

Recommended Resources for Civic Engagement Centers and Service-Learning Courses

Books

- Taught by America: A Story of Struggle and Hope in Compton by Sarah Sentilles
 - This book has been used in a first year classroom.
 - Harvard Educational Review provides a background to the book here:
<http://www.hepg.org/her/booknote/222>
- Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble and Coming of Age in the Bronx by A. LeBlanc
 - This book is recommended by MACC colleagues.
 - USA Today provides a background of the book here:
http://www.usatoday.com/life/books/reviews/2003-02-05-family_x.htm
- Living Sociology: Social Problems, Service Learning, Learning, and Civic Engagement by Corey Dolgen
 - This book was just written by a colleague at Stonehill College that was at the Conference .
- A Framework for Understanding Poverty by Ruby K. Payne
 - This has a description of the book:
http://wik.ed.uiuc.edu/index.php/Framework_for_Understanding_Poverty,_A
- Privilege, Power, and Difference by Allan G. Johnson
 - This book is a tool for students and non-students to examine systems of privilege and difference in our society.
- Voices of the Poor: Can Anyone Hear Us?? By Deepa Narayan
 - This is the first book in a volume of 3 books. This is a multi-country research initiative to understand poverty through the eyes of the poor. This helps to explain the constraints that poor people face to escape from poverty.
- The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time by Jeffrey Sachs
 - In this book Sachs says that by 2025 extreme poverty as defined by World Bank can be eliminated globally. He explains how that can happen.
- Street Lives: An Oral History of Homeless Americans by Steven Vanderstaay
 - This book has testimonies from homeless people around the country.
- Rachel and her Children: Homeless Families in America by Kozol
 - Kozol describes the day-to-day struggles that homeless people face while living in New York.

Articles

- Overcoming the Silence of Generational Poverty by Donna M. Beegle

- This can be viewed through this link:
http://www.nacmnet.org/PastConferences/2007Midyear/DonnaBeagle_TP0151OvercomingTheSilence.pdf
- This article shows the findings of people who grew up in generational poverty but have gained success through education.
- What Kind of Citizen? The Politics of Educating for Democracy by J. Westheimer and J. Kahne
 - Access this excerpt at:
http://engagestudiothinking.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/threekindsofcitizenship_excerpt.pdf
 - This is an excerpt from “What Kind of Citizen? The Politics of Educating for Democracy” *American Educational Research Journal*. Volume 41 No. 2, Summer 2004, 237-269.
 - This article has three visions of citizenship: the personally responsible citizen; the participatory citizen, and the justice oriented citizen. There is a table that outlines each type of citizen after there is a discussion about each one.
- Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009, US Census Bureau at
 - This article can be accessed at:
http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/income_wealth/cb10-144.html
 - This article has information on income, poverty and health insurance.
- Families Struggle to Afford Food, Survey Finds, New York Times, January 26, 2010
 - This can be accessed at:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/26/us/26food.html?adxnnl=1&fta=y&adxnnlx=1317922833-HYMWMM1erQkhJGiOoQfcJw>
 - This article is about how some families can't afford to buy the food they need.
- Scott Seider, “Social Justice in the Suburbs”, *Educational Leadership*, 66(8), pp. 54-58, 2009
 - This can be accessed at:
<http://people.bu.edu/seider/Consolidated%20papers/Social%20Justice%20in%20the%20Suburbs%20PDF%20Black%20and%20White.pdf>
 - This provides 3 lessons for K-12 educators that are committed to teaching privileged youth about social justice.

This website offers sample syllabi's by disciplines for more ideas on texts and articles:

<http://www.compact.org/category/syllabi/>