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Please join us this Tuesday for a thought provoking discussion.

What: "How to Be an Antiracist" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

When: Tuesday, June 16 @2pm

Join discussion: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98087817170>

About our presenter:

Dr. Robert Daylin Brown is an English professor, a writer, and a certified men's development coach. This year of 2020 marks his 25th year as an educator with experience working in public and private K-12 schools, and public and private colleges and universities. Outside of his work in education, Dr. Brown also serves as a current executive board member and former regional director of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Incorporated, the largest non-Greek fraternal organization on America's college campuses. (Groove Phi Groove, whose mission is to graduate more Black men, is an international organization founded in 1962 at the height of the Civil Rights Movement.)

About Dr. Brown's selection:

"How to Be an Antiracist" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi:

I was first introduced to the work of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi by means of a recorded speech that occurred in southern California a year ago. From that recording, I was immediately hooked. I ordered copies of the book to be used last semester in all of my ENGL 101 courses (along with "Feminism is for Everybody" by Bell Hooks, and "So Rich, So Poor" by Peter Edelman).

Tuesday's discussion on "How to Be an Antiracist" is for everyone (whether or not you have read the book). For those of you who have read the book, you will learn how I used the book with students in the ENGL 101 courses. For those who have not read the book, you will learn some of the basic premises of the book and why it's currently sold out in all bookstores.

One of the things that makes "How to Be an Antiracist" so accessible is its structure. Each chapter has components of memoir, history, and evidenced-based lessons on race. In each chapter, he begins with a specific incident or experience from his own life, and this is the most powerful because these are not merely stories of when other people acted in racist ways toward him. He presents life experiences to the reader explaining how Kendi himself had to unlearn some of his racist beliefs. According to Kendi, being an antiracist is something that everyone (including Black people) have to learn.