

Essay 3: Racism

Read George Yancy's "Dear White America" op-ed from *The Stone* and then write an essay that answers the following questions:

- What do you think is George Yancy's understanding or definition of racism? Do you agree with his conception of racism? Why or why not?
- How do you think racism should be understood?
- What are some ways in which racism can be combatted?

Format: Write a 1-2 page essay answering the questions above. You can think of this essay as a blog post—a more informal kind of writing where you are working out your thoughts and hope to share them with others. Your essay should be typed and double-spaced, use Times New Roman 12-point font, and is due in class as a hard copy on **April 19th**.

Tips:

- Make sure to have a clear thesis paragraph that states your main claims or what you will be arguing in the essay. Separate different ideas into different body paragraphs.
- You might also consider reading George Yancy's follow up piece, "Should I Give Up on White People?" (published very recently on April 16, 2018) where he reflects on people's reactions to his "Dear White America" op-ed. You can find it at the following url and on the course website: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/16/opinion/white-racism-threats.html>