The Conference Pre-Education Committee is excited to present our second Book Club Selection. Delve with us into *Racecraft: The Soul of Inequality in American Life* by Karen E. Fields and Barbara J. Fields, which explores the roots of race and racism. On the Colbert Report, Toni Morrison noted, "There is no such thing as race. None. There is just a human race -- scientifically, anthropologically. Racism is a construct, a social construct... it has a social function, racism." It is this very notion that Racecraft explores in historical and social context.

Dig into this book and discuss with a small (or large) group of your colleagues/peers/friends. Questions to consider as you read:

- How does the notion of race impact the society in which you live and/or your own communities?
- How does the notion of race impact the therapeutic encounter?
- How has the notion of race directly or indirectly impacted your life and/or relationships?

**Host your own Book Club** and send us your questions, thoughts and reflections after reading this book. *We want to host your Book Club’s reflections on our blog.* Feel free to send your reflection(s) in creative form: a poem, short story, image, picture or any other expression.

**Additional Selection:** Courage of the Blue Boy by Robert Neubecker

Have additional time and want to read another book? Or have no time and can only commit to a shorter read? Check out this children’s book.

- How does this book relate to the desire to connect with others across cultures?
- How does this book relate to our own need to see our identities represented in our communities?

Send us your thoughts!!! We look forward to hearing from you!!

*Please note: all book club submissions will be posted to the conference blog pending approval.*

Suggested Readings for additional study:

*Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome* by Joy DeGruy, Ph.D.

*The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

*The History of White People* by Nell Irvin Painter