

AP Seminar Summer Reading List 2017

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- 305.23 FER 2 billion under 20 : how millennials are breaking down age barriers and changing the world. New York : St. Martin's Press, 2015.
"Of the roughly 6.97 billion people on Earth today, approximately 2 billion of them are under 20 years old. Millennials have a lot of reputations these days, but powerful, smart, and affective are not usually the adjectives used to describe them. Jared Kleinert and Stacey Ferreira want to change that and empower these young people to follow their dreams, set goals, and achieve success. Both young successful entrepreneurs themselves, they believe in breaking down age barriers to make a difference. Jared, best-known as the Founder and CEO of Synergist, and Stacey, best-known as the Co-Founder of MySocialCloud.com met in 2012 at the Under 20 Thiel Fellowship Summit. After speaking with their equally impressive peers, they realized that these 2 billion young voices have inspiring stories to share with the world and they wanted to bring them to life through 2 Billion Under 20. Jared and Stacey also decided to start an online community, www.2BillionUnder20.com where young people could help each other grow and develop their dreams into reality. They've curated an anthology of amazing stories from their peers. Contributors like Paige McKenzie who started her own YouTube channel at the age of 16 that now has more than 55 million views and Jack Andraka who created an early detection Pancreatic cancer test at age 14 have joined forces to show the world that age is just a number"--.
- 305.80 COA Coates, Ta-Nehisi. Between the world and me. New York : Spiegel & Grau, [2015].
"For Ta-Nehisi Coates, history has always been personal. At every stage of his life, he's sought in his explorations of history answers to the mysteries that surrounded him--most urgently, why he, and other black people he knew, seemed to live in fear. What were they afraid of? ... Coates takes readers along on his journey through America's history of race and its contemporary resonances through a series of awakenings--moments when he discovered some new truth about our long, tangled history of race, whether through his myth-busting professors at Howard University, a trip to a Civil War battlefield with a rogue historian, a journey to Chicago's South Side to visit aging survivors of 20th century America's 'long war on black people,' or a visit with the mother of a beloved friend who was shot down by the police"--
Provided by publisher.
- 363.25 HEO Heos, Bridget. Blood, bullets, and bones : the story of forensic science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA. 1st ed. New York, NY : Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2016].
"A history of modern forensic science from the first test for arsenic poisoning in the 1700s to criminal profiling, fingerprinting, blood splatter analysis, DNA evidence, and all the milestones in between"--Provided by publisher.
- 791.45 NOA Noah, Trevor, 1984-. Born a crime : stories from a South African childhood. 1st ed. New York : Spiegel & Grau, [2016].
"Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother-his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life"--Amazon.com.
- 745.2 McD McDonough, William. Cradle to [cradle] : remaking the way we make things. 1st ed. New York : North Point Press, 2002.

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The authors argue that the traditional "reduce, reuse, recycle" maxim promoted by environmentalists is not an effective long-term solution to industrial waste, and describes their principles of "eco-effectiveness" which call for a nature-based model of manufacturing.

