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Between the World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates



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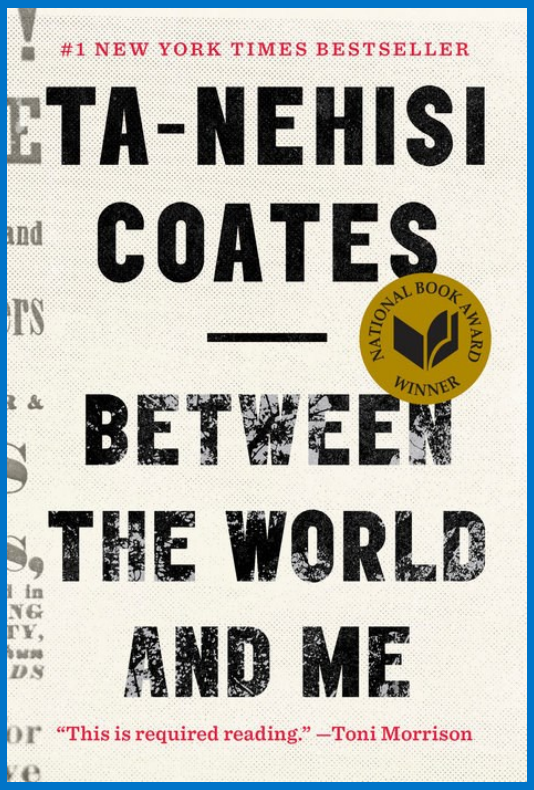


About Ta-Nehisi Coates

Ta-Nehisi Coates is a journalist, blogger, and memoirist who brings personal reflection and historical scholarship to bear on America's most contested issues. Writing without shallow polemic and in a measured style, Coates addresses complex and challenging issues such as racial identity, systemic racial bias, and urban policing. He subtly embeds the present—in the form of anecdotes about himself or others—into historical analysis in order to illustrate how the implications of the past are still experienced by people today. His book *Between The World And Me* won the National Book Award in 2015. Ta-Nehisi is a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship. Since 2016, Coates has written Marvel's *The Black Panther* comic book. He lives in New York with his wife and son.

