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RESOURCES FOR ANTI-RACIST LIVING



NOT TO BE MISSED!

AUGUST WILSON'S SEVEN GUITARS

directed by Tazewell Thompson

[The Arena Stage](#)

Playing November 26 – December 26, 2021

“Rich with exceptionally vivid characters”

— Variety

“Stirring performances”

— Time Out Chicago

The lives of seven friends are irrevocably changed when their old friend and blues singer Floyd Barton reappears with a chance of a lifetime. Infused with deep and soaring blues rhythms, this “rich and exceptionally vivid” (Variety) play pits the determination for a better future against life's harsh realities, ultimately leading to heartbreaking and inescapable circumstances. Director Tazewell Thompson returns to Arena Stage to direct August Wilson's Seven Guitars — the fifth play in Wilson's American Century Cycle.

BUY TICKETS [HERE](#)



Trans Am

by Lisa Stephen Friday

featuring the music of Lisa Jackson & Girl Friday

[The Keegan Theatre](#)

Playing Jan 29 – Feb 26, 2022

Artist Talkback February 13, 2022 | Following the performance

Free and open to all patrons

TRANS AM explores the most complex and personal parts of the human experience, through the lens of Lisa Stephen Friday. With stories and songs, Lisa shares her own trans journey as a means of understanding our common human desire for self-actualization and respect while calling out the absurdity of a world obsessed with other-ness. An irreverent new one-woman autobiography, TRANS AM features the music of cult-favorite NYC glam rock band Lisa Jackson & Girl Friday.

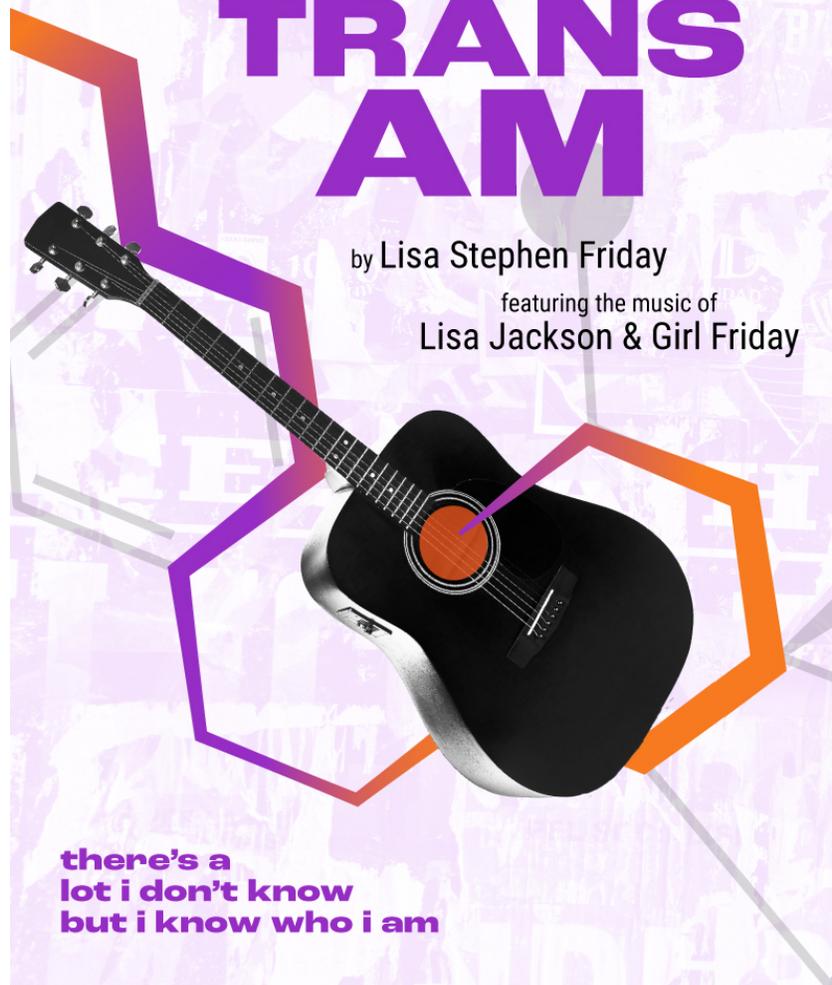
Audience Talkback with CHALLENGING RACISM:

The Intersection of Race & Gender

February 20, 2022 | Following the performance

Free and open to all patrons

The Challenging Racism team joins us at Keegan to lead this audience event, offering enrichment and engagement through tailored educational materials and professionally facilitated discussions in conjunction with Lisa Stephen Friday's TRANS AM.



