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What can we do?

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One way to combat this stereotype and its negative consequences is to decolonise the reading lists used to support teaching by including philosophical writings by authors from under-represented groups. Doing so can:

- Show students that philosophy is for everyone
- Reduce the risk of stereotype threat and implicit bias
- Promote work by scholars from under-represented backgrounds

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