

SACRED GROUND

Dialogue on Race and Faith

SYLLABUS

Core Books

- “Jesus and the Disinherited,” Howard Thurman
- Either “White Awake,” Daniel Hill **OR** “Waking Up White,” Debby Irving

Session 1: Stepping onto Sacred Ground

- Film: “Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North,” Katrina Browne
- Essay: “Black History Is Everyone’s History,” Leonard Pitts, Jr.
- Video: “The [Danger of the Single Story](#),” Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Excerpt from book: “America’s Original Sin,” Jim Wallis (pp. 103-109)
- Document: “Becoming Beloved Community Where You Are,” The Episcopal Church (pp. 1-2)

Session 2: The Roots of Whiteness, and Deeper Roots

- Video: “[The Myth of Race Debunked in 3 Minutes](#),” VOX
- Essay: “[Roots Deeper Than Whiteness](#),” David Dean
- Excerpt from book: “White Fragility,” Robin DiAngelo
- Excerpt from book: “The Crisis of Christian Nationalism, Report from the House of Bishops Theology Committee” (pp. 15-20)

Session 3: Whose Land? Exploring Indigenous History

- Video: “[Haudenosaunee’s Legendary Founding](#),” PBS NewsHour
- Film: “We Shall Remain” episode 1 from “After the Mayflower”
- Video: “[The Episcopal Church Exposes the Doctrine of Discovery](#),” Indigenous Ministries (14 min.)
- Audio story and article: “[The Map of Native American Tribes You’ve Never Seen Before](#),” Hansi Lo Wang, NPR and interactive map: “[Native-Land.ca | Our home on native land](#)”
- Essay: “[Seeing Jesus Through an Indigenous Lens](#),” Bradley Hauff

Session 4: Transatlantic Slave Trade and Slavery

- Video: “[Why we’re overdue to know the brilliance of Africa’s civilizations](#),” PBS NewsHour
- Film: “The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.,” episode 1
- Video: “[Truth and Reconciliation Pilgrimage to Ghana](#),” The Episcopal Church (23 min.)
- Video: “[Slavery and the North: What you didn’t learn in history class](#),” Christopher Lehman
- Essay: “[The White Man’s Guilt](#),” James Baldwin, Ebony

Session 5: Whose Land? Exploring Latino History

- Film: “American Historia episode 2 from “The Untold History of Latinos”
- Essay: “[Who Is Hispanic?](#)” Mark Hugo Lopez, Jens Manuel Krogstad, and Jeffrey S. Passel
- Video: “[Latin America Tried to Eliminate Black People—And Failed](#),” Al Jazeera

- Essay: “[Moving Beyond the Black-White Binary | Creative Time Reports](#),” Roberto Lovato

Session 6: Americans, Not Foreigners: Exploring Asian/Pacific American History

- Video: “[What Kind of Asian Are You?](#)” Ken Tanaka
- Article: “[Death by a Thousand Cuts](#),” Dr. Warren Ng
- Video: “[The Overlooked History of Asian Americans](#),” PBS NewsHour
- Excerpt from book: “Asian American Histories of the United States,” Catherine Ceniza Choy
- Documents: [Asian Americans](#) and [Pacific Islanders](#), USA Facts
- Excerpt from book: “Healing Our Broken Humanity,” Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Graham Hill

Session 7: Selective Access to the Melting Pot and the American Dream

- Film: “Slavery by Another Name,” PBS
- Film: “Race: The Power of an Illusion” episode 3 from “The House We Live In”
- Article: “[An interview with Noel Ignatiev](#)” about his book, “How the Irish Became White”
- Article: “[Sundown Towns](#),” James Loewen, Poverty & Race
- Document: “[Overview of Immigration to the United States](#),” Economic Policy Institute

Session 8: Who Is My Neighbor? Refusing the Narrative of the “Other”

- Article: “[Inventing Black and White: Bacon’s Rebellion](#),” Facing History and Ourselves
- Video: “[Racism Has a Cost for Everyone](#),” Heather C. McGhee
- Video: “[How Curiosity Will Save Us](#),” Mónica Guzmán
- Essay: “What So Many People Don’t Get About the U.S. Working Class,” Joan Williams
- Book chapter: “The Crisis of Christian Nationalism,” Report from the House of Bishops Theology Committee (pp. 52-62)

Session 9: Legacies: Racism’s Long Life

- Film: “Healing Justice,” Shakti Butler
- Video: “[Native Voices: Speaking to the Church and the World](#),” Office of Indigenous Ministries, The Episcopal Church
- Article: “[Indigenous boarding school research groups merge as Truth, Justice and Healing Commission](#),” David Paulsen, Episcopal News Service
- Excerpt from book: “Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome,” Joy DeGruy (pp. 8-10)
- Article: “[Ghosts of the Masters](#),” David Pettie and Susan Hutchison

Session 10: Grief, Reckoning, and Repentance

- Podcast: “[Notice the Rage; Notice the Silence](#),” Resmaa Menakem
- Film: “Dawnland,” Upstander Project
- Essay: “[The Place of Grief in the Spiritual Life](#),” Tricia de Beer
- Selections from book: “America’s Original Sin,” Jim Wallis

Session 11: Walk On: The Journey After Sacred Ground

- Film: “[The Cost of Inheritance](#)” season 12 ep. 1 (2024) from “[America Reframed](#)” series PBS
- Essay: “Black History Is Everyone’s History,” by Leonard Pitts, Jr.
- Document: “[Becoming Beloved Community Where You Are](#),” The Episcopal Church