NW Diversity Learning Series – May 14, 2019 Session 3 – Mending the Broken Trust Between Black Women and White Women Presenters: Kami Anderson, Ph.D. and Joy Wiggins, Ph.D.

Give-a-Books for Session 3:

 From Sabotage to Support: A New Vision for Feminist Solidarity in the Workplace, by Joy L. Wiggins and Kami J. Anderson (Berrett-Koehler, 2019)

Women are acculturated within systems that encourage them to sabotage one another; this book shows how they can break free of this cultural programming and use whatever privilege and power they have to raise each other up.

Joy Wiggins and Kami Anderson advocate that the only way women can successfully support each other is by addressing the varying intersections of our individual power and privileges, particularly focusing on how some privileges are inherited along lines of race, class, sexuality, and geography.

The system of patriarchy has created an environment for women to knowingly and unknowingly sabotage each other--it is not inherent in women themselves. This book teaches us how to take an active approach to becoming better allies for each other and by so doing improve our world and end the cycle of injustice.

2. <u>They Were Her Property: White Women as Slave Owners in the American South</u> by Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers (Yale University Press, 2019)

Bridging women's history, the history of the South, and African American history, this book makes a bold argument about the role of white women in American slavery. Historian Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers draws on a variety of sources to show that slave-owning women were sophisticated economic actors who directly engaged in and benefited from the South's slave market. Because women typically inherited more slaves than land, enslaved people were often their primary source of wealth.

3. Antagonists, Advocates & Allies: The WAKE UP Call Guide for White Women Who Want to Become Allies With Black Women by Catrice M. Jackson (Emerge Consultng, LLC, 2016-2016)

Antagonists, Advocates and Allies delivers uncomfortable truths and painful realities about the conscious and unintentional pain White women have inflicted on Black women, women of color and shares how they must use their power to eliminate racism and stop the hypocrisy within the feminine movement.

This guide helps White women identify what role they play in the lives of Black women and women of color and provides valuable interpersonal insight and strategies to help them transition from Antagonist to Advocate and Advocate to Ally.

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In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May)

4. The Making of Asian America: A History, by Erika Lee (Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2015)

In the past fifty years, Asian Americans have helped change the face of America and are now the fastest growing group in the United States. But much of their long history has been forgotten. "In her sweeping, powerful new book, Erika Lee considers the rich, complicated, and sometimes invisible histories of Asians in the United States" (*Huffington Post*).

The Making of Asian America shows how generations of Asian immigrants and their American-born descendants have made and remade Asian American life, from sailors who came on the first trans-Pacific ships in the 1500 to the Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. Over the past fifty years, a new Asian America has emerged out of community activism and the arrival of new immigrants and refugees.

The Making of Asian America is an "epic and eye-opening" (Minneapolis Star-Tribune) new way of understanding America itself, its complicated histories of race and immigration, and its place in the world today.