

Lessons from Germany? Anti-Racism Work and a Community Read

Welcome back to Bowdoin and to the most unusual and challenging semester any of us has ever experienced! As we see you again, or for the very first time (!), in zoom squares, we are reminded of the importance of community, hope, resilience, and critical work. The most important work ahead, we all agree, lies in the critical examination of racist structures in both the United States and Germany.

The work and struggle against racism is as much community work as it is individual work. We invite all of you to a virtual German-at-Bowdoin community read for the 2020 fall semester. The read will be capped by discussions, conversations, and meetings on Zoom between November 10-20, 2020. We hope that alumni will join us as well, and that this can be the first of hopefully many and sustained meetings across generations of Polar Bears interested in German and German Studies.

The book is Susan Neiman's *Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil* (New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux/Macmillan, 2019).

Please contact us if you are interested in this event.

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