

Anti-Racism and Social Justice Resources

Opportunities for WSPFT Members

WSPFT supports equitable teaching practices and ongoing professional development to interrupt racism. One goal is to educate union members of critical anti racist practices and work done through EDMN. In this newsletter, you will find book recommendations, MEAonline courses, museum visit information, and access to other professional development opportunities. Funding is possible through a Leadership Grant with EDMN.



MEA ONLINE

Get the professional development you need from the comfort of your home or classroom through trainings on our online learning platform MEA Online! Improve your professional practice, earn CEU credits for relicensure or build your union understanding and power.

Racial equity trainings available on MEA Online:

- Culturally Responsive Teaching With a Racial Justice Lens
- Cultural Competency (a four-part equity training that satisfies the cultural competency relicensure requirement)
- Interrupting Whiteness

[MEA ONLINE WEBSITE](#)

Book Club

WSPFT is hosting its first book club this spring. Join us for reading "How to be an anti-racist" by Ibram X. Kendi.

Virtual Meeting: May 20 at 5 pm.

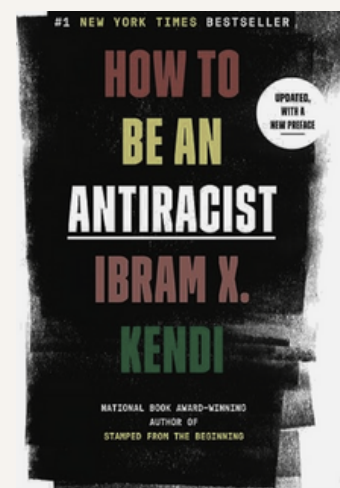
[Click here](#) to sign up by April 10.

Contact: Kristy Otte or Jodie Darwitz

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the National Book Award-winning author of *Stamped from the Beginning* comes a "groundbreaking" (Time) approach to understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society and in ourselves—now updated, with a new preface.

"The most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind."—The New York Times

ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR—The New York Times Book Review, Time, NPR, The Washington Post, Shelf Awareness, Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, Kirkus Reviews



MUSEUM VISITS

WSPFT will reimburse your entrance fee/ticket to the following museums (up to \$30.00 per person). The deadline is May 15, 2024 or until funds run out.

Contact: Kristy Otte or Jodie Darwitz for reimbursement.



Minnesota African American Heritage Museum

1256 Penn Avenue N. Fourth Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55411
info@maahmg.org
[Website](#)

The Somali Museum of Minnesota

1516 East Lake St. Suite 011
Minneapolis, MN 55407
612-886-3723
[Website](#)

Science Museum of Minnesota

RACE: Are We So Different?
120 W. Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102
(651) 221-944
[Website](#)

MIA

Hispanic Heritage Self-Guided Tour
[2400 Third Avenue South](#)
[Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404](#)
[888 642 2787 \(Toll Free\)](#)
[Website](#)



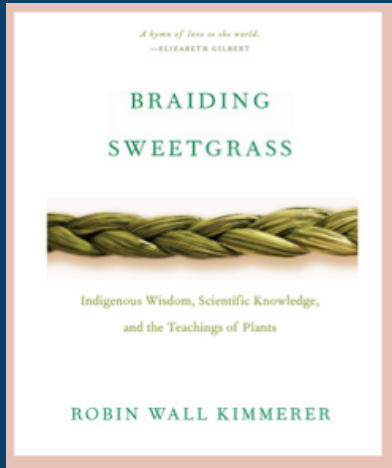
MEA FIRE

DID YOU KNOW?

"The Minnesota Educator Academy's member-driven program for Facing Inequities and Racism in Education aims to disrupt systemic racism and racial inequities in Minnesota's education system. The FIRE program leads Minnesota's educators in a movement to live equitably and practice recognizing and responding to inequities and injustices." [CLICK ON THE LINK FOR MORE INFO.](#)



Author Spotlight: Robin Wall Kimmerer



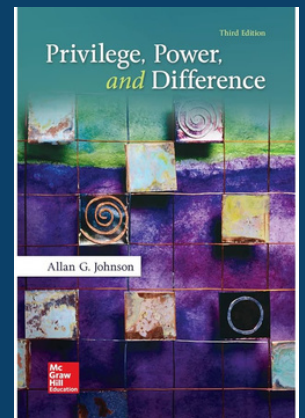
Book: Braiding Sweetgrass (buy local)
"I could hand you a braid of sweetgrass, as thick and shining as the plait that hung down my grandmother's back. But it is not mine to give, nor yours to take. Wiingaashk belongs to herself. So I offer, in its place, a braid of stories meant to heal our relationship to the world."
Find out more about the author here:
[Robin Wall Kimmerer](#)



Book Reviews from EDMN

Privilege, Power, and Difference (208 pgs)

This brief book is a groundbreaking tool for students and non-students alike to examine systems of privilege and difference in our society. Written in an accessible, conversational style, Johnson links theory with engaging examples in ways that enable readers to see the underlying nature and consequences of privilege and their connection to it. This extraordinarily successful book has been used across the country, both inside and outside the classroom, to shed light on issues of power and privilege.



Racecraft: The Soul of Inequality in American Life (310 pgs)

Most people assume that racism grows from a perception of human difference: the fact of race gives rise to the practice of racism. Sociologist Karen E. Fields and historian Barbara J. Fields argue otherwise: the practice of racism produces the illusion of race, through what they call "racecraft." And this phenomenon is intimately entwined with other forms of inequality in American life. So pervasive are the devices of racecraft in American history, economic doctrine, politics, and everyday thinking that the presence of racecraft itself goes unnoticed. That the promised post-racial age has not dawned, the authors argue, reflects the failure of Americans to develop a legitimate language for thinking about and discussing inequality. That failure should worry everyone who cares about democratic institutions.

