Antiracism resources for teaching in anthropology

Antiracism calls on everyone to challenge their values and behaviors and commit to working towards the elimination of the systemic racism that exists in our society. Below, we have compiled some antiracist teaching resources, especially for anthropology faculty, graduate and undergraduate students.

In addition, here is a previous compilation of anti-racism resources, which contains a number of helpful film and media suggestions that could be used in teaching: bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES

Theresa Tarves and Becky Mattson at Penn State Law also put together an excellent set of resources for activating antiracism, reparation of Black culture & history, and examining whiteness & privilege: http://pennstatelaw.libguides.com/understandingracism

1. Articles, books, tools, and websites

Understanding race, how it is constructed, and how it is employed

Smithsonian’s New Tool to help educators learn how to talk about race  
https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/audiences/educator

Project Implicit by Harvard to test yourself for unconscious bias  
https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html

AAA website, Understanding Race https://www.understandingrace.org/

The human spectrum: where do you draw the line?  
https://www.understandingrace.org/TheHumanSpectrum


https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/american-nightmare/612457/

Bouie, J. (2020) We need to overturn white supremacy. New York Times Op-ed illustrating intersectional nature of the subjugation of Black lives and the brutality of colonialism (“it’s not irrelevant that the only group more exposed to police violence than Black Americans is Native Americans”)  
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/12/opinion/floyd-protests-white-supremacy.html?referringSource=articleShare

Ajilore, O. (2017) Native Americans deserve more attention in the police violence conversation. Urban Wire  
https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/native-americans-deserve-more-attention-police-violence-conversation?referringSource=articleShare


Race, Language, Discrimination


Race and the University

Ogbunu, C.B. (2020) For scientific institutions, racial reconciliation requires reparations: Antiracism in science must be about much more than challenging the bigoted graybeards of our past. Scientific


High Country News article on “Land Grab Universities” and the dispossession of Native land for land grant schools (includes Penn State) https://www.hcn.org/issues/52.4/indigenous-affairs-education-land-grab-universities

The University of Michigan as a case study of the failures of DEI:


2014 Twitter campaign #BBUM (Being Black at the University of Michigan) https://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/02/25/on-twitter-being-black-at-the-university-of-michigan/

2. Podcasts and videos

On Being podcast, Race & Healing archive: https://onbeing.org/libraries/race-healing/

NPR podcast on race, Code Switch: https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch


Radiolab featuring Brandon Ogbunu (Asst Prof of Ecology & Evolution at Brown) on scientific racism https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/radiolab/articles/liberation-rna


Quote for the ages: “I think there's always sort of like Indian humor with everything and so there were a lot of people making jokes about Trump putting a travel ban in place to stop the spread of disease from Europe. A lot of native people on Twitter and Facebook were commenting that it was, you know, a few centuries too late.” - Rebecca Nagle

Our own Nina Jablonski TEDTalks: Skin color is an illusion. [https://www.ted.com/talks/nina_jablonski_skin_color_is_an_illusion](https://www.ted.com/talks/nina_jablonski_skin_color_is_an_illusion)


Rough Translation: Brazil in black and white [https://one.npr.org/?sharedMediaId=542840797:543264640](https://one.npr.org/?sharedMediaId=542840797:543264640)

Excerpts from the film: Race: the power of an illusion [https://www.pbs.org/race/000_General/000_00-Home.htm](https://www.pbs.org/race/000_General/000_00-Home.htm)

The films are available on Kanopy, Episode 3 “The House We Live In” is especially effective for teaching about the social and economic construction of white supremacy in the United States. Explained (Netflix) “The Racial Wealth Gap” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mqrhn8khGLM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mqrhn8khGLM)

Film: White privilege in America [https://pennstate.kanopy.com/video/white-me-0](https://pennstate.kanopy.com/video/white-me-0)
Throughline podcast: American police [https://www.npr.org/2020/06/03/869046127/american-police](https://www.npr.org/2020/06/03/869046127/american-police)


