The Challenge:
Urban Segregation and the Intersections of Race and Place

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TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK
AN INFORMAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF
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“AN EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT... BRILLIANTLY ALIVE.”
“SHE STANDS AS THE ULTIMATE BLACK WRITER FOR TODAY.”
—Julius Lester, The Village Voice
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL
WHITE ONLY

SELMA, ALA.  14 JULY 31
THE WAYS OF WHITE FOLKS
STORIES BY LANGSTON HUGHES
MISSION

• ACTIVELY PROMOTE PARK EQUITY in low income communities of color

• ORGANIZE neighbors around park design and stewardship

• BUILD AND MANAGE parks in park-poor neighborhoods

• DEVELOP local leadership for community and social action
HISTORY

• Founded in 2002

• Organized and engaged tens of thousands of residents in park development, stewardship and policy change

• Developed 25 parks and gardens throughout LA

• Approximately 350,000 live within ½ mile of a Land Trust project

• Leading citywide and countywide policy campaigns to add hundreds of millions of dollars into park system
THE PASSING OF
THE GREAT RACE

MADISON GRANT
WE WANT WHITE TENANTS IN OUR WHITE COMMUNITY
NIGGERS!
DON'T LET THE SUN SET ON YOU IN THIS TOWN.
Whites Only Within City Limits After Dark
MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS KILLING ME
“PRIVILEGE IS WHEN YOU THINK SOMETHING IS NOT A PROBLEM BECAUSE IT’S NOT A PROBLEM TO YOU PERSONALLY.”
White Fragility (n):

"A state in which even a minimum amount of racial stress becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves. These moves include outward display of emotions such as fear and guilt, and behaviors such as argumentation, silence and leaving the stress-inducing situation."
**EQUALITY** = SAMENESS
GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME THING
It only works if everyone starts from the same place

**EQUITY** = FAIRNESS
ACCESS TO SAME OPPORTUNITIES
We must ensure equity before we can enjoy equality
An ALLY is not an noun.
It isn't an identity, a label, or something to claim.
Being an ally is taking action, making a stand,
doing something to make a difference
by standing up against oppression and marginalization.
You are an ally when someone else recognizes you as an ally.
“OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.”

—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
I love naps but I stay woke.