One Book, One College (OBOC) is a year-long, interdisciplinary program engaging the college community through the reading and discussion of a shared book. The program aims to promote literacy and build a community of educated and empowered readers.

The book for One Book, One College is chosen each year by a group of faculty, staff, and students. The fall 2019 - spring 2020 selection is *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele.

Throughout the fall and spring semesters, the college will offer a variety of events in conjunction with One Book, One College including panel discussions, film screenings, and book discussions. Students, faculty, and staff are all encouraged to participate in these events!

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**2019-2020 Official Read: *When They Call You a Terrorist* by Patrisse Cullors & asha Bandele**

Patrisse Cullors’ first book cowritten by asha bandele, is a poetic memoir and reflection on humanity. Patrisse’s story asks us to remember that protest in the interest of the most vulnerable comes from love. Leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have been called terrorists, a threat to America. But in truth, they are loving women whose life experiences have led them to seek justice for those victimized by the powerful. In this meaningful, empowering account of survival, strength, and resilience, Patrisse Cullors and asha bandele seek to change the culture that declares innocent Black Lives expendable.

Raised by a single mother in an impoverished neighborhood in Los Angeles, Patrisse Cullors experienced firsthand the prejudice and persecution Black Americans endure at the hands of law enforcement. For Patrisse, the most vulnerable people in the country are Black people. Deliberately and ruthlessly targeted by a criminal justice system serving a white privilege agenda, Black people are subjected to unjustifiable racial profiling and police brutality. In 2013, when Trayvon Martin’s killer went free, Patrisse’s outrage led her to co-found Black Lives Matter with Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi.

Condemned as terrorists and as threats to America, these loving women founded a hashtag that birthed the movement to demand accountability from the authorities who continually turn a blind eye to the injustices inflicted upon people of Black and Brown skin. Championing human rights in the face of violent racism, Patrisse is a survivor. She transformed her personal pain into political power, giving voice to a people suffering inequality and a movement fueled by her strength and love to tell the country—and the world—that Black Lives Matter.

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**One Book, One College Resources & Events at East Los Angeles College**

2. Use left navigation tabs to find a book summary and an interview with founders of Black Lives Matter.
3. You can also find teaching resources and lesson plans including:
   - Essay prompts
   - Discussion questions
   - Group presentations
   - Related video clips

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