

Compiled Resources for Anti-Black Racism and Middle East Librarianship

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Introduction:

This list is a compilation of previously-written resource guides, syllabi, and other resources that we have found useful for learning about anti-black racism and antiracism in our associated fields of Middle East & Islamic Studies and Librarianship. We are not responsible for the creation or development of the attached guides, however, and do not necessarily endorse every resource they include. We hope that others may find the compilation useful as well! It is also intended to be a living document, so suggestions for further additions are welcome!

Anti-racism resources

- [Race and Anti-Racism Resource List, from the Institutional Anti-Racism and Accountability Project \(IARA\) at the Harvard Kennedy School](#)
 - The Institutional Anti-racism and Accountability Project is an initiative of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Shorenstein Center, with the goal to promote anti-racism as a core value and institutional norm through research and policy.
- [Anti-Racism resource list for white allies](#)
 - This massive list contains readings, podcasts, films, youth-led media, journalist/public academic sites, children's books, parenting resources, and suggestions for action/donations. Compiled by Dr. Lauren Silver, Associate Professor of Childhood Studies at Rutgers University.
- [Scaffolded anti-racism resources](#)
 - Organized by stage of the reader's identity development, this resource is clear and easy to use.
- [Tools for evaluating organizational development](#)
 - This resource has excellent rubrics and other tools for assessing an organization's progress toward becoming anti-racist.
- [Justice in June Syllabus](#)
 - Readings, media, and action items organized by the amount of time the user is able to commit each day. Intended for the month of June 2020, but the creators intend to take it beyond that.

Race in Islam, the Middle East & in Middle East Studies

- [Resources on Racism in the Arab Region, Kerning Cultures Network](#)
 - KCN is a woman-owned podcast company featuring podcasts in both Arabic and English. This well-organized guide features books, podcasts, videos, articles, and suggestions for organizations to support with donations.
- [Arabs for Black Power: A Reading List for Non-Black Arab Allies](#)
 - Compiled by the community-focused zine and festival, Dardishi, this short list features articles, all of which are freely accessible online.
- [Bibliography on Race in the Pre-Modern \(Arabo-\)Muslim Middle East](#)
 - Compiled by Dr. Rachel Schine, this useful list focuses on scholarly resources.
- [Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative](#) (MuslimARC)
 - [Race & Racism](#)
 - [Anti-Racism Guide for White Muslims](#)
- [Syllabus for 2020 course "Race and Ethnicity in the Histories of the Middle East and Africa"](#)
 - Taught by Erin Pettigrew & Justin Stearns
- [#BlackIslamSyllabus](#)
 - Curated by Dr. Kayla Renée Wheeler
- [Middle East & North Africa resources](#)
 - From "Teaching Medieval Slavery & Captivity," by Dr. Hannah Barker

Race in the Academy

note: Despite the release of reading lists on racism and antiracism from nearly every university in the United States, as far as we know, there have been no resource guides specifically on racism in the Academy itself-- thus, this section consists of individual resources instead of guides

- Ahmed, Sara. [On Being Included: Racism and Diversity in Institutional Life](#), 2012. Print.
 - Using interviews as well as personal experiences as a diversity advocate, in this book Dr. Ahmed shows how "the institutionalization of diversity" can actually serve to hide racism in academia, but shows how she and others are working to change that.
 - Dr. Ahmed's research blog, Feminist Killjoys: <https://feministkilljoys.com/>
- Steward, Abigail J. and Virginia Valian. [An Inclusive Academy: Achieving Diversity and Excellence](#). 2018. Print.
 - This book delves deep into obstacles to inclusion and active practices of exclusion in the academy.
- Matthew, Patricia A., ed. [Written/Unwritten: Diversity and the Hidden Truths of Tenure](#). 2016. Print.
- Muhs, Gabriella Gutiérrez y, et al. [Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia](#). 2012. Print.
- #BlackintheIvory, [article description](#) and original [Twitter conversation](#)

- [Chronicle of Higher Education articles on racism.](#)

Race and Librarianship

- [Disrupting Whiteness in Libraries and Librarianship: A Reading List](#)
 - Lengthy bibliography compiled by Karla Strand at the University of Wisconsin.
- [Libraries Respond: ALA diversity resource page](#)
 - Mostly lists of ALA statements, but also several pages devoted to specific diversity issues.
- [Shifting the Center: Transforming Academic Libraries through Generous Accountability](#) - A recording of the June 10th ACRL Together Wherever presentation: 2020 President's Program
 - Webinar that "asks participants to imagine a world where holding ourselves truly accountable for systemic inequity in our profession and institutions is a welcome opportunity for growth."
- [How libraries are supporting Black Lives Matter](#)
 - NPR interview with Boston librarian Stacy Collins.
- [Black Excellence LIS Syllabus](#)
 - This crowdsourced list compiles articles, book chapters, and other publications by Black LIS professionals.

Library webinars

- [Recorded Webinar: Disrupting White Supremacy Through BIPOC Solidarity](#)
 - By Sofia Leung, a Chinese American librarian, facilitator, and educator working towards fulfilling the promise of social justice in libraries and higher education.

Statements by Professional Organizations

- [List of Statements From Libraries and Library Organizations Re: Racism and Increased Violence](#)
- [Middle East Medievalists Statement on Anti-Racism](#)
- [Society of American Archivists Council Statement on Black Lives and Archives](#)
- [ALA Statement condemning violence and racism towards Black people and all People of Color](#)
- [MLA Statement Deploing Systemic Racism](#) (endorsed by MESA and other organizations)
- [Statement Against Racism and Omar Ibn Said Initiative](#) from The Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, the Duke Islamic Studies Center, and the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies