Social Work Department Faculty Reading List

- Born for Love: Why Empathy is Essential-And Endangered by Bruce Perry
- Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson
- Deacon King Kong by James McBride
- Development as Freedom by Amartya Sen
- The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race by Jesmyn Ward
- How to Walk by Thich Nhat Hanh
- Immigrant Acts by Lisa Lowe
- Lords of Poverty by Graham Hancock
- Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich
- The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
- The Night Watchman by Louise Edrich
- On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System? by Trudy Festinger
- Oppression and the Body: Roots, Resistance, and Resolutions Edited by Christine Caldwell and Lucia Bennet Leighton
- Radical Dharma: Talking Race, Love, & Liberation by Rev. Angel Kyona Williams, Lama Rod Owens, & Jasmine Syedullah
- Radical Happiness: Moments of Collective Joy by Lynne Segal
- Resilience & Personal Effectiveness for Social Workers by Jim Greer
- Regulating The Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare by Frances Fox Piven and Richard Cloward
- Research as Resistance: Chapter 1: Becoming an anti-oppressive researcher by Strega & Brown
- The Road Not Taken: A History of Radical Social Work in the United States by Michael Reish & Janice Andrews
- The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman
- There There by Tommy Orange
- Trauma and the Body: A Sensorimotor Approach to Psychotherapy by Pat Ogden, Kekuni Minton, and Clare Pain
- The Twilight of Equality?: Neoliberalism, Cultural Politics, and the Attack on Democracy by Lisa Duggan
- This Bridge Called My Back (4th ed.): Writings by Radical Women of Color by Cherrie Moraga and Gloria Anzaldúa (Eds).
- An Uncertain Glory by Jean Dreze & Amartya Sen
- Unfaithful Angels: How Social Work has Abandoned its Mission by Harry Specht and Mark Courtney
- The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson
- When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times by Pema Chödrön
- White Fragility: Why it’s so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin Diangelo

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