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RACE IN HISTORY
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<http://www.worldhistorynetwork.org/manning> -- syllabus and other course materials are available under "Race, Spring 2006" in the "Teaching" section of this website.

This course addresses the history and nature of race, racial categorization, and racial discrimination. It addresses biological, social, and cultural aspects of race. The course emphasizes that race and racism have been global phenomena, and that the rise and decline of racial discrimination have had remarkably similar histories in various parts of the world. The course will distinguish between "race" in science and in society, and will distinguish between elite ideas and popular practices on "race."

Exams and Grades:

- The grade for this course depends primarily upon the two Midterm Exams (20% each) and the Final Exam (45%). These essay exams will be based on lectures and readings for the course. The Final Exam addresses the full course.
- In addition, students will write seven one-page essays (2% each, 14% total) presenting their understanding and their questions on major issues and debates about race. (The last 1% may be awarded through a bonus question on the final.)

Required Texts:

- L. Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages* (NU bookstore)
- C. Stringer & R. McKie, *African Exodus* (NU Reprographics)
- K. Reilly, S. Kaufman, & A. Bodino, *Racism: A Global Reader* (NU bookstore)
- G. Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism* (NU bookstore)
- N. MacMaster, *Racism in Europe* (NU bookstore)

Optional Readings:

Handouts and website citations will be provided from time to time

Lectures and Discussions

- Most classes center on lecture presentations by the instructor, lasting about one hour.
- Where time remains after lecture, classes will include such activities as discussion of lectures and texts, group activities, and review for exams.

Classroom demeanor

- While attendance is not taken in this class, students are urged to arrive at the beginning of the hour.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1. Overview.

Jan. 10. Meeting 1, Lecture 1. Introduction: Contending views of race

Jan. 13. Meeting 2, Lecture 2. Biological basis of race: genetics

Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, pp. vii-xii, 3 – 32.
Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 3-11.

Week 2. Biology.

Jan. 17. Meeting 3, Lecture 3. Biological basis of race: paleontology

Jan. 20. Meeting 4, Lecture 4. Biological basis of race: DNA analysis

Paper 1 due at beginning of class

Reading: Stringer & McKie, *African Exodus*, 1-16 (skim 17-84)
Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, pp. 33-56.
Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 12-44

Week 3. Biology and Society

Jan. 24. Meeting 5, Lecture 5. Race and language: biological and social differences

Jan. 27. Meeting 6, Video. "Race: The Power of an Illusion"

Paper 2 due at beginning of class

Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, pp. 57-132.
Stringer & McKie, *African Exodus*, 85-148

Week 4. Race before Racism

Jan. 31. Meeting 7, Lecture 6. Impressions of difference in ancient & medieval times

Feb. 3. Meeting 8, **Lab session. Phenotype and genotype**

Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, pp. 133-172.
Stringer & McKie, *African Exodus*, 149-193
Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 45-61.

Week 5. Society to 1800.

Feb. 7. Meeting 9, Lecture 7. Encounters and creation of social hierarchies

Feb. 10. Meeting 10, Lecture 8. Mixing in biology and society: early modern experiences

Paper 3 due at beginning of class

Reading: Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, pp. 1-47
Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 62-85.

Week 6. Society to 1800.

Feb. 14. Meeting 11, Lecture 9. The rise of slavery and race

Feb. 17 Meeting 12. Midterm Exam 1

Reading: Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 87-104..

Week 7. Society to 1800.

Feb. 21. Meeting 13, Lecture 10. Enlightenment and categorization

Feb. 24. Meeting 14, Lecture 11. Anti-slavery

Paper 4 due at beginning of class

Reading: Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 49-63
Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 105-141.

Week 8. Society, 1800-1920.

Feb. 28. Meeting 15, Lecture 12. Scientific racism

Mar 3. Meeting 16, Lecture 13. Emancipation and expanded racism

Reading: Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 64-95

Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 141-197.

March 4 – March 12: TERM BREAK

Week 9. Society, 1800-1920.

Mar. 14. Meeting 17, Lecture 14. Civilization and segregation

Mar. 17. Meeting 18, Lecture 15. Intellectual and social critique of racism

Paper 5 due at beginning of class

Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 1-85

Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 97 – 138

Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 197-248.

Week 10. Society, 1800-1920.

Mar. 21. Meeting 19, Lecture 16. Anti-Semitism

Mar. 24. Meeting 20. Midterm Exam 2 [ESSHA]

Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 86-139

Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, 151-170

Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 249-272.

Week 11. Society, 1920-1970.

Mar. 28. Meeting 21, Lecture 17. World War II and the Holocaust

Mar. 31. Meeting 22, Lecture 18. Decolonization and civil rights

Paper 6 due at beginning of class

Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 140-189

Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 273-331.

Week 12. Society since 1970.

April 4. Meeting 23, Lecture 19. Affirmative action and multiculturalism

April 7. Meeting 24, Lecture 20. Race and contemporary culture

Reading: MacMaster, *Racism in Europe*, 190-223

Stringer & McKie, *African Exodus*, 224-250

Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 332-352

Week 13. Biology and society in the future.

Apr. 11. Meeting 25, Lecture 21. Revising social categories: Hispanics and Muslims

Apr. 14. Meeting 26, Lecture 22. Visions of difference and equality for the future

Paper 7 due at beginning of class

Reading: Cavalli-Sforza, *Genes, Peoples, and Languages*, pp. 173-207

Reilly et al, *Racism: A Global Reader*, 353-381

Week 14. Biology and society in the future.

Apr. 18. Meeting 27. Lecture 23

Reading: Fredrickson, *Short History of Racism*, pp. 139 – 150

Week 15.

FINAL EXAM