Discussion Facilitators Needed:

UMBC’s New Student Book Experience: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

All new students attending UMBC in fall 2018 are asked to read the book *Kindred*.  As part of Welcome Week, the book discussions will be held on Monday, August 27th from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. Discussion groups will be limited to 20-25 students and will meet in various on campus locations. We are looking for faculty and staff who are interested in serving as facilitators.

Persons interested in facilitating a group should indicate their interest by contacting Denise Kedzierski at [kedziers@umbc.edu](http://mailto:kedziers@umbc.edu/).  Discussion leaders will be asked to participate in a conversation about the book on Friday, August 24th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. in ITE 456. Lunch will be provided. We will spend time in conversation focusing on themes and questions that will enhance discussion within your group. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this initiative.  This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with our new students and help them learn about our expectations and commitment to excellence in education.  If you have questions, contact Jill Randles at jrandles@umbc.edu or call ext.5-3715.

Also, SAVE THE DATE, Dr. Kendra Parker will be on campus on Monday, October 8th. Her lecture will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall with a reception to follow. Dr. Parker’s lecture is entitled "*Kindred*at (Nearly) 40: A Challenge for Our Changing Same.” She will discuss the importance of the neo-slave narrative genre as one point of entry in understanding how the legacy Butler leaves with *Kindred*should inspire us to think about and participate in allyship, civil disobedience, and resistance.

The lecture is free and open to the public.