

# Foundational readings in Black Studies

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Biography/Autobiography  
African Diaspora/Pan-  
Africanism

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discipline

## General overview texts:

1. Abdul Alkalimat and Associates, Introduction to Afro-American Studies: A Peoples College Primer (1973, 1986)
2. **Abdul Alkalimat, The African American Experience in Cyberspace (2004)**
3. Abdul Alkalimat, ed, Paradigms in Black Studies: Intellectual History, Cultural Meaning, and Political Ideology (1990)
4. Maulana Karenga, Introduction to Black Studies (1982)
5. Mambo Ama Mazama and Molefi Asante, eds, Encyclopedia of Black Studies (2004)
6. Manning Marable, ed, Let Nobody Turn Us Around: An African American Anthology (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2009)
7. Henry Louis Gates and Nellie Y McKay, eds, The Norton Anthology of African American Literature (1997)
8. Nate Norment, ed, The African American Studies Reader (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2007)
9. Delores Aldridge and E Lincoln James, eds, Africana Studies: Philosophical Perspectives and Theoretical Paradigms (2007)
10. Talmadge Anderson and James Stewart, Introduction to African American Studies: Trans-disciplinary Approaches and Implications (2007)

## **Biography/Autobiography**

1. Booker T Washington Up From Slavery (1901)
2. W.E.B. DuBois, Autobiography (1968)
3. Malcolm X, The Autobiography of Malcolm X (1965)
4. Martin Luther King and Clayborn Carson, The Autobiography of Martin Luther King (1998)
5. Elinor DesVerney Sinnette, Arthur Alfonso Schomburg: Black Bibliophile and Collector (1989)
6. Linda O. McMurry, Recorder of the Black Experience: A Biography of Monroe Work (1985)
7. Margaret Wade-Lewis, Lorenzo Dow Turner: Father of Gullah Studies (2007)
8. Ida B Wells, Crusade for Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B Wells (1991)
9. Zora Neal Hurston, Dust Tracks on a Road: An Autobiography (1942)
10. Lorenzo Greene, Working with Carter G Woodson, the Father of Black History (1989)

## **African Diaspora/Panafricanism**

1. Ron Walters Panafricanism in the African Diaspora (1997)
2. Vincent Thompson, The Making of the African Diaspora in the Americas 1441-1900 (1987)
3. Walter Rodney, How Europe Underdeveloped Africa (1972)
4. Michael Gomez, Reversing Sail (2005)
5. Eric Williams, Capitalism and Slavery (1944)
6. WEB DuBois, The World and Africa (1946)
7. Ivan Van Sertima, The Came Before Columbus (1976)
8. John Henrik Clarke, African World Revolution 1991)
9. Leslie Rout, The African Experience in Spanish America (1976)
10. Carlos Moore, et. al., African Presence in the Americas (1995)

## **Academic fields of study**

1. *History*: August Meier and Elliot Rudwick, , Black History and the Historical Profession (1986)
2. *Sociology*: Joyce Ladner, The Death of White Sociology: A Reader (1973)
3. *Economics*: Francille Wilson, The Segregated Scholars: Black Social Scientists and the Creation of Labor Studies (2008)
4. *Psychology*: Robert Guthrie, Even the Rat was White: A Historical View of Psychology (1976)
5. *Anthropology*: Ira Harrison and Faye Harrison, ed, African American Pioneers in Anthropology (1998)
6. *Mathematics*: Scott Williams, Mathematicians of the African Diaspora <http://www.math.buffalo.edu/mad/index.html>
7. *Communications*: Ronald Jackson and Sonja Givens, Black Pioneers in Communications Research (2006)
8. *Philosophy*: Leonard Harris, Philosophy Born of Struggle: Anthology of Afro-American Philosophy from 1917 (1983)
9. General: William Banks, Black Intellectuals: Race and Responsibility in American Life (1996)
10. General: Joseph Holloway and Ban Kepple, eds, Black Scholars on the Line: Race, Social Science and American Thought in the Twentieth Century (2007)

## **Black Studies as an academic field of study**

1. Fabio Rojas, From Black Power to Black Studies: How a Radical Social Movement Became an Academic Discipline (2007)
2. Noliwe Rooks, White Money/Black Power: The Surprising History of African American Studies and the Crisis of Race and Higher Education (2006)

3. Perry Hall, *In the Vineyard: Working in African American Studies* (1999)
4. Abdul Alkalimat, *eBlack Studies* ([www.eblackstudies.org](http://www.eblackstudies.org))
5. Jayne Gordon and Lewis Gordon, eds, *A Companion to African American Studies* (2006)
6. Armstead Robinson, Craig Foster, and Donald Oglivie, eds, *Black Studies in the University* (1969)
7. John Blassingame, ed, *New Perspectives on Black Studies* (1973)
8. Nick Aaron Ford, *Black Studies: Threat or Challenge?* (1973)
9. James Turner, ed, *The Next Decade: Theoretical and Research in Africana Studies* (1984)
10. Lenwood Davis and Georg Hill, *A Bibliographical Guide to the Black Studies Programs in the United States* (1985)