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Greeting, MBK Colleagues!

We are eager to begin our programming with the 2021 MBK Fellows. We are planning three Mastermind book studies with the Fellows and their mentors this year. We will once again be reading *Madd Truth* by Reverend Dr. Alfonso Wyatt, *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago, and *Brooklyn Bred* by Attika Torrence.

All book studies will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM.

The *tentative* schedule is:

- ***Madd Truth***: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18
- ***When I Was Puerto Rican***: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, and Feb. 10
- ***Brooklyn Bred***: May 12, May 19, May 26, and June 2

There is an allocation in the budget to purchase book study materials for the Fellows and their mentors. Each MBK Fellows Program is responsible for purchasing and distributing the books in ample time for the Fellows and their mentors to read them and be prepared to discuss them at the Mastermind book studies.

Each of your Fellows and their mentors will require a copy of each book. Returning mentors should already have a copy of these titles from our last round of Mastermind book studies.

You may order the books from the vendors below or any vendor of your choice.

Madd Truth by Reverend Dr. Alfonso Wyatt; ISBN: 9780998256603

Books can be ordered directly from the author at: alfonsowvatt09@gmail.com OR
[Amazon – *Madd Truth*](#) OR
[Barnes and Noble – *Madd Truth*](#)

When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago; ISBN: 9780306814525

[Amazon - *When I Was Puerto Rican*](#) OR
[Barnes and Noble - *When I Was Puerto Rican*](#)

Brooklyn Bred by Attika Torrence; ASIN: B08G8JZ7C7

[At the Top Publishing - *Brooklyn Bred*](#) - This is the author's website, the only outlet to buy a paper copy of the book.

[Amazon - *Brooklyn Bred*](#) - Kindle version only.

We look forward to an exciting year with our 2021 MBK Fellows and trust that the discussions with them will be as rich and engaging as they have been with the previous cohorts of MBK Fellows.

Best,

Karen Hymes

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