CHALLENGING RACISM RECOMMENDS

Antibigotry Convening

Boston University Center for Antiracist Research

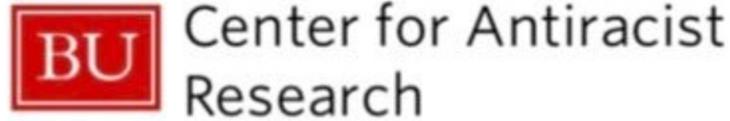
Virtual Symposium, May 2022

The BU Center for Antiracist Research is facilitating an Antibigotry Convening that aims to define bigotry in structural terms, examine the ways that structural bigotry harms diverse communities, generate an antibigotry policy report, and motivate an antibigotry movement. The project will involve a series of virtual workshops in the Fall of 2021, and will culminate in a virtual symposium in May of 2022. The Antibigotry Convening is funded by the Ford Foundation.

The vision for the Antibigotry Convening Project is to work to end all forms of bigotry in the United States. We firmly believe in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s declaration that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." Accordingly, we cannot achieve the Center's mission to expose and upend racism, without also working to expose and upend all forms of bigotry.

We view bigotry as the outward manifestation of structures and policies that collectively serve to benefit insiders and entrench their power. Insiders are groups which have been traditionally privileged based on factors including: race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, ability, physicality, linguistic usage, immigration, class, age, and other characteristics. We believe the entrenchment and perpetuation of power in insiders helps fuel individual acts of bigotry. By focusing on root causes instead of individual behavior (i.e., “bad apples”), intolerance, and ignorance, we can identify interventions that will mitigate and begin to eliminate multiform bigotry.

For more information click [here](#).



Virginia Statewide Summit on Racial Equity

Tuesday, December 7

9:00 - 10:30 am

This was an opportunity to celebrate and elevate racial equity work across the Commonwealth of Virginia. You can check out here the [Agenda](#) for the event.

If you weren't able to join live for the event, the [Leadership Center for Excellence \(LCE\)](#) hopes that you will watch the [recording](#) and be inspired to do even more on our collective journey to racial equity.

Please also visit the [Racial Equity Resources page](#) to view speaker slides and resources discussed by the speakers. The LCE will continue to update this page with racial equity resources.

[WATCH THE EVENT RECORDING](#)



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END-OF-YEAR GIVING 2021

Challenging Racism appreciates the support of its friends and donors, you are the ones that make possible for our organization to keep pursuing its mission of empowering and inspiring people to disrupt racism one compassionate

conversation at a time.

Please consider donating now and all through the end of 2021. Your support will impact our society in a lasting way. Thanks for your continued support!

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FROM OUR FACEBOOK FEED

Born that way? "Scientific" Racism is creeping back into our thinking. Here is what to watch out for

Do you know what scientific racism is and how it affects people's everyday lives? Well, now would be a good time to learn, check out this article from the [Washington Post](#) and learn how medical racism is still alive and well in the United States.



Truthsgiving: The True History of Thanksgiving

Seeing as Thanksgiving just recently passed, we thought it best to remind our supporters about the history of the holiday. Thanksgiving, for many, is not a day to celebrate and feast but a day of mourning for those who were lost on a colonizing power's path to genocide. So instead of celebrating in the face of the great violence and cruelty that took place on the original date, let's try and understand today as a day of remembrance.

Check out this article, [Truthsgiving: The True History of Thanksgiving](#), and learn how to make it through this holiday in the future in a respectful and helpful manner.



