Day 2: Gender, Race, & Intimate Relationships
These are texts that address issues of race, ethnicity, and/or gender, and their relationship(s) to intimate social relationships, whether they are sexual, romantic, or familial. Intimacy is defined here as a “close familiarity and/or closeness,” which can be in a physical and/or emotional sense. These texts illuminate how race, ethnicity, gender, and culture influence how closeness is constructed, developed, and/or envisioned.

Heterosexuality, Whiteness, and Intimacy
These are some of the “classics” in studies of mainstream, white, middle-class intimacy and some responses to them/critiques of them. While some authors may not explicitly discuss whiteness, they are discussing populations where whiteness is the default.


Race, Sexuality and Gender/Intersectionality and Intimacy
These texts are broadly looking at the intersection(s) of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and intimacy. The section is further broken down into intimate relationships across international contexts, intimacy in Black families and communities, and interracial relationships.

Intimate Relationships across International Contexts


Intimacy in Black Families and Communities


Interracial Relationships


**Mixed-Race Identity and Relationships**
These texts address mixed-race individuals and their relationships to others, particularly their experiences within multi-racial families and other social contexts.


**(Mixed-)Race and Representation**
These texts focus on gendered and sexualized cultural representations/understandings of racialized bodies, particularly how the intimate relationships involving mixed-race people and/or interracial relationships/miscegenation are portrayed in popular culture.