- 921 VAN Vance, Ashlee. Elon Musk : Tesla, SpaceX, and the quest for a fantastic future. 1st Ecco pbk. ed. published 2017. New York, NY : Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2017.
A biography of businessman Elon Musk, discussing his childhood in South Africa, his immigration to the United States in 1992, and his involvement with PayPal, Tesla Motors, and SpaceX.
- 339.46 DES Desmond, Matthew. Evicted : poverty and profit in the American city. 1st pbk. ed. New York : Crown Publishers, [2017].
Examines the fates of eight families struggling to pay their rent in the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, discussing the human cost of America's vast inequality.
- 363.70 FLE Fleischman, Paul. Eyes wide open : what's behind the environmental headlines.
- 394.10 SCH Schlosser, Eric. Fast food nation : the dark side of the all-American meal. 1st Mariner Books ed. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2012, c2001.
Traces the history of the fast food industry and discusses how it arose in postwar America.
- 363.73 KOL Kolbert, Elizabeth. Field notes from a catastrophe : man, nature, and climate change. This pbk. ed. published 2015. New York : Bloomsbury, 2015.
Shishmaref, Alaska -- A warmer sky -- Under the glacier --The butterfly and the toad -- The curse of Akkad -- Floatinghouses -- Business as usual -- The day after Kyoto -- Burlington, Vermont -- Man in the anthropocene --Ten years on -- The darkening sea -- Unconventional crude -- The island in the wind. Presents an examination of the build-up of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere and the effects on climate change and global warming.
- 330 LEV Levitt, Steven D. Freakonomics : a rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything. 1st Harper Perennial ed. New York : Harper Perennial, 2009.
The authors explore the economics of real-world issues often viewed as insignificant, such as the extent to which the Roe v. Wade decision affected violent crime, and examine hidden incentives behind all sorts of human behavior.
- 338.76 BRA Brandt, Richard L. The Google guys : inside the brilliant minds of Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin. Pbk. ed. New York : Portfolio/Penguin, 2011.
Arbiters of cyberspace -- Accidental entrepreneurs -- Controlled chaos -- Larry and Sergey's corporate vision -- Advertising for the masses -- A heartbreaking IPO of staggering genius -- The China syndrome: Google as big brother -- What about privacy? -- The ruthless librarians -- The Google cloud -- Google the telephone company? -- Thinking beyond search: the world's problems, real and fanciful.
Explores the methods and motivations of Google creators Larry Page and Sergey Brin, discussing their original ideas, business practices, ambitions, beliefs, work ethics, and impact on the ways people find information.
- 333.72 M Melville, Greg. Greasy rider : two dudes, one fry-oil-powered car, and a cross-country search for a greener future. 1st ed. Chapel Hill, N.C. : Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2008.
Details the experiences of the author and his college friend during their one hundred and ninety-two hour journey across the United States--from Vermont to California--in a car that has been modified to run on vegetable oil.
- 362.8 K Kristof, Nicholas D., 1959-. Half the sky : turning oppression into opportunity for women worldwide. 1st Vintage Books ed. New York : Vintage Books, 2010, c2009.
Tells the stories of women in Africa and Asia who have been victims of sex

trafficking and forced prostitution, gender-based violence, and maternal mortality, and shows how girls' education and micro-finance can change their lives while providing a boost to the economies of developing countries.

