

# The O'Neil Center Summer Reading Group

**What is it?** Students will have the opportunity to read two books over the summer and discuss them at the beginning of the fall 2020 semester. One of the two books all students will read will be *The Narrow Corridor* by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson. Students will receive a \$500 stipend for their participation.

**Who is eligible?** All *rising* sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have participated in an O'Neil Center reading group are eligible to apply. However, only eight students will be selected to participate.

**When will it happen?** Students will meet for roughly a half hour at 3pm on the spring semester reading day on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will then meet for the full day on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> for an intensive discussion.

## FINAL SECONDARY BOOK LIST

*Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty* (2011) Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo.

*The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Succeeds in the West and Fails Everywhere Else* (2000) by Hernando de Soto.

*The Great Escape: Health, Wealth, and the Origins of Inequality* (2013) by Angus Deaton.

*Anarchy Unbound: Why Self-Governance Works Better Than You Think* (2014) by Peter Leeson.

*Why Liberalism Works: How True Liberal Values Produce a Freer, More Equal, Prosperous World for All* (2019) by Deirdre McCloskey.

*A Culture of Growth: The Origins of the Modern Economy* (2016) by Joel Mokyr.

*Power and Prosperity: Outgrowing Communist and Capitalist Dictatorships* (2000) by Mancur Olson.

*The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* (2005) by Jeffrey Sachs.