

BAPL “courageous conversation” on racism Tuesday

The Bethlehem Gadfly Jacob Blake September 27, 2020 1 Minute

🌀 *Latest in a series of posts responding to the Jacob Blake shooting* 🌀

*BAPL continues its relevant and pertinent programming.
Join in as the City reckons with race.*

This is what seems to Gadfly the 3rd or 4th major BAPL program on the African American experience and on racism. BAPL is making a very valuable contribution to the national reckoning with race triggered by the murder of George Floyd. Gadfly is reading the Kendi book now, the first section of which will be discussed Tuesday night. Gadfly taught the early history and literature of America in his other life, but he is still learning much from this major new work of scholarship. Join in and see the construction of, the manufacture of the racist view of African Americans. You won't be the same.

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Courageous Conversations at BAPL continues with Ibram X. Kendi's book *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. The intent is to digest, rethink, and formulate the insidiousness of a deep-rooted ideology: racism. How can we understand the present if we do not study past historical policies? Jefferson Davis, in 1860, stated on the floor of the U.S. Senate, "This Government was not founded by negroes nor for negroes, but by white men for white men." How can we learn to become antiracist if we do not understand the cause and the effect it has on the nation?

We will, therefore, dissect the author's book into a five-part series to understand the many complexities of racist ideas. Once we have deconstructed the psychological origins of racial issues that have plagued us for decades, our next step is to ask, "Where do we go from here?"

**Courageous Conversations: Stamped from the Beginning
Online**

Tuesdays Sept 29, Oct 27, Dec 29 2020, Jan 26 and Feb 23 2021
6:30-8:00 pm EST

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