- 921 HAL Hall, Shyima. Hidden girl : the true story of a modern-day child slave. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster BFYR, [2014].
An autobiography of Shyima Hall, who at the age of eight, was sold by her Egyptian parents into domestic slavery.
- 371.82 YO Yousafzai, Malala, 1997-. I am Malala : the story of the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown and Co., 2013.
When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price.
- 325.21 PAR Park, Yeonmi, 1993-. In order to live : a North Korean girl's journey to freedom. New York, N.Y. : Penguin Books, 2016.
Prologue -- Part one: North Korea. Even the birds and mice can hear you whisper ; A dangerous history ; Swallows and magpies ; Tears of blood ; The dear leader ; City of dreams ; The darkest nights ; A song for Chosun ; Jangmadang generation ; The lights of China ; Missing -- Part two: China. The other side of darkness ; A deal with the Devil ; A birthday gift ; Dust and bones ; Kidnapped ; Like bread from the sky ; Following the stars -- Part three: South Korea. The freedom birds ; Dreams and nightmares ; A hungry mind ; Now on my way to meet you ; Amazing grace ; Homecoming. "Park has told the harrowing story of her escape from North Korea as a child many times, but never before [now] has she revealed the most intimate and devastating details of the repressive society she was raised in and the enormous price she paid to escape"--Amazon.com.
- 791.43 GUE Guerrero, Diane, 1986-. In the country we love : my family divided. 1st ed. 2016. New York, N.Y. : Henry Holt and Co., 2016.
Diane Guerrero, television actress from the hits Orange is the New Black and Jane the Virgin, recalls the day her parents were detained and deported when she was 14, and how she was able to remain in the country, finish her education, and build a successful acting career.
- 297.09 GHO Ghobash, Omar Saif, 1971-. Letters to a young Muslim. New York : Picador, 2017.
"Omar Saif Ghobash was born in 1971 in the United Arab Emirates--the same year the country was founded--to an Arab father and a Russian mother. After a traumatizing experience losing his father to a violent attack in 1977, when he was only six years old, Ghobash began to realize the severe violence that surrounded him in his home country. As he grew older, eventually being appointed as the UAE Ambassador to Russia in 2008, he began to reflect on what it means to be a Muslim, establishing a moral foundation rooted in the belief of the hard grind that is the crux of spiritual and practical living. This book is the result of the personal exploration Ghobash went through in the years after his father's death. The new generation of Muslims is tomorrow's leadership, and yet many are vulnerable to taking the violent shortcut to paradise and ignoring the traditions and foundations of Islam. The burning question, Ghobash argues, is how moderate Muslims will unite and find a voice that is true to Islam while actively and productively engaging in the modern world. Letters to a Young Muslim will explore how Arabs can provide themselves, their children, and their youth with a better chance of prosperity and peace in a globalized world, while attempting to explain the history and complications of the modern-day Arab landscape and how the younger generation can solve problems with extremists internally, contributing to overall world peace"--.
- 973 LOE Loewen, James W. Lies my teacher told me : everything your American history textbook got wrong. Touchstone trade pbk. ed. New York : Simon & Schuster, 2007.
Critiques twelve American history textbooks, arguing that they contain misinformation, fail to connect present issues with past events, and lack suspense

and drama, and retells events in American history in ways that combat these problems.

- 305.48 M Moaveni, Azadeh, 1976-. Lipstick jihad : a memoir of growing up Iranian in America and American in Iran. Pbk. ed. New York : Public Affairs, 2006, c2005.
The author examines her life as an American-born Iranian and the frustration and confusion of trying to live in both worlds, and describes her decision to move to Tehran as a journalist and the cultural, political, and social upheaval she encountered.
- 362.29 RED Reding, Nick. Methland : the death and life of an American small town. Pbk. ed. New York : Bloomsbury, 2010, c2009.
Kant's lament -- The most American drug -- The inland empire -- Family -- The Do Drop Inn -- Mirror imaging -- The cop shop -- Waterloo -- The inland empire, part two -- Las flores -- Algona -- El Paso -- Disconnected states -- Kant's redemption -- Independence. Presents a case study of Oelwein, Iowa, a rural community that became a mecca of crystal methamphetamine production when residents could no longer support themselves through agriculture and business, introduces some of the people involved with the drug, and looks at efforts to save the town.
- 153.8 DWE Dweck, Carol S., 1946-. Mindset : the new psychology of success. Ballantine Books trade pbk. ed. New York : Ballantine Books, 2008.
The mindsets -- Inside the mindsets -- The truth about ability and accomplishment -- The mindset of a champion -- Mindset and leadership -- Mindsets in love (or not) -- Parents, teachers, and coaches : where do mindsets come from? -- Changing mindsets : a workshop.
- 362.88 KRA Krakauer, Jon. Missoula : rape and the justice system in a college town. 1st ed. New York : Doubleday, [2015].
Allison -- Before the law sits a gatekeeper -- Unwanted attention -- Scales of justice -- Trial by jury -- Aftershocks. "The Department of Justice investigated 350 sexual assaults reported to the Missoula police between January 2008 and May 2012. Few of these assaults were properly handled by either the university or local authorities. Chronicles the... experiences of several women in Missoula -- the nights when they were raped; their fear and self-doubt in the aftermath; the way they were treated by the police, prosecutors, defense attorneys; the public vilification and private anguish; their bravery in pushing forward and what it cost them"--Publisher.
- 331.10 MOR Moretti, Enrico. The new geography of jobs. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.
American rust -- Smart labor : microchips, movies, and multipliers -- The great divergence -- Forces of attraction -- The inequality of mobility and cost of living -- Poverty traps and sexy cities -- The new "human capital century". "An unprecedented redistribution of American jobs, population, and wealth is under way, and it is likely to accelerate in the years to come. In this important and persuasive book, Berkeley economist Enrico Moretti reveals this "new geography of jobs" that's benefitting centers of innovation like San Francisco, Durham, and Boston. And the winners and losers aren't necessarily whom you'd expect. Moretti's groundbreaking research shows that you don't have to be a scientist or an engineer to thrive in one of these brain hubs"--Provided by publisher.
- 364.97 ALE Alexander, Michelle. The new Jim Crow : mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness. Rev. ed. New York : New Press, c2012.
The rebirth of caste -- The lockdown -- The color of justice -- The cruel hand -- The new Jim Crow -- The fire this time. Argues that mass incarceration of African- and Latino Americans in the United States is a form of social control, and contends the civil rights community needs to become more active in protecting the rights of criminals.
- 305.56 EHR Ehrenreich, Barbara. Nickel and dimed : on (not) getting by in America. 1st ed. New York : Metropolitan Books, 2001.

