## Proposal Form for CRTW Book Selection and Approval

Please use the following form to propose a book for use in CRTW 201. Write a specific explanation/justification for each criterion. Send to the CRTW Committee c/o Amanda Hiner (hinera@winthrop.edu).

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### I. Book Criteria: The book must be

- a. current nonfiction
- b. written by a person with expertise in the field
- c. intended for a non-expert, educated audience

### II. Level and Content Criteria: The book must be

- a. written in challenging, mature, sophisticated prose
- b. of substantial length
- c. interdisciplinary in its subject and content

### III. Topic Criteria: The book must

- a. have relevance to students’ lives and address authentic problems
- b. challenge students’ assumptions, pre-conceived ideas, and impediments to critical thinking

### IV. Argumentative Criterion: The book must

- a. present an explicit, compelling, thought-provoking argument

### V. Critical Thinking Criteria: The book must help develop students’ critical thinking skills by

- a. correlating with and complementing Nosich’s elements of reasoning, standards of thinking, and intellectual traits
- b. providing opportunities for students to analyze, discuss, and write about the topic