The Atlantic's Progress Report: The State of the Latino Community

The Latino community has had to fight misrepresentation and barriers to educational and economic opportunities for centuries. The coronavirus pandemic has heightened existing challenges and inequities. Join [The Atlantic](#) who brought together economists, scholars, policy makers, and activists for a virtual live event this past December 2. You can watch the video of the full event [here](#).



The Case for Reparations: Reckoning with America's history of racial plunder

Looking for somewhere to start? Trying to help other people understand the history of racism and how it can apply to our lives now? Well, [Ta-Nehisi Coates](#) has his very own series of articles in the Atlantic entitled The Case for Reparations that can function fairly well as a place to start. The series touches on the origins of race, redlining and its repercussions, and fair housing.

Check it out [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth

Book Discussion

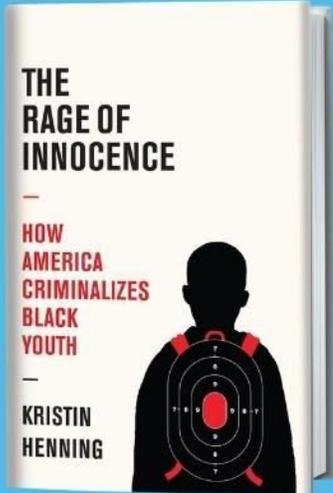
Free virtual event. All are welcome.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Join [NAACP Arlington Branch](#) on January 26th for a moderated discussion with [Professor Kristin Henning](#), author of *The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth*.

Read more about the book and the author [here](#).

