

Racial Justice Resources – September 2021

The Racial Justice Team has been charged with providing concrete examples and practices to show the way for the broader Judson community to “make the beloved community a reality.” Our intent is to provide a range of educational, reflective, and action-oriented practices available quarterly. Past suggestions can be found on the Judson Website under the ACT tab. **If you have a resource you’d like to share, please email Carley Watts and we will add them to our resource “library”**carleybwatts@gmail.com.

Critical Race Theory: Curators notes: We’ve been hearing the term Critical Race Theory in the news a lot lately. We felt it was important to offer some resources to better understand the history and meaning behind the term.

Articles:

Critical Race Theory: A Brief History, by Jacey Fortin of The New Times. This article provides an overview of Critical Race Theory, where it originated, and how it is used in academia.
<https://www.nytimes.com/article/what-is-critical-race-theory.html>

The Man Behind Critical Race Theory, by Jelani Cobb of The New Yorker. This audio article introduces you to civil rights attorney, Derrick Bell. Bell introduced the idea now known as Critical Race Theory.

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/09/20/the-man-behind-critical-race-theory?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=the-new-yorker

TED Talk: The Urgency of Intersectionality Speaker, Kimberlé Crenshaw is a professor of law at UCLA and Columbia Law School, and a leading authority in the area of civil rights, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. Her work has been foundational in two fields of study that have come to be known as critical race theory and intersectionality.

https://www.ted.com/talks/kimberle_crenshaw_the_urgency_of_intersectionality?referrer=playlist-talks_to_help_you_understand_s%20

Resources on other Topics

Documentary

High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America. Netflix series. Black food is American food. Chef and writer Stephen Satterfield explores and celebrates black contributions to global food and culture taking the viewer from Africa and the markets of Benin to the outer shores of the Carolinas to the culture of Black cowboys in Texas.

Books

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America. by Richard Rothstein. Recommended by Brad Joern of Judson’s Racial Justice team. Rothstein spent years documenting the evidence that government not merely ignored discriminatory practices in the residential sphere but *promoted* them.

Young Adults

The Beautiful Struggle, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. A coming of age story adapted for young adults from his memoir of the same name.

Action Step

Remember to **VOTE** on November 2nd.