



## MAP Reads Pivots to Seize the Moment

The MAP Reads Book Group has been meeting regularly since early 2017, bringing planners together to read and discuss books about planning, equity and related topics. We've read everything from *Evicted* by Mathew Desmond and *The Color of Money* by Mehrsa Baradaran to *The Divided City* by Allan Mallach and *Devil in the White City* by Eric Larson. We meet every month or two, our conversations are robust, and the group is diverse and ever-changing. You don't have to "join" the book group to participate; if a title appeals to you, join us! And while the face to face meetings physically have been held in Metro Detroit, the COVID induced shutdowns opened the door to a much broader state wide audience of reader participants via Zoom.

Between COVID and the concurrent racial equity issues that have reemerged – once again – in the wake of the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the police, we find ourselves in a moment that demands a particular focus. To that end, we have identified a series of book titles and articles to see us through to the end of the year. All meetings will be via zoom; connect for one, or zoom in for all of them. The series was curated to provide a buildable collection of themes and ideas that can help us as a profession - and as individuals - to respond to the world around us as it exists today.

### **July 29, 2020 | How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X Kendi**

<https://www.ibramxkendi.com/how-to-be-an-antiracist-1>

### **August 26 and September 23, 2020 (two parts) | The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein**

<https://www.epi.org/publication/the-color-of-law-a-forgotten-history-of-how-our-government-segregated-america/>

Author Rothstein will be a featured keynote at the MAP Planning Michigan Virtual Conference from October 7 to 9 – stay tuned for day and time.

Check out this Richard Rothstein short video, too!

<https://www.facebook.com/1517246334/posts/10222640005298283/?d=n>

### **October 28, 2020 | The Case for Reparations by Te-Nahesi Coates AND It is Time for Reparations by Nikole Hannah Jones**

- Published in June, 2014 in the Atlantic Monthly, *The Case for Reparations* introduced many for the first time to the acts and consequences of government action that resulted in inequities imposed on Black Americans for generations.  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>
- Published in *The New York Times Magazine* on June 26, 2020, 'It Is Time for Reparations' the author explains the history of economic injustice and argues that if black lives are to truly matter in America, the nation must finally pay its debts.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/24/magazine/reparations-slavery.html?smid=em-share>