

Know Inequality

Readings on economic disparity

A good start would be Jill Lepore's review essay in *The New Yorker*:

[Lepore, J. \(2015, Mar 16\). Richer and poorer. *The New Yorker*, 91, 26.](#)

The works she refers to are listed below. We do not yet have some of them, but this list will be updated as items become available.

Atkinson, Anthony. (2015). *Inequality: What can be done?* Cambridge, MA: Harvard. [not yet published]

[Fraser, S. \(2015\). *The Age of Acquiescence : The Life and Death of American Resistance to Organized Wealth and Power*. New York: Little, Brown and Company.](#)

[Piketty, T., & Goldhammer, A. \(2014\). *Capital in the Twenty-first Century*. Cambridge Massachusetts: Harvard University Press.](#)

[Piketty, T., & Saez, E. \(2003\). INCOME INEQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES, 1913-1998. *Quarterly Journal Of Economics*, 118\(1\), 1.](#)

Putnam, R. (2015). *Our kids: the American Dream in crisis*. New York: Simon & Schuster. [HN 90 .S65 P88 2015]

Salverda, W. (2011). *The Oxford handbook of economic inequality*. New York: Oxford University Press. [on order]

[Silva, J. M. \(2013\). *Coming up Short : Working-class Adulthood in an Age of Uncertainty*. New York: Oxford University Press.](#)

Stiglitz, J. (2013). *The price of inequality*. New York: Norton. [HC 110 .I5 S867 2013]

[United Nations. Dept. of Econ. and Social Affairs. *Inequality Matters: Report of the World Social Situation 2013*.](#)

Other recommended readings and media (with a bit of blurb)

[Aronowitz, S. \(2005\). *Just Around the Corner : The Paradox of the Jobless Recovery*. Philadelphia, PA, USA: Temple University Press.](#) "*Just around the Corner* is a highly readable and thought-provoking examination of the structural joblessness that is affecting wider segments of the population. This timely book should be read and debated by all those concerned about the future of American workers in the global economy." - William Julius Wilson

[Carpenter, Z. \(2014\). Beware the inequality opportunists. Nation, 298\(16\), 22-24.](#)

[Dadush, U., Dervis, K., & Milsom, S. P. \(2012\). Inequality in America : Facts, Trends, and International Perspectives. Washington, DC, USA: Brookings Institution Press.](#) "Income inequality has been on the rise since the late 1970s, but the economic and financial crisis of 2008 instigated an unemployment epidemic that dramatically compounded this problem... There is wide agreement across the political spectrum that high inequality is contributing to undesirable circumstances such as stagnant household income, rising poverty rates, and increased borrowing and debt, though there is much less agreement on remedies."

[Frank, R. \(2013\). Falling Behind : How Rising Inequality Harms the Middle Class \(2nd Edition\). Berkeley, CA, USA: University of California Press.](#) "Robert Frank explains how increased concentrations of income and wealth at the top of the economic pyramid have set off "expenditure cascades" that raise the cost of achieving many basic goals for the middle class."

[Gilens, M. \(2012\). Affluence and Influence : Economic Inequality and Political Power in America. Princeton, N.J: Princeton University Press.](#) "In an ideal democracy, all citizens should have equal influence on government policy, but as this book demonstrates, America's policymakers respond almost exclusively to the preferences of the economically advantaged."

Inequality for all / The Weinstein Company ; Radius TWC ; 72 Productions ; a 72 production ; produced by Jen Chaiken and Sebastian Dungan ; directed by Jacob Kornbluth. Beverly Hills, CA : Anchor Bay Entertainment, [2014]. DVD-599. "Examines economics professor and Clinton Administration cabinet member Robert Reich's crusade to expose the problem of income inequality in the United States."

[Konczal, M. \(2014\). Taxes' Secret Power. Nation, 299\(20\), 5.](#)

[Krugman, P. \(2014, Aug 08\). Inequality is a drag. New York Times](#)

[Krugman, P. \(2014, Feb 14\). Inequality, dignity and freedom. New York Times](#)

Mr. Krugman blogs at <http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com/>. He often writes on the topic of income inequality.

Reynolds, A. Income and wealth. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2006. HC110.I5 R478 2006

[Rycroft, R. S. \(2013\). The Economics of Inequality, Poverty, and Discrimination in the 21st Century. Santa Barbara, Calif: Praeger.](#) "Leading scholars examine the conflicting paradigms of affluence and destitution in the United States--as well as other free societies--and discuss the influence of education, race, and status on economic mobility."

[Schneider, Nathan. \(2013\) Thank You, Anarchy : Notes from the Occupy Apocalypse. Berkeley, CA, USA: University of California Press.](#) "Schneider chronicles the origins and explosive development of the Occupy movement through the eyes of the organizers who tried to give shape to an uprising always just beyond their control."