Author Barbara Ehrenreich relates her experiences from 1998 to 2000, during which time joined the ranks of the working poor as a waitress, hotel housekeeper, cleaning woman, nursing home aide, and Wal-Mart clerk to see for herself how America's "unskilled" workers are able to survive on only \$6 or \$7 an hour.

- 362.26 POW Powers, Ron. No one cares about crazy people : the chaos and heartbreak of mental health in America. New York : Hachette Books, [2017].
"... offers a searching, richly researched narrative of the social history of mental illness in America paired with the deeply personal story of his two sons' battles with schizophrenia."--Provided by publisher.
- 301.45 BAL Baldwin, James, 1924-. Nobody knows my name : more notes of a native son. New York : Dial Press, 1961.
- 306.09 DEM Demick, Barbara. Nothing to envy : ordinary lives in North Korea. Spiegel & Grau trade pbk. ed. New York : Spiegel & Grau Trade Paperbacks, 2010.
Chronicles the lives of six North Koreans over a span of fifteen years, exploring how the lives of ordinary citizens were impacted by key social, political, and economic events of the time.
- 394.1 P Pollan, Michael. The omnivore's dilemma : a natural history of four meals. New York : Penguin Books, 2007, c2006.
Follows the three major food chains that feed humans--industrial, organic, and hunter-gatherer--from the earth to four meals, exploring the ethical and political effects of one's food choices.
- 322 KRU Kruse, Kevin Michael, 1972-. One nation under God : how corporate America invented Christian America. New York : Basic Books, 2015.
PART I: Creation -- "Freedom Under God" -- The Great Crusades -- PART II: Consecration -- "Government Under God" -- Pledging Allegiance -- Pitchmen for Piety -- PART III: Conflict -- "Whose Religious Tradition?" -- "Our So-Called Religious Leaders" -- "Which Side Are You On?" -- Epilogue. "We're often told that the United States is, was, and always has been a Christian nation. But in One Nation Under God, historian Kevin M. Kruse reveals that the idea of 'Christian America' is an invention--and a relatively recent one at that. As Kruse argues, the belief that America is fundamentally and formally a Christian nation originated in the 1930s when businessmen enlisted religious activists in their fight against FDR's New Deal. Corporations from General Motors to Hilton Hotels bankrolled conservative clergymen, encouraging them to attack the New Deal as a program of 'pagan statism' that perverted the central principle of Christianity: the sanctity and salvation of the individual. Their campaign for 'freedom under God' culminated in the election of their close ally Dwight Eisenhower in 1952. But this apparent triumph had an ironic twist. In Eisenhower's hands, a religious movement born in opposition to the government was transformed into one that fused faith and the federal government as never before. During the 1950s, Eisenhower revolutionized the role of religion in American political culture, inventing new traditions from inaugural prayers to the National Prayer Breakfast. Meanwhile, Congress added the phrase 'under God' to the Pledge of Allegiance and made 'In God We Trust' the country's first official motto. With private groups joining in, church membership soared to an all-time high of 69%. For the first time, Americans began to think of their country as an officially Christian nation. During this moment, virtually all Americans--across the religious and political spectrum--believed that their country was 'one nation under God.' But as Americans moved from broad generalities to the details of issues such as school prayer, cracks began to appear. Religious leaders rejected this 'lowest common denomination' public religion, leaving conservative political activists to champion it alone. In Richard Nixon's hands, a politics that conflated piety and patriotism became sole property of the right. Provocative and authoritative, One Nation Under God reveals how the unholy alliance of money, religion, and politics created a false origin story that continues to define and divide American politics to this day"--. "In One Nation Under God, award-winning historian Kevin M. Kruse

