What is One College, One Book?

The pilot One Book program, to be implemented in fall 2015, will unite the faculty, staff and students in reading and discussing the same book. The selected title can be integrated into college courses, encouraging cross-curricular partnerships. A common read will foster a sense of community and stimulate conversation across the college. Related events may include invited speakers, faculty-led panel discussions, book club meetings assisted by student tutors or SI leaders, and student projects.

Free training in implementing Reading Apprenticeship with the One Book read is available!

Grant News

The West Los Angeles College Foundation has generously awarded a grant of $3,000 to the One Book FIG! The grant will be used toward copies of the book and a speaker event.
The FIG narrowed down book recommendations to three finalists:

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness* by Critical Race Theorist\textsuperscript{1}

*Southland* by Nina Revyor

The selection for the One Book pilot program has been made! We will be reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. The book has been chosen but there is still plenty of opportunity for you to participate in this exciting project! Help us integrate the title into the college curriculum and plan programming related to the book!

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can’t afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. - Publisher

Faculty are encouraged to read the book now, and consider it for use in Fall 2015. Books are available in the library (Faculty and staff see Susan Trujillo) and will be available in the bookstore. We will also hold book club meetings during the summer.

The Student Film Project for the Showcase will incorporate films based on lines from Henrietta Lacks.