Cornell University Book Club  
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**Project Description:**
In the Spring Semester of 2020, Cornell will pilot a book club consisting of students, staff, and faculty. This book club would allow these three key groups to come together and discuss literature pertaining to equity and education. Members of the book club will read the book during the spring semester and meet at the end of April to discuss the material.

**Goals:**
1) Build relationships between students, faculty, and staff.
2) Provide the opportunity for individuals to gain experience with participating in and leading group discussions.
3) Create a space for meaningful conversations around equity, identity, education, and social change.
4) Unearth and unpack assumptions that students, faculty, and staff members may have about one another’s roles.
5) Facilitate the opportunity to create positive changes at Cornell University.

**Group Membership:**
It will be made a priority of the group to include individuals of diverse identities and academic & professional backgrounds. The size of the group will be no greater than 36 people, with a recommended distribution as follows:

- 1 book club leader (Maya Cutforth for SP20)
- 6 undergraduate students
- 4 graduate/professional students
- 10 staff members
- 10 faculty members

The remaining 5 members may be selected as necessary if interest from each category surpasses the suggested number. This number can also be adjusted based on interest from each group.

**Reading List:**
The pilot will be reading *The Privileged Poor* by Anthony Jack. Books will be ordered and paid for with the support of Vice President Lombardi and his office.

**How to join:**
Email Maya Cutforth ([moc23@cornell.edu](mailto:moc23@cornell.edu)) by March 4th with your interest, availability for the week of April 20th (for a 2-hour discussion), and your role at Cornell. Books will be ordered by March 11th and available for pickup in Day Hall the following week. Once the books are collected, Maya will email all participants with helpful things to think about while reading and with a finalized date and location of the meeting.