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE



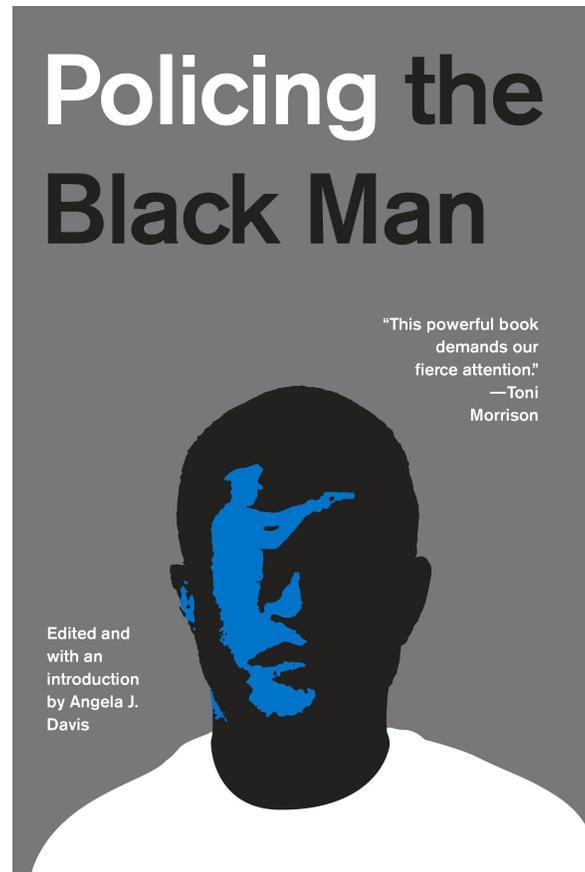
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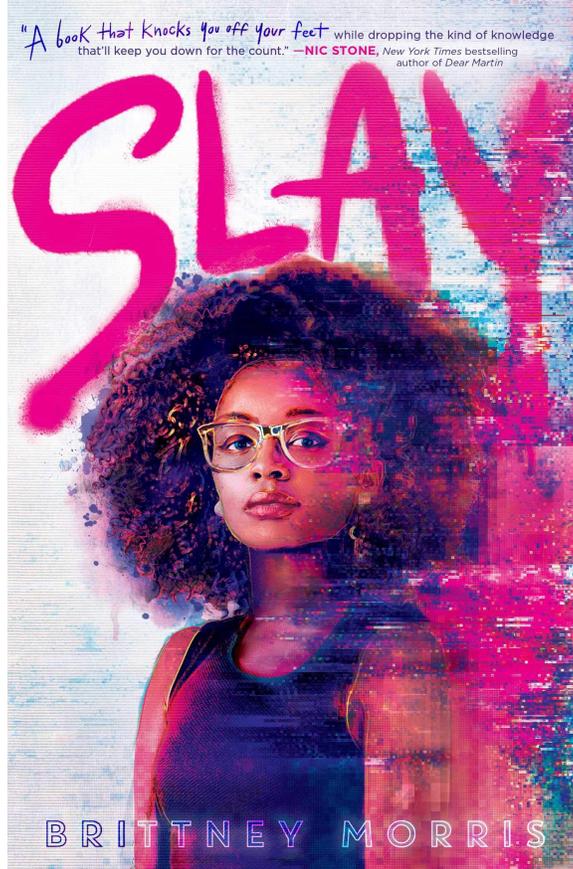
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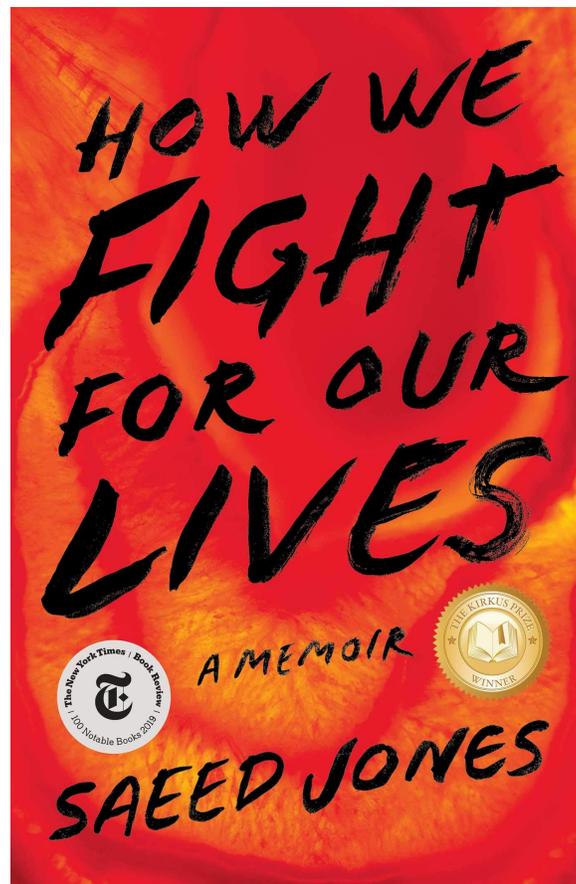
RECOMMENDED BOOKS FROM OUR INSTAGRAM FEED



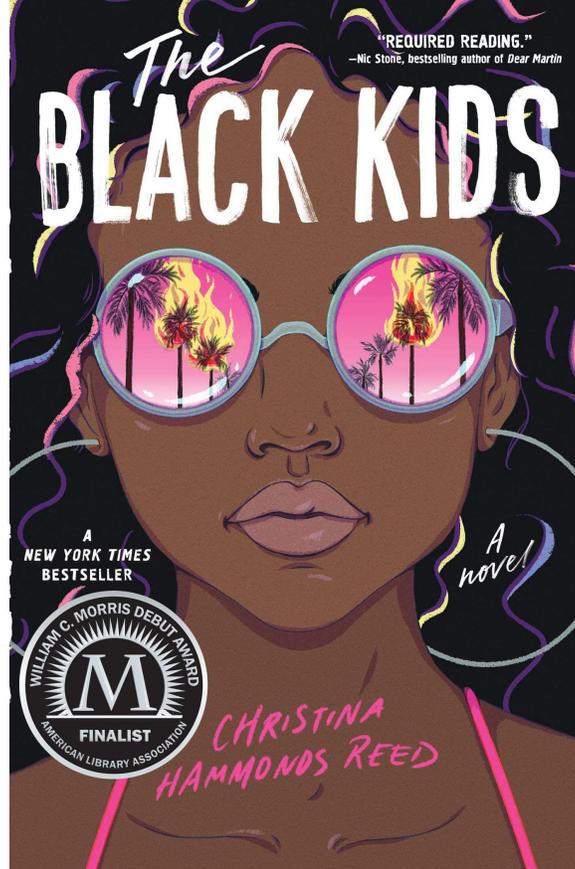
Policing the Black Man: Arrest, Prosecution, and Imprisonment edited by [Angela Davis](#)



