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

========1st 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:

Feb 22:
Reading:
(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:

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:
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:

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

Mar 29: (continued: no new reading)

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