

Attendees of the September 19, 2015 St. Louis-Area Disciples Summit on Racial Justice:

I've not necessarily ordered them in any way, but here are some things I've been reading and viewing lately as I think about racism and white privilege. The list, of course, is partial. There are thousands of resources – films, websites, seminar papers, books, chapters, articles, comic strips, podcasts, and conversations – that can help and challenge us as we work for greater justice and understanding.

It's astounding that we are covering much of the same ground over and over again. There are strong systemic reasons that transformation is slow and painful. Many of the resources below have been helpful and challenging to me. Some are older. Some are newer. Some are more academic, some more narrative and personal/confessional in style. Some of these resources look at specific sectors and experiences. All of them, it seems to me, tell pieces of the same story – systemic white supremacy in the United States. This is a story that's hard to hear and difficult to comprehend because it's pervasive, and people of all races have internalized many of its manifestations.

As I was reading the item I've placed first on the list below (Ferguson Commission Report 2015), I was struck by how much it reminded me of the second item on this list (U.S. Riot Commission Report 1967/68). Perhaps I need not have been surprised. The Introduction to the report from the 1960s concludes thusly:

One of the first witnesses to be invited to appear before this Commission was Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, a distinguished and perceptive scholar. Referring to the reports of earlier riot commissions, he said:

I read that report...of the 1919 riot in Chicago, and it is as if I were reading the report of the investigating committee on the Harlem riot of '35, the report of the investigating committee on the Harlem riot of '43, the report of the McCone Commission of the Watts riot.

I must again in candor say to you members of this Commission – it is a kind of Alice in Wonderland – with the same moving picture re-shown over and over again, the same analysis, the same recommendations, and the same inaction.

These words come to our minds as we conclude this report. We have provided an honest beginning. We have learned much. But we have uncovered no startling truths, no unique insights, no simple solutions. The destruction and the bitterness of racial disorder, the harsh polemics of black revolt and white repression have been seen and heard before in this country.

It is time now to end the destruction and the violence, not only in the streets of the ghetto but in the lives of people. (p. 29)

I would add the biblical prophets to the list below...

Peace,
Jeff Moore

http://forwardthroughferguson.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/092115_FergusonCommissionReport.pdf

Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, 1968

Allen, Theodore, *The Invention of the White Race* (2 vols)

Jensen, Robert, *The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism, and White Privilege*

<http://www.bettertogetherstl.com>

<http://forthesakeofall.org>

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/programs/we-live-here#stream/0>

Better Together St. Louis Report on Municipal Courts

<http://www.bettertogetherstl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/BT-Municipal-Courts-Report-Full-Report1.pdf>

Missouri Municipalities Racial Profiling Reports for Traffic Stops

<https://www.ago.mo.gov/home/vehicle-stops-report/2014-executive-summary> (all reports for various years are available as PDFs from this page)

U. S. Department of Justice Report on Ferguson Police Department

http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press-releases/attachments/2015/03/04/ferguson_police_department_report.pdf

U.S. Department of Justice Investigation of the St. Louis County Family Court

http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2015/07/31/stlouis_findings_7-31-15.pdf

WorldTrust: Social Impact through Film and Dialogue

www.world-trust.org

Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity

http://world-trust.org/shop/films/cracking-codes-system-racial-inequity/?gclid=CjwKEAju-IOWBRD1wrTC27fSjFISJABUDZ17DstAGOT2H64rSo7IHchVpTJCD0_G3lnGu2gXU-uphBoCyB_w_wcB

Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible

<http://world-trust.org/shop/films/mirrors-privilege-making-whiteness-visible>

Rothstein, Richard “The Making of Ferguson”

<http://www.epi.org/publication/making-ferguson/>

Economic Policy Institute Presentation on “The Making of Ferguson”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Jy6hUBj6is>

Alexander, Michelle, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

Baldwin, James, *Collected Essays*

DuBois, W.E.B., *The Souls of Black Folk*

King, Martin Luther, *Why We Can't Wait*

King, Martin Luther, *Strength to Love*

Domanick, Joe, *Blue: The LAPD and the Battle to Redeem American Policing*

Bolgatz, Jane, *Talking Race in the Classroom*

Baptist, Edward, *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism*

Tatum, Beverly Daniel, *"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" And Other Conversations About Race*

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo, *Racism without Racists: Color-blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America*

Gordon, Colin, *Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City*

(I believe I may have inadvertently attributed this to E. Terrence Jones when I spoke. Jones' work [below], contains some similar information.)

Baybeck, Brady & Jones, E. Terrence, *St. Louis Metamorphosis: Past Trends and Future Directions*

Jones, E. Terrence, *Fragmented By Design: Why St. Louis Has So Many Governments*

Epp, Charles, et al., *Pulled Over: How Police Stops Define Race and Citizenship*

Howard, Gary, *We Can't Teach What We Don't Know: White Teachers, Multiracial Schools*

Kendall, Frances, *Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to Authentic Relationships Across Race*

Tochluk, Shelly, *Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It*

Online study resources for *Witnessing Whiteness*:

<http://witnessingwhiteness.com/>

Lewis, Amanda E., and John B. Diamond, *Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives In Good Schools*

Thompson, Becky, *A Promise and a Way of Life: White Antiracist Activism*

Rice, James, *Tales from a Revolution: Bacon's Rebellion and the Transformation of Early America*

Frankenberg, Ruth, *The Social Construction of Whiteness: White Women, Race Matters*

Katznelson, Ira, *When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America*

Zinn, Howard, *A People's History of the United States*

Balko, Radley, *Rise of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America's Police Forces*

Rank, Mark Robert, *One Nation, Underprivileged: Why American Poverty Affects Us All*

Bell, Derrick, *Silent Covenants: Brown V. Board of Education and the Unfulfilled Hopes for Racial Reform*

Griffin, John Howard, *Black Like Me*

Gunning Francis, Leah, *Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership & Awakening Community*

Arao, Brian, and Kristi Clemens, "From Safe Spaces to Brave Spaces: A New Way to Frame Dialogue Around Diversity and Social Justice"

https://sty.presswarehouse.com/sites/stylus/resrcs/chapters/1579229743_otherchap.pdf

Film: *I'm Not Racist...Am I?*

Information at:

<http://www.notracistmovie.com/>

<http://nextstl.com/2013/01/lies-damn-lies-racial-integration-and-segregation-in-st-louis-and-statistics/>

Jamestown Laws (see especially 1705)

<http://www.virtualjamestown.org/laws1.html>