



Summer 2021 Special Topics Course

Humanities 380 | Racism & Anti-racism in America

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- ◆ 1 Credit
- ◆ May 10 through June 4
- ◆ Online synchronous
- ◆ Wednesdays
- ◆ 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This course will explore Racism and Antiracism in contemporary America. Specific attention will be given to the ways in which racism and struggles to dismantle racism express themselves today in social systems such as education, immigration, the criminal justice system, housing, and employment. The course will include analysis of different antiracist social movements like Black Lives Matter, the NAACP, Black Power, and others. Using an interdisciplinary framework, the course employs a variety of sources such as historical documents to understand how we got to where we are now, and present-day news reports, documentaries, and current scholarship to understand racism and the fight to dismantle it. The course is designed to equip students with skills for both working sensitively and openly across racial difference and becoming social justice allies. These antiracist skills include: analyzing systemic racism, understanding one's racial identity (social location) in light of systemic racism, becoming aware of one's own assumptions and patterns of response (habitus), becoming willing to work in the midst of uncertainty, becoming prepared to take risks and fail, and still take the risks again, while developing constructive practices of alliance, resistance, and resilience.

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