The 2017 Reading Project selection is "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The book reads as a letter to the author’s teenage son about the feelings, symbolism and realities associated with being black in the United States. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
With a variety of events scheduled throughout the fall semester, the Reading Project creates a campuswide dialogue on a variety of themes. Crenshaw’s address is one of many events that are being held across campus as part of the Newcomb-Tulane College Reading Project. In August, faculty from both the uptown and downtown campuses led discussion groups during the first week of Fall Welcome on the day before classes began, thus giving first-year students the opportunity to engage with a faculty member even before their first college class.

James MacLaren, dean of Newcomb-Tulane College, said the response to a call for faculty to facilitate group discussions on the Reading Project book was overwhelming.

“The faculty discussion group leaders were excited and enthusiastic both about the book and the opportunity to discuss the book with our new first-year students,” said MacLaren. “Feedback received from faculty was positive, and many commented on the thoughtful discussions they had with students.”

Throughout the fall semester, students will have opportunities to continue the conversations started during Fall Welcome discussion groups with faculty members by participating in optional discussion groups on a variety of topics related to *Between the World and Me*. To learn more about opportunities to engage with the Tulane Reading Project, visit the program’s [Continue the Conversation](#) page.

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