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Dear USC Students,

As we move into spring and as commencement approaches, I am writing to share this year's summer reading list. This is a list of extraordinary works that we can read together, creating a common ground for discussions in the coming academic year. These books are not required for your classes, but we will have opportunities to reflect on them as a community. One of the books is by this year's commencement speaker, Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee.

Here is the complete list:

Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?, by Graham Allison

The Gene: An Intimate History, by Siddhartha Mukherjee

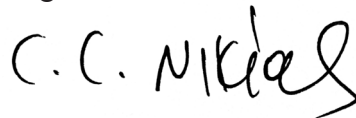
I Am Shakespeare, a play by Mark Rylance

Home Fire, by Kamila Shamsie

I would like to add that on November 5, at 7 p.m., Kamila Shamsie will speak in Town and Gown. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on her work, and to hear from her directly.

I hope you enjoy these works as much as I did!

Fight On!



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