



Summer 2021 Special Topics Courses

ENG 380 | Anti-racist Literature

Dr. Amy Watkin | 4 Credits | PEAK optional | May 10-June 4

How does literature contribute to antiracist conversations and movements? How can reading literature help us to thoughtfully, responsibly, talk about racism and antiracism? Books are often a window when we need to see, and a catalyst for conversations. In this class, we'll read, discuss, and analyze books written by and about people of color, learning how literary techniques can be used to inspire activism and generate understanding, community, and empathy

HUM 380 | A Holy Hatred? Use & Misuse of the Bible in Ideologically & Racially Fraught Times

Dr. David Creech | 4 Credits | May 10-June 4

2020 brought renewed focus on pervasive racial injustice and longstanding ideological divides. These tensions have manifested in violent and destructive behavior. Activists have appealed to Biblical texts and values to