RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

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Course Description

This course examines the United States as a diverse society utilizing the theories and methods of sociology to explore the experiences of the major racial and ethnic groups. This course explores various sociological theories that seek to explain the formation of racial/ethnic groups and the reproduction of racism in society. These theories are then used to compare and contrast the relationship between racial and/or ethnic groups in the United States. Students will be expected to critically examine concepts of assimilation, stratification, and diversity to explore the complex interplay of class, politics and historical contingency in a rapidly changing, diverse society.

Required Readings:

Romano, Renee *Race Mixing: Black-White Marriage in Postwar America*
Lee, Erika *At America's Gates: Chinese Immigration During the Exclusion Era*, University of North Carolina Press
Molina, Natalia *Fit to Be Citizens: Public Health and Race in Los Angeles 1879-1939*

Other reading assignments will be available on Blackboard.

Course Requirements:

1. Come prepared to discuss the assigned readings and offer constructive/critical comments on the course materials.
2. There will be three short papers (8-10 pages). Your essays must be double-spaced and in twelve point font with regular margins.
3. Students will give presentations on one of the assigned readings. You will be expected to summarize the key arguments and provide 1-2 discussion questions for the class.

WEEK 1: Introduction: Key Ideas

WEEK 2: What is Race?

Cornell and Hartmann *Ethnicity and Race* ps. 15-38
American Sociological Association “Statement on Race”
E. Bonilla-Silva “Rethinking Racism: Toward a Structural Interpretation” in ASR 1996

WEEK 3: Historical Dynamics
R. Jenkins “Categorization and Power” in R. Jenkins *Rethinking Ethnicity* 1997

WEEK 4: Racism


WEEK 5: Race-Making

F. James Davis, *Who is Black?* whole book

WEEK 6: Immigration and Incorporation


WEEK 7: The Bordering of America

Erika Lee “*At America’s Gates: Chinese Immigration in the Age of Exclusion*,* whole book

WEEK 8: Policing Color Lines

K. Mumford, *Interzones: Black/White Sex Districts in Chicago and New York in the Early Twentieth Century* ps. 3-52

WEEK 9: Miscegenation

R. Romano Race-Mixing: Black-White Intermarriage in Postwar America

WEEK 10: Space and Segregation

N Molina, *Fit to Be Citizens*, whole book

WEEK 11: Assimilation?

T. Jimenez “Mexican Immigrant Replenishment and the Continuing Significance of Ethnicity and Race” American Journal of Sociology May 2008
M. Patillo, “Black Middle Class Neighborhoods” in Annual Review of Sociology
WEEK 12: The Race-Class Nexus

E. Telles and V. Ortiz, *Generations of Exclusion*, whole book

WEEK 13: Continuing Significance of Race

E. Nakano Glenn “Race, Gender and Unequal Citizenship in the United States” in Krysan and Lewis *Changing Terrain of Race*

WEEK 14: Global Racial Dynamics


WEEK 15: New Directions