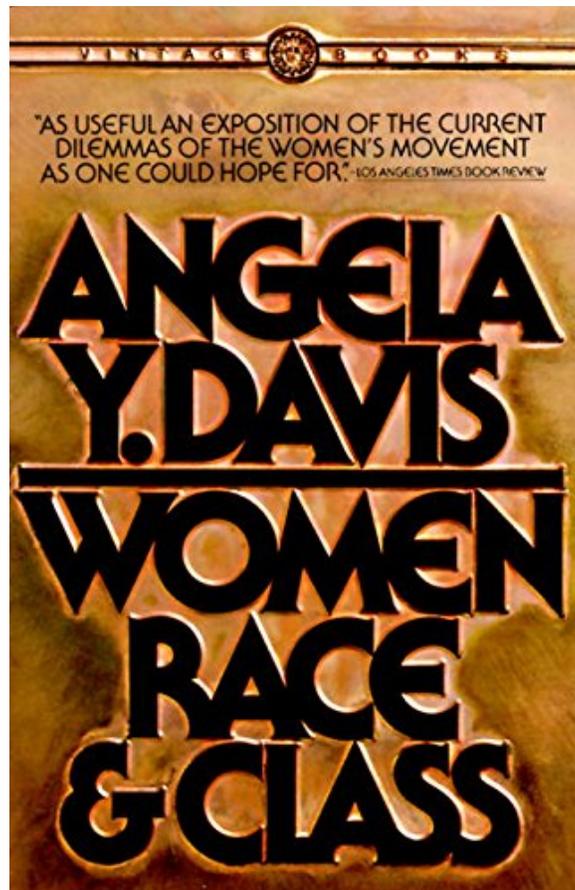
SLAY by [Brittney Morris](#)



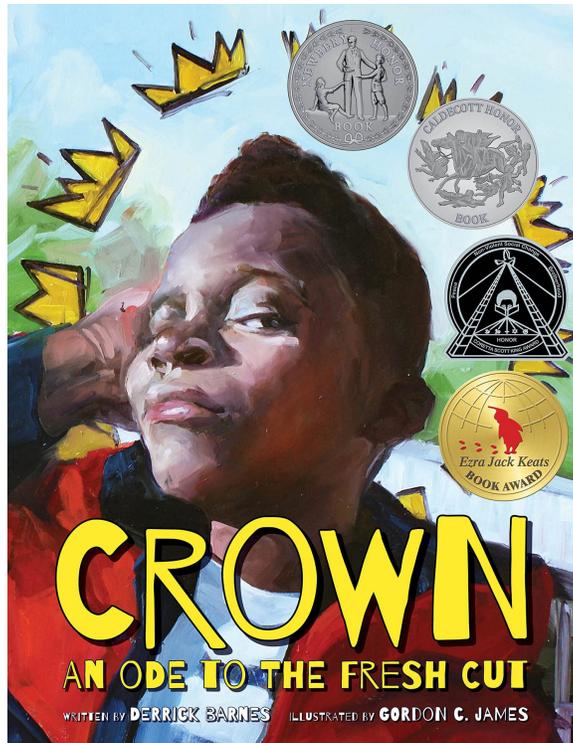
How We Fight For Our Lives: A Memoir by [Saeed Jones](#)