For More Information

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About The Book

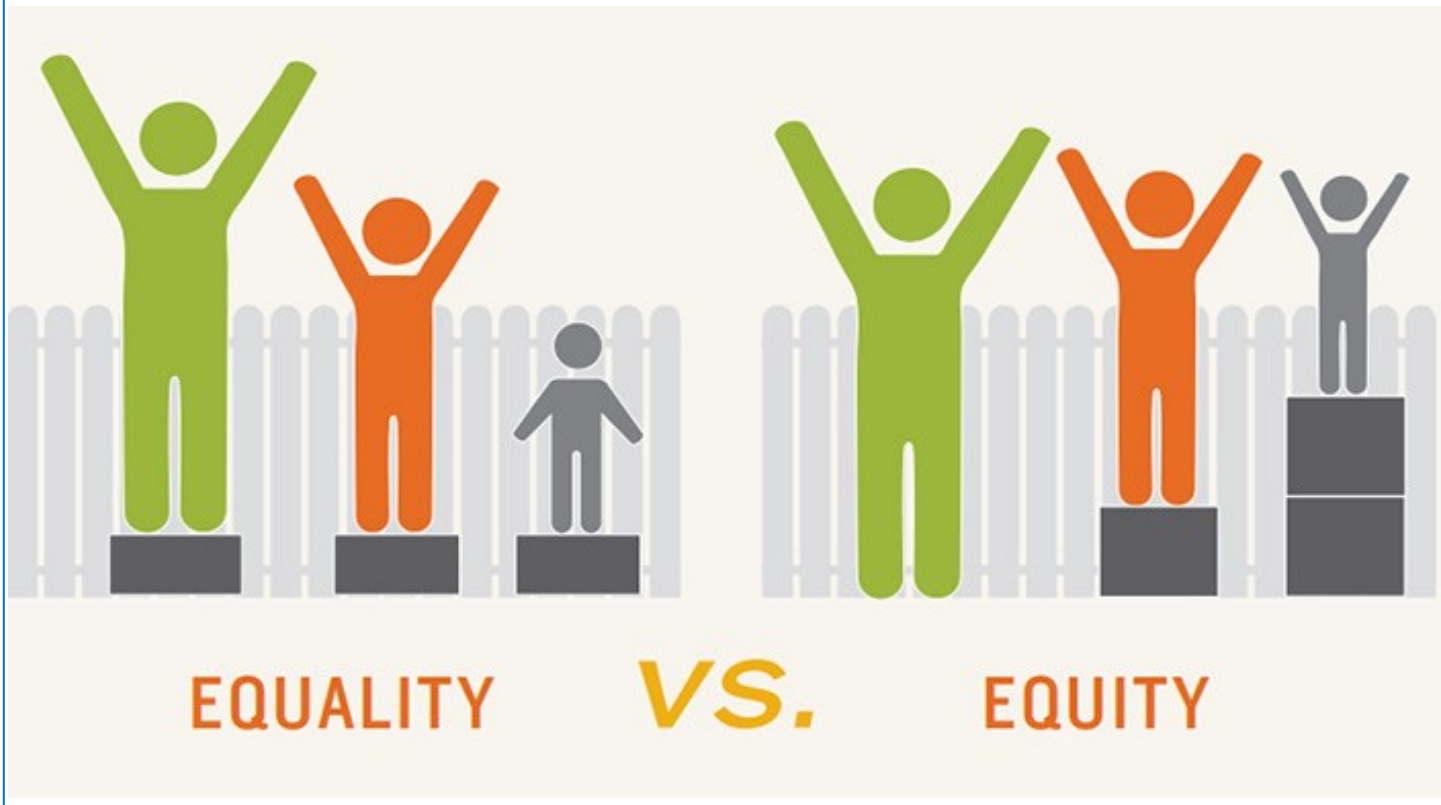
#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER | NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER | NAACP IMAGE AWARD WINNER | PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST | NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FINALIST | NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *The New York Times Book Review* · *O: The Oprah Magazine* · *The Washington Post* · *People* · *Entertainment Weeky* · *Vogue* · *Los Angeles Times* · *San Francisco Chronicle* · *Chicago Tribune* · *New York* · *Newsday* · *Library Journal* · *Publishers Weekly*

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?

Between the World and Me is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bracingly confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

Discussion

9/12 4-5:30pm Humanities Center Salon



Facilitated by Dr. Esteban Del Rio, Associate Provost for Inclusion and Diversity, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, Director, Latin America Studies

This year's USD Just Read! selection "Between the World and Me" discusses the real world consequences of systematic inequities in our society.

What does it mean to build and work within an equity agenda?

What are the differences between equality and equity?

How does equity fit within the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Catholic Social Teaching?

This discussion focus on engaging the power dynamics that are often hidden in outdated ideas about equality, and instead, confront the urgent challenge of equity, social justice, and structural mercy.

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Interdisciplinary Faculty Panel

