

## OPTION A Spring 2022:

We will read and discuss Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* (New York: Vintage, 2011). We have eight sessions for doing so (April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8) meeting by zoom at 10:45-noon. No one need feel obligated to slog through the whole thing; study questions will be enough to slide along on. Those will be provided shortly after we will have finished the previous session. The host will appreciate a default on presence at the zoom: either "count on me unless I opt out of a given one"; or "don't count on me but I'll let you know if I can come"). The plan of the book and ours: After a general introduction (part one), we meet three characters/families (Gladney, Starling, Foster [part two]) whom we will follow "north." Then we will follow each pioneer as s/he goes, and I will break out the pages, so you can adopt one and follow him or her, if that works (parts three and four: this is most of the pages). The book ends with an aftermath (part five [and with an epilogue on methodology]). Consequently, assume the following chunks:

**Session # 1 (4/20):** part one (pp. 1-15) and meet a character family (if you plan to follow one character): if Ida Mae Gladney, then pp.19-47; if George Starling, then pp.47-71; if Robert Foster, then pp. 72-95;

**Session # 2 (4/27):** finish part two: so pp. 95-181: look for your character, as they intersperse but are pretty clearly marked;

**Session # 3 (5/4):** part three: 181-221: read all, or find your character

**Session # 4 (5/11):** part four: pp. 221-37 does each character, briefly; then find yours in pp. 238-84;

**Session # 5 (5/18):** part four: read for yours in pp. 285-350;

**Session # 6 (5/25):** read for yours in pp. 351-431;

**Session # 7 (6/1):** finish in two big steps (part five and epilogue): pp. 433-480;

**Session # 8 (6/8):** and then pp. 481-538