

# EDI Network / On the Same Page – April 30, 2021

- **Book:** *I Hope We Choose Love: A Trans Girl's Notes from the End of the World* by Kai Cheng Thom (144 pages)
- **Video:** *Disclosure* (Documentary, 2020) (1hr 47m)

# acknowledging current events

- **Reading and watching** the On the Same Page monthly material frames our discussion of inequities and systemic injustices. We have conversation enabled by the ongoing work of activists, artists, and designers.
- **At the same time**, every month between and during our meetings, current events sustain inequities and systemic injustices. Each person here today is experiences and is affected in different ways.
- **Let's take a quiet moment**, take a deep breath in and out if you'd like, to acknowledge to ourselves what we and other are going through before starting our discussion together.

- **Be present** – Honor the space with our attendance, attention, and energy as best able.
- **Be respectful** – Each person’s life, needs, external realities, & prioritization of time are individual to them. There is no one true way to design and in the same way there is no one way to understand our lives. Be respectful of individual experiences as we all learn together.
- **Share space / Make space** – Sometimes named as “Give space/Take space,” this is intentionally reworded to prioritize a collective, collaborative exchange where we are all encouraged to recognize the needs of the group, the power dynamics at play, and our roles in creating space for one another.
- **Embrace conflict and discomfort** - Sometimes written “ouch/oops” we acknowledge that any exchange of ideas is likely to include discomfort and unintended missteps. It is important to assume positive intent but prioritize impact and accountability.
- **Use “I” statements** – Speak from personal experience rather than assumptions or generalizations.
- **“Speaking in draft”** – permission to make mistakes and accept correction.

# discussion prompts

- The documentary shows that representation alone is not enough, what we need is nuanced representation that shows transgender people as humans. How can we as individuals promote or foster an environment where that's possible?
- What does it mean to center trans ways of looking? Is there a trans gaze?
- What does it mean *to pass*? What are the implications of the word *passing*?
- What do we think about the word *disclosure*, its implications, obligations, demands, opportunities?
- What is community? How do you know its boundaries, how do you know if you belong?
- What happens when the community you found yourself in is the same one that protects but hurts you at the same time?
- What kind of elder do you want to be?
- Why can't we imagine love for ourselves?
- What do we mean by justice? What does it look like? How is it enacted?
- What does the concept of false binary mean to you?
- Where does the desire/demand for establishing either/or scenarios show up in your work/design?

# Next meeting – Friday, June 25

- **Book:** *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein (368 pages)
- **Video:** *Segregated by Design* (<https://www.segregatedbydesign.com/>), and animated adaptation of *The Color of Law* (18 minutes)
- **Video:** *The Pruitt-Igoe Myth* (<http://www.pruitt-igoe.com/>) (83 minutes; streaming version includes supplementary content; available on Kanopy)

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<https://www.architects.org/knowledge-communities/edi-network/on-the-same-page>

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- **George Floyd's Murderer Convicted:** On April 20, 2021, a Hennepin County District Court jury found Derek Chauvin guilty of all charges, including second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter.
- **Three Men Indicted for the Murder of Ahmaud Arbery:** A grand jury has charged three Georgia men with federal hate crimes and attempted kidnapping. Outstanding state charges include murder, aggravated assault, and false imprisonment.
- **33 States Introduce Anti-Trans Legislation:** On April 6, 2021, Arkansas became the first state to outlaw gender-affirming treatment for minors. On April 28, the Florida Senate adopted an amendment to an education-related bill (SB 1028) to ban transgender youth from participating in school sports consistent with their gender identity. By HRC's latest count, 243 anti-LGBTQ+ bills are under consideration in state legislatures around the nation. Of these, at least 117 are specifically anti-transgender, and 31 would ban gender-affirming medical care for minors.
- **Historic Anti-Asian Hate Crime Spike Continues into 2021:** Anti-Asian hate crime reported to police in 15 of America's largest cities and counties, rose 169%, from 32 to 86, in the first quarter of 2021 in comparison to the first quarter of 2020, according to an analysis of official preliminary data by the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism (CSHE) at California State University, San Bernardino.

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