitanism* by Anthony Appiah (2006)
The Distance Between Us, by Reyna Grande (2012)

Dreamers: An Immigrant Generation’s Fight for the American Dream, by Eileen Truax (2015)

From the Land of Ghandi, documentary film by Prakash Wadhwa (2016)

Girl in Translation, by Jean Kwok (2011)

*If They Come for Us by Fatimah Asghar (2018)

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, by Anne Fadiman (1997)

*Unaccompanied by Javier Zamora (2017)

*The Undressing by Li-Young Lee (2018)

Faith, Religious Identity, Secular Worldview and Sectarianism

America and the Challenges of Religious Diversity, by Robert Wuthnow (2011)


*Infidel by Aaron Campbell (Artist), Jose Villarrubia (Artist), and Pornsak Pichetshote (2018)

Letters to a Young Muslim, by Omar Saif Ghobash (2017)

*The New Religious Intolerance by Martha C. Nussbaum

The Price of Freedom Denied, by Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke (2010)

The Prophet and the Messiah, by Chawkat Moucarr (2002)


Race, Ethnicity and Racism


Americanah, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2013)

*An American Marriage by Tayari Jones (2018)

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

*Citizen by Claudia Rankine (2014)

Come Hell or High Water, by Michael Eric Dyson (2007)

*Don’t Call Us Dead by Danez Smith (2017)

Enrique’s Journey, by Sonia Nazario (2013)

The Half Has Never Been Told, by Edward E. Baptist (2014)
*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (2017)

*I Can’t Talk about the Trees Without the Blood* by Tiana Clark (2018)

*Intellectuals and Race*, by Thomas Sowell (2013)

*Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson (2014)

*A Lucky Man* by Jamel Brinkley (2018)

*Men We Reaped*, by Jesmyn Ward (2013)


*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo (2018)


*Screaming Times* by Natasha Ria El-Scari (2015)

*Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward (2018)

*Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi (2016)

*They Can’t Kill Us until They Kill Us* by Hanif Abdurraqib (2017)

*Waking up White, and finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving (2014)

*Wangs vs. the World* by Jade Change (2016)

*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* By Beverly Daniel Tatum (2003)

**LGBTQIA and Heterosexism**

*An Archive of Hope*, by Harvey Milk (2013)

*Dangerous Liaisons*, edited by Eric Brandt (1999)


*A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara (2015)

*Movement in Black* by Pat Parker; introduction by Cheryl Clarke (1999)

*Not Straight, Not White*, by Kevin J. Mumford (2016)

*Queer: A Graphic History*, by Meg-John Barker (2016)

*Tinderbox* by Robert Fieseler (2018)

*Under This Beautiful Dome*, by Terry Mutchler (2014)

*Violence Against Queer People*, by Doug Meyer (2015)

**Sex, Gender, Gender Identity and Gender Discrimination**
*Back Talk by Danielle Lazarin (2018)

Bad Feminist, by Roxanne Gay (2014)

Excluded, by Julia Serano (2013)

Feminism is for Everybody, by bell hooks (2000)

Full Frontal Feminism, by Jessica Valenti (2014)

Gender Outlaw, by Kate Bornstein (1994)

*Her Body and Other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado (2017)

Living a Feminist Life, by Sara Ahmed (2017)

Men Explain Things to Me, by Rebecca Solnit (2014)

Missoula, by Jon Krakauer (2016)

Muxes, a short documentary film by Ivan Olita

*Rage Becomes Her by Soraya Chemaly (2018)

Redefining Realness, by Janet Mock (2014)

The Riddle of Gender, by Deborah Rudacille (2005)

*Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde (1984)

The Sisters are Alright, by Tamara Winfrey Harris (2015)


Stuck in the Middle with You, by Jennifer Finney Boylan (2014)


Transparent, by Cris Beam (2007)

We Should All Be Feminists, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2015)

Whipping Girl, by Julia Serano (2007)

**Socioeconomic Status and Classism**


Evicted, by Matthew Desmond (2016)

*Heartland by Sarah Smarsh (2018)

Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance (2016)

*Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor* by Rob Nixon (2011)

*Toxic Inequality,* by Thomas M. Shapiro (2017)

*The Unwinding,* by George Packer (2013)

*White Trash,* by Nancy Isenberg (2016)

**UMKC Social Justice Lecture Series Books**

*2018 – Never Caught,* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar (2017)

2017 – *They Can’t Kill Us All,* by Wesley Lowery (2016)

2016 – *The Distance Between Us,* by Reyna Grande (2012)


2009 – *Come Hell or High Water,* by Michael Eric Dyson (2007)
