

Social Justice Fridays Syllabus

Banneker Institute – Summer 2018

Week 1

RACISM & WHITENESS

- *Race: The Power of an Illusion*, Parts 2 and 3
- “On Being White” (James Baldwin)

Week 2

CAPITALISM & INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM

- *Capitalism & Slavery*, Chapter 1 (Eric Williams)
- “From the Achievement Gap to the Educational Debt: Understanding Achievement in US Schools” (Gloria Ladson-Billings)

Week 3

INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM

Student-led discussion; Revolutionary Women presentations.

- *The New Jim Crow* (Michelle Alexander)
Introduction & Chapter 1 (Chapter 2 is optional)

Week 4

SEXISM & FEMINISM

Student-led discussion; Revolutionary Women presentations.

- “Feminism: A Movement to End Sexist Oppression” (bell hooks)
- *Ain't I Woman: Black Women and Feminism*, Chapter 1 (bell hooks)
- “In Pursuit of Latina Liberation” (Elizabeth Martínez)

Week 5

SEXISM & FEMINISM

Student-led discussion; Revolutionary Women presentations.

- “Why Immigration is a Feminist Issue” (Patricia Valoy)
- “Reflections on the Black Woman’s Role in the Community of Slaves” (Angela Davis)

Week 6

IMMIGRATION

Student-led discussion; Revolutionary Women presentations.

- *Undocumented*, Introduction (Aviva Chomsky)

Week 7

COLONIALISM & GLOBALIZATION

Student-led discussion; Revolutionary Women presentations.

- *Open Veins of Latin America*, (Eduardo Galeano)
Introduction & Chapter 1 (pp. 11-15)
- "Colonialism bears bitter fruit in Puerto Rico" (W. T. Whitney, Jr.)
- "Puerto Rico: Disaster Colonialism Strikes Again" (Judith Mirkinson)

Week 8

GLOBALIZATION

Group activity.

- *Eyes of the Heart*, entire book (Jean-Bertrand Aristide)