argues that the story of Christian America begins with the Great Depression, when a coalition of businessmen and religious leaders united in opposition to the New Deal. As Kruse shows, corporations from General Motors and Kraft Foods to J.C. Penney and Hilton Hotels, poured money into the coffers of conservative religious leaders, who in turn used those funds to attack FDR's New Deal administration as a program of "pagan statism" that perverted the central tenet of Christianity: the salvation of the individual"--.

- 975.20 MOO Moore, Wes, 1978-. The other Wes Moore : one name, two fates. Spiegel & Grau trade pbk. ed. New York : Spiegel & Grau Trade Paperbacks, 2011, c2010.
The author, a Rhodes scholar and combat veteran, analyzes the various sociocultural factors that influenced him as well as another man of the same name and from the same neighborhood who was drawn into a life of drugs and crime and ended up serving life in prison, focusing on the influence of relatives, mentors, and social expectations that could have led either of them on different paths.
- 361 KRI Kristof, Nicholas D., 1959-. A path appears : transforming lives, creating opportunity. 1st Vintage Bks. ed., September 2015. New York : Vintage Books, a division of Penguin Random House LLC, 2015.
"A narrative about making a difference in the world--a roadmap to becoming a conscientious global citizen. A deep examination of people who are making the world a better place, and the myriad ways we can support them, whether with a donation of five dollars or five million, an inkling to help or a useful skill to deploy. With research and on-the-ground reporting, the authors assay the art and science of giving--determining the current most successful local and global aid initiatives (on issues from education to inner-city violence to disease prevention), evaluating the efficiency and impact of specific approaches and charities, as well as fundraising"-- Provided by publisher.
- 362.5 P Pimpare, Stephen. A people's history of poverty in America. New York : New Press, 2008.
Introduction : the indignant poor and the constants of relief -- Survive : my brother's keeper -- Sleep : a place to call home -- Eat : dumpster diving -- Work : (in)dependence -- Love : women and children first -- Respect : the price of relief -- Escape : black and blue -- Surrender : a culture of poverty? -- Resist : bread or blood -- Epilogue : poor math. Explores the history of poverty in America through the lives and true stories of the nation's poor; and examines the welfare system and other agencies who have failed over the years to address the cause of poverty.
- 305.48 HAR Harris-Perry, Melissa V. (Melissa Victoria), 1973-. Sister citizen : shame, stereotypes, and Black women in America. New Haven [Conn.] : Yale University Press, c2011.
Investigates the political and emotional responses of African-American women to negative race and gender images.
- 305.80 KEN Kendi, Ibram X. Stamped from the beginning : the definitive history of racist ideas in America. New York : Nation Books, [2016].
Part I. Cotton Mather -- Human hierarchy -- Origins of racist ideas -- Coming to America -- Saving souls, not bodies -- Black hunts -- Great awakening -- Part II. Thomas Jefferson -- Enlightenment -- Black exhibit -- Created equal -- Uplift suasion -- Big bottoms -- Colonization -- Part III. William Lloyd Garrison -- Gradual equality -- Imbruted or civilized -- Soul -- The impending crisis -- History's emancipator -- Ready for freedom? -- Reconstructing slavery -- Reconstructing blame -- Part IV. W.E.B. Du Bois -- Renewing the south -- Southern horrors -- Black Judases -- Great white hopes -- The Birth of a Nation -- Media suasion -- Old deal -- Freedom brand - - Massive resistance -- Part V. Angela Davis -- The act of civil rights -- Black power - - Law and order -- Reagan's drugs -- New Democrats -- New Republicans -- 99.9 percent the same -- The extraordinary Negro -- Epilogue. "A comprehensive history of anti-black racism focuses on the lives of five major players in American history, including Cotton Mather and Thomas Jefferson, and highlights the debates that took

