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BUDDHISM, RACISM & ACTIVISM: A PUBLIC TALK WITH PROFESSOR JAN WILLIS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

BOOKS, FILMS & OTHER RESOURCES

If You Wish to Send a Personal Offering to Professor Willis (PayPal)

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Upcoming Teachings

1. Ven. Thubten Chodron: Politics, Power, and Peace: A Buddhist Guide to Surviving the Elections and Creating Positive Change
Wednesday October 14, 7–8:30pm EDT
<https://shantidevanyc.org/ven-chodron-oct-2020/>
2. Shantideva Center for upcoming Dharma teachings: <https://shantidevanyc.org/>

Resources Recommended/Mentioned by Professor Willis

1. Black Imagination: Black Voices on Black Futures Hardcover – February 4, 2020 by Natasha Marin (Editor), Steven Dunn (Foreword)
2. Baldwin: Letter to my nephew:
<https://progressive.org/magazine/letter-nephew/>
3. Ferguson Police Department Report:
https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press-releases/attachments/2015/03/04/ferguson_police_department_report.pdf
4. When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir - January 14, 2020 by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and asha Bandele
5. Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race – January 9, 2014 by Debby Irving
6. Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption – August 18, 2015 by Bryan Stevenson
7. Invisible Man, Got the Whole World Watching: A Young Black Man's Education – June 14, 2016 by Mychal Denzel Smith
8. Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond – May 2, 2017 by Marc Lamont Hill and Todd Brewster

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9. Article by Prof. Jan Willis: <https://www.lionsroar.com/a-buddhist-teachers-5-ways-to-resist/>
10. Awakening Together: The Spiritual Practice of Inclusivity and Community Paperback – October 24, 2017 by Larry Yang (Author), Jan Willis (Foreword), Sylvia Boorstein (Foreword)
11. J. Cole performs "Be Free" live on David Letterman: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQZc8SH6EFk>

Resources Recommended or Mentioned by Fellow Students

1. The Invention of Race: One Hour Special from Center of Documentary Studies on WNYC: <https://www.wnyc.org/story/invention-race/>
Available as Podcast and maybe transcript
2. "I Am Not Your Negro" is a MUST watch about James Baldwin's life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNUYdglyaP>
3. 13th is a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime. In this scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom.
4. Professional Liability for Police Officers: <https://riskandinsurance.com/mandatory-professional-liability-for-police-officers-how-insurance-can-step-up-according-to-this-criminal-law-scholar/>

Proposed by Deborah Ramirez, a criminal law and procedure professor at Northeastern University School of Law, professional insurance would require officers to be evaluated by actuaries to see if they have a high risk of using unjustified violence during police business. If deemed so, the officers would be required to hold a professional liability insurance policy in the hopes that the insurance would deter such behaviors.

5. Big Love biography of Lama Yeshe where Jan Willis memorably appears as one of his early students! <https://www.lamayeshe.com/article/chapter/big-love-resources>
6. Please stay tuned for the efforts of DharmaRelief (made of multiple Black Buddhist leaders, Rev Myokei, Ralph Steele, Ven Pannavati, several others on this call as well) on how to address racism from within Dharma centers and to amplify black dharma teachers and leaders voices. We would be honored to invite Dr. Jan Willis to help advise on the advisory board.
7. <https://fpmt.org/mandala/archives/mandala-issues-for-2009/april/a-genuine-guru-jan-willis-remembers-lama-yeshe/>



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8. Radical Dharma: Talking Race, Love, and Liberation – June 14, 2016 by Rev. angel Kyodo Williams, Lama Rod Owens, and Jasmine Syedullah, Ph.D.
9. For those interested in programs from the East Bay Meditation Center focused on equity and education:
<https://eastbaymeditation.org/longprograms/#toggle-id-3>