

SYLLABUS (subject to change)

Jan 25: Introduction:

RELIGION AND THE EARLY HISTORY OF RACE AND RACISM

Jan 27:

Reading:

- (1) Frederickson, Chapter 1: Religion and the Invention of Racism, 15-49
- (2) Blum, 109-111 [on Greeks]

Feb 1:

Reading:

- (1) Frederickson, Chapter 2, 51-59 only (end of top paragraph)
- (2) Blum, chapter 6, 111-122 [not whole chapter]

Assignment: Write a 1 page (c. 300 words) summary of today's reading (either one)

THE IDEA OF RACE; DO RACES EXIST?

Feb 3:

Reading:

- (1) Blum, chapter 5, 98-108
- (2) Blum, chapter 6, 122-130

Assignment: Racial incident assignment due [see handout]

Feb 8:

Reading:

- (1) Blum, chapter 7, 131-146
- (2) Michael Bamshad and Steve Olson, "Does Race Exist?" Scientific American, December 2003 [ERes]

Assignment: Write a 1 page summary of today's reading

LATINOS AND RACE

Feb 10:

Reading:

Linda Martín Alcoff, "Is Latino/a Identity a Racial Identity?," 23-44, from Hispanics/Latinos in the United States [ERes]

Assignment: Write a 1 page summary of today's reading

=====¹ paper topic handed out=====

Feb 15:

- (1) Blum, Chapter 8: 147-156 only
- (2) "Implicit Racism": go to www.implicit.harvard.edu (click on "demonstration" and follow the links to take the Implicit Association Test on race: about 15 minutes altogether)

No writing assignment because of paper due next period!

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Feb 17:

Reading: M. Bertrand and S. Mullainathan, "Are Emily and Greg More Employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A Field Experiment on Labor Market Discrimination?" *American Economic Review*, vol. 94, #4, (Sept. 2004): 991-1013
[MANDY: THIS ITEM IS ON FALL '10 CCT627 SYLLABUS, CLASS 2]

Feb 22:

Reading:

(1) D. Kelly, E. Machery, R. Mallon, "Race and Racial Cognition," The Moral Psychology Handbook (2010), 452-461 [will send]

(2) Richard T. Ford, The Race Card (2008), 188-195 [will send]

Feb 24:

Reading: Blum, chapter 4: "Racial Discrimination and Color Blindness," 78-97

Assignment: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

++++++1st paper due++++++

March 1: (no new reading)

THE LEGACY OF DISCRIMINATION

March 3:

Reading:

Melvin Oliver and Thomas Shapiro, Black Wealth/White Wealth, 11-45 (ERes)

Assignment: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

Mar 8:

Reading: National Research Council, "Cumulative Disadvantage and Racial Discrimination," from Measuring Racial Discrimination: 223-233 [ERes]

WHITE SUPREMACY AND THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF RACE-BASED REGIMES

Mar 10:

Reading: Frederickson, chapter 3: "Climax and Retreat: Racism in the 20th Century"

(Mar 12-20: SPRING BREAK)

Mar 22:

Reading: Charles Mills, "Revisionist Ontologies: Theorizing White Supremacy," from Blackness Visible: Essays on Philosophy and Race, 97-118 [eRes]

1. Summary: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading. [YOU MUST DO 4 OUT OF THE NEXT 7 SUMMARIES, INCLUDING THIS ONE]

++++++2nd paper handed out++++++

ASIANS BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE: OUTSIDERS AND THE "MODEL MINORITY STEREOTYPE"

Mar 24:

Reading: Frank Wu, "The Model Minority: Asian American 'Success' as a Race Relations Failure," from Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White, 39-78 [eRes]

2. Summary: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

Mar 29: (continued: no new reading)

+++++2nd paper due+++++

THE REPARATIONS CONTROVERSY

Mar 31:

Reading: Dinesh D'Souza, "The Reparations Fallacy: What African-Americans Owe America," from What's So Great About America, 101-131 [eRes]

3. Summary: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

Apr 5:

Reading: Thomas McCarthy, "Coming to Terms With Our Past, Part II: On the Morality and Politics of Reparations for Slavery," from *Political Theory*, Dec. 2004: 750-772 [eRes]

4. Summary: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

Apr 7:

Reading: John Arthur, Race, Equality, and the Burdens of History, 210-227 [will send]

Apr 12: [no new reading]

IS BLACK RACIAL IDENTITY A GOOD THING?

Apr 14:

Reading: Randall Kennedy, "My Race Problem—and Ours," *Atlantic Monthly*, May 1997: 55-60, 64-66 [eRes]

5. Summary: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

Apr 19:

Reading: Yalonda Howze and David Weberman, "On Racial Kinship," *Social Theory and Practice*, Muly 2001: 419-436 [eRes]

THE IMMIGRATION EFFECT: CAN RACIAL PREJUDICE BE ETHNICALLY DIFFERENTIATED?

Apr 21:

Reading: Mary Waters, "Encountering American Race Relations," from Black Identities (1999): 140-180

Apr 26: (no new reading)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN EDUCATION AND THE CLASS/RACE PROBLEM

Apr 28:

Reading: Carl Cohen, "Race Preference is Morally Wrong," from Affirmative Action and Racial Preference, 23-45 [eRes]

6. Summary: Write a 1-page summary of today's reading

May 3:

Reading: Ronald Dworkin, "Affirmative Action: Does it Work?" from Sovereign Virtue, 386-408 [eRes]

May 5: (continued: no new reading)

THE LONG VIEW

May 10:

Reading: (a) Frederickson, "Epilogue: Racism at the Dawn of the 21st Century," 139-150