

# SYLLABUS

## The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee

### Guided Discussion

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<b>Location:</b> On-Line			<b>Meeting Day:</b>	<b>Number of Sessions</b>
			Thursday	8
<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Ending Time</b>	<b>Date Starting</b>	<b>Date Ending</b>	<b>No Class Dates</b>
1:00	3:00	February 24, 2022	April 14, 2022	N/A

Heather McGhee has written a thought-provoking book, “The Sum of Us” which describes how the policies that denied opportunity, services, housing, or wealth to Black people also hurt everyone. She gives examples of how these policies have reduced the economic output of the United States and the productivity of American workers.

We will also explore policies and programs than can combat these inequities, level the playing field for Black Americans and provide benefits to all Americans.

#### **Requirements:**

The book is available through Madison Public Library – including the Wisconsin Digital Library eBook and audio book – or for purchase at many bookstores (Amazon \$21.80 for print, \$12.99 Kindle)

Each class will require reading of assigned chapter(s) in book with additional readings and/or videos. You may find it useful to read the notes that correspond with the assigned chapters. The assigned readings may vary from the schedule below.

Be ready to participate in a lively discussion.

The course will be on Zoom; the link will be sent with the reading assignments and again the morning of the class. .

## **Class Schedule:**

### Week 1: (February 24)

Introduction

Chapter 1 “An Old Story: The Zero-Sum Hierarchy”

Chapter 2 “Racism Drained the Pool”

### Week 2: (March 3)

Chapter 3 “Going Without”

### Week 3: (March 10)

Chapter 4 “Ignoring the Canary”

### Week 4: (March 17)

Chapter 5 “No One Fights Alone”

### Week 5: (March 24)

Chapter 6 “Never a Real Democracy”

### Week 6: (March 31)

Chapter 7 “Living Apart”

### Week 7: (April 7)

Chapter 8 “The Same Sky”

### Week 8: (April 14)

Chapter 9 “The Hidden Wound”

Chapter 10 “The Solidarity Dividend”

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