

# What Should We Read Next?

Every year, all first-year students at Xavier read the same book and discuss and reflect upon it in their Freshman Seminar classes. Throughout the year, all members of the Xavier community are encouraged also to read and discuss the book and the issues it addresses. These discussions are enhanced by our Reading Connexions series, through which Xavier hosts authors, speakers, and films screenings related to the shared reading. With such a shared reading, we gain not only a better sense of the book but a better sense of each other.

Each year's shared reading is chosen during the previous academic year. A selection committee will compile a list of possible titles that meet the following criteria:

- It must address the concern for social justice within Xavier's mission.
- It must fit with the interdisciplinary nature of a liberal arts education.

The book is then selected through a process that asks all members of the Xavier community to vote for their preferred title. The book that receives the most votes becomes the shared reading for the following year.

Voting for next year's shared reading will take place in mid-November, so please visit <http://read.xula.edu>, learn about the possible selections, and cast your vote.

## PAST SHARED READING TITLES

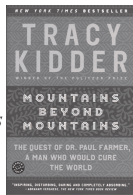
### 2011

*Fast Food Nation*  
by Eric Schlosser



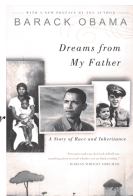
### 2010

*Mountains Beyond Mountains*  
by Tracy Kidder



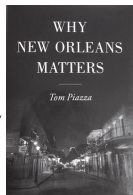
### 2009

*Dreams from My Father*  
by Barack Obama



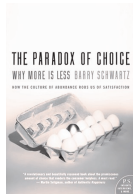
### 2008

*Why New Orleans Matters*  
by Tom Piazza



### 2007

*The Paradox of Choice*  
by Barry Schwartz



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