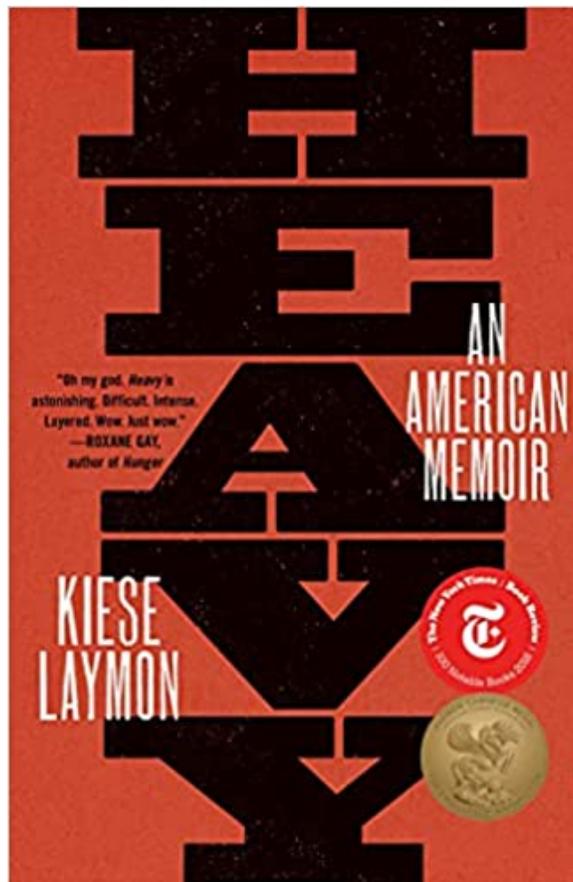
The Black Kids by [Christina Hammonds Reeds](#)



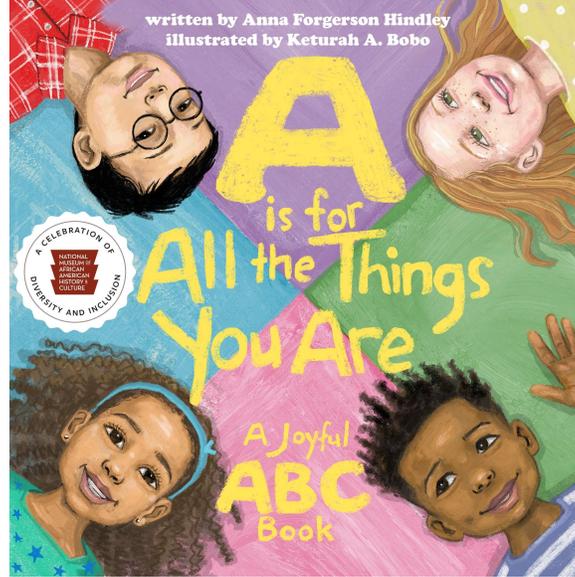
Women, Race and Class by [Angela Davis](#)



Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by [Derrick Barnes](#) and [Gordon C. James](#)



Heavy: An American Memoir by [Kiese Laymon](#)



A Is for All the Things You Are: A Joyful ABC Book, by [Anna Forgerson Hindley](#) in collaboration with the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

FILMS TO WATCH THIS MONTH



Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World (2017) directed by [Catherine Bainbridge](#) and co-directed by [Alfonso Maiorana](#)



Time: The Kalief Browder Story (2016) directed by [Adam Shingwak Khalil](#) and [Bayley Sweitzer](#)



SGaawaay K'uuna - Edge of the Knife (2019) directed by [Gwaai Edenshaw](#) and [Helen Haig-Brown](#)



The Murder of Fred Hampton (1971) directed by [Howard Alk](#) and [Mike Gray](#).

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CR

Are you interested in donating your time, expertise, or knowledge to Challenging Racism? One of the benefits of becoming a volunteer is you will be able to join us for several internal events, trainings and programs we host throughout the year. These opportunities are only open to staff, board members, facilitators, and **volunteers**.

We are looking for committee members for our Virtual 5K Race in May 2022, for each of our [committees](#), and for short- and long-term project support. Volunteer with Challenging Racism today!

Please complete the form below and feel free to contact us at volunteer@challengingracism.org

[Volunteer Form](#)



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