9/29 2-3:30pm MRH Warren Auditorium

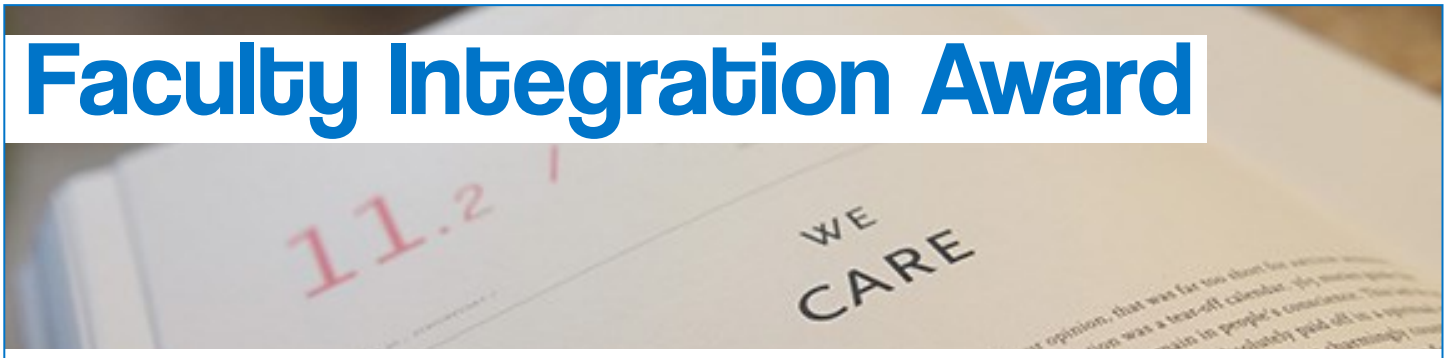


Facilitated by Dr. Ami Carpenter, Peace Studies
Dr. Kristopher Hall, SOLES
Dr. Norm Miller, Real Estate

A panel of USD faculty will discuss how themes (e.g., health care, education, and housing) in *Between the World and Me* can be considered across their various disciplines. Ample time will be given for questions and discussion. This event is open to everyone and students are especially encouraged to register and attend.

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Faculty Integration Award



USD Just Read Faculty Integration Award

The goal of the USD Just Read program is to provide a common read around a theme that aligns with the values and mission of USD and the theme from the Changemaker Hub. In order to engage more of the USD community in conversation, the USD Just Read program is continuing the "USD Just Read Integration Award." This award will be granted to the faculty member who best incorporates this year's book selection in their course. As integration is a key concept in education and the new core curriculum, such an award comes at a great time to highlight the wonderful work our faculty are doing with their students. A number of events and programs are scheduled for the academic year of 2017 – 2018 to provide more opportunities to discuss the topics in the book with students. Please check out the CEE website for more details and join the Just Read Black Board Organization by emailing cee@sandiego.edu.

Eligibility

Any full-time or part-time faculty member who incorporates all or part of this year's USD Just Read! selection into one or more of their courses.
Courses must be taught during the fall 2017, intersession 2018, or spring 2018.

Criteria

Submissions will be judged based on the following elements:

Alignment of integration of the book with course learning outcomes
Quality of assignments/experiences specific to the book, *Between the World and Me*
Quality of assessment used to measure student learning in integrating book material

In order to be consider for the 2017-2018 USD Just Read! Integration Award please submit the following:

- Cover letter explaining how the book was incorporated in the course, including explanation of how the book aligned with the learning outcomes for the course
- Syllabus for the course
- Copy of the assignment(s) or description of experiences that align with book
- Copy of any assessments that may have been used to measure student learning related to the topics of the book. Providing evidence of student learning is highly suggested but not required.

A detailed scoring rubric is included on the Faculty Integration Award page of the CEE website.
Deadline: All submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. April 27th via this Google form.

Recipient of the award will receive a $1,000.00 stipend as well as the opportunity for their work to be highlighted in multiple venues.

October Preview



10/5 Book Discussion facilitated by Peace Studies Graduate

10/10 Poverty, Inc. Film Screening

10/24 Closing the Gap between the World and Me Workshop

10/25 Black Is Beautiful Night with Spoken Word Artist Harold Green

Info regarding Student Essay Contest and Prizes

USD Just Read Resources

Between the World and Me Blackboard Organization

A Blackboard Organization has been set up to reference and share resource materials related to this year's USD Just Read! selection, *Between the World and Me*. All USD faculty, staff, and students are welcome to become members. If you are interested in having access to this Blackboard Organization, contact the CEE by phone (619-260-7402) or email (cee@sandiego.edu) and request to be enrolled.

Click here for our USD Just Read! Events page

Our Spark page with the most current event updates and registration links.