

H302 Race & Segregation
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Description:

This course examines African American social movements from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Our central concern is with the dialectic between mass movements, their leaderships, and specific historical conditions. At the end of the course, students should have a better understanding of the multiple ways in which social movements can be defined as well as an appreciation for the wide range of local, regional, national, and international struggles waged by peoples of African descent in the modern world.

Requirements:

Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussions on a regular basis. Only two unexcused absences are allowed after which your grade will be penalized. There will be four take-home written assignments each worth one fourth of your grade. All papers must be handed in on time. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Readings:

The four books listed below are required readings and are listed in order of usage.

Charles M. Payne and Adam Green, eds., *Time Longer Than Rope: A Century of African American Activism, 1850-1950* (New York University, 2003)

John H. Bracey, Jr., and Manisha Sinha, eds., *African American Mosaic: A Documentary History from the Slave Trade to the Twenty-First Century*, vol. 2 (Prentice Hall, 2004)

Jeanne Theoharis and Komozi Woodard, eds., *Freedom North: Black Freedom Struggles Outside the South, 1940-1980* (Palgrave, 2003)

Timothy B. Tyson. *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power* (University of North Carolina Press, 1999)

Those readings marked with an asterisk* are on reserve reading at Jackson library.

Readings should be done before class meets. It helps to read the texts, especially the documents, s-l-o-w-l-y. Bring the weekly reading materials to class.

Class meetings:

READ: Kerr Ritchie, "Introduction to Social Movements,"*
Jan. 10, 12 **Introduction**

READ: Harding, "Ferment of Fugitives,"*; Kerr-Ritchie, "Pulpit to the
Jan. 17 Street,"*

Jan. 19 **Martin Luther King Day**
Fugitives & Abolitionists

READ: Du Bois, "General Strike,"*; Cecelski, "Wilmington's Prophet," in
 Payne & Green
 Jan. 24, 26 **The Great American Slave Rebellion**

READ: Hahn, "Society Bottomside Up,"*; Saville, "Restoration &
 Reaction,"*
 Jan. 31, **Black Republicans**
 Feb. 2

Feb. 2 **FIRST PAPER DUE**

READ: Hunter, "Washing Amazons,"*; Hahn, "Valley & Shadows,"*
 Feb. 7, 9 **Southern Struggles**

READ: Painter, "Kansas Fever Exodus,"*; Du Bois, "Migration of
 Negroes,"*; "Letters of Black Migrants," in Bracey & Sinha;
 Feb. 14, 16 Gottlieb, "Rethinking the Great Migration,"*
Shoeleather Plebiscite

READ: Garvey, "Liberty Hall Speech," in Bracey & Sinha; Lewis, "Art of
 Feb. 21, 23 the Word,"*; Ortiz, "Eat Your Bread..." in Payne & Green
The "New Negro"

READ: Watts, "Outside Directions,"*; Honey, "Power of Remembering,"
 Feb. 28 in Payne & Green; Dinerstein, "African American Modernism,"*
 Mar. 2 **Depression & War**

Mar. 2 **SECOND PAPER DUE**

Mar. 7, 9 **SPRING BREAK**

READ: Meriwether, "Ghana,"*; James, "Proof in Pudding,"*
 Mar. 14, 16 **"Africa for Africans"**

READ: "Round Table on King," JAH 74:2 (Sept. 1987), 436-481
 Mar. 21, 23 Mueller, "Ella Baker,"*; Payne, "Families & Traditions,"*
Black Freedom Movement 1

READ: Theoharis, "Introduction," *Freedom North*, 1-15;
 Mar 28, 30 Woodward, "Nation Time in Newark," *Freedom North*, 287-311
Black Freedom Movement 2

READ: Tyson, *Radio Free Dixie*
 Apr. 4, 6 **Black Freedom in North Carolina**

Apr. 6 **THIRD PAPER DUE**

READ: “Combahee River Collective,”*; Shaw, “Feminists in
Zimbabwe,”*

Apr. 11, 13 **Black Feminists**

READ: Kitwana, “Hip Hop Generation,”*; Muhammed, “Black
Workers,”*

Apr. 18, 20 **Social Movements Today**

RESEARCH:
Apr. 25, 27 **Your Social Movement**

May 2 **Conclusions**

May 2 **FOURTH PAPER DUE**