place between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and antiracists"--OCLC.

- 338.17 CLA Clark, Taylor, 1979-. Starbucked : a double tall tale of caffeine, commerce, and culture. Back Bay trade pbk. ed. New York : Back Bay Books/Little, Brown, 2008, c2007. Introduction: The experiment -- The rise of the mermaid -- Life before lattes -- A caffeinated craze -- The sirens song -- Leviathan -- Getting steamed -- Storm brewing -- A fair trade? -- What's in your cup -- Green-apron army -- The Seattle colonies -- Epilogue: The last drop. Traces the history of the Starbucks Corporation, discussing how American culture has been influenced by the company and exploring key issues, such as gentrification and fair trade, that have arisen as Starbucks becomes more popular and powerful.
- 958.10 R Rashid, Ahmed. Taliban : militant Islam, oil, and fundamentalism in Central Asia. New Haven : Yale University Press, c2000. Traces the history of the Taliban movement in Afghanistan; discusses how the leaders of the movement interpret the principles of Islam; and examines the influence of the Taliban in the competition among Western countries and companies to build oil and gas pipelines in Asia.
- 339.46 SHA Shapiro, Thomas M. Toxic inequality : the true costs of poverty and racial injustice for America's families. New York : Basic Books, [2017]. Introduction: Dreams deferred and derailed -- Wealth matters -- Inequality at home -- Inequality at work -- The inheritance advantage -- The hidden hand of government -- Forward to equity.
- 305.52 HAY Hayes, Christopher, 1979-. Twilight of the elites : America after meritocracy. 1st pbk. ed. New York : Broadway Paperbacks, [2012]. The naked emperors -- Meritocracy and its discontents -- Moral hazards -- Who knows? -- Winners -- Out of touch -- Reformation. Argues that Americans have historically low levels of trust in their institutions due to countless numbers of these institutions, from the Catholic Church to Major League Baseball, imploding under the weight of corruption and incompetence.
- 289.3 K Krakauer, Jon. Under the banner of heaven : a story of violent faith. 1st Anchor Books ed. New York : Anchor Books, 2004.
- 305.23 V Voices from the fields : children of migrant farmers tell their stories. 1st ed. Boston : Little Brown, c1993. Photographs, poems, and interviews with children reveal the hardships and hopes of Mexican American migrant farm workers and their families.
- 363.7 F Flannery, Tim F. (Tim Fridtjof), 1956-. We are the weather makers : the history of climate change. 1st ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2009. Explores the dangers of global warming, caused by greenhouse gas emissions, and offers consumers ways in which they can help to reverse its harmful effects.
- 305.42 ADI Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi, 1977- author. We should all be feminists.
(NOTE: Because of its short length, you should not pick We Should All Be Feminists as your only reading selection. You're welcome to add it to another selection, though; it's great!) Offers an updated definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. In this personal, eloquently-argued essay -- adapted from her much-admired TEDx talk of the same name -- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, award-winning author of *Americanah*, offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author's exploration of what it means to be a woman now -- and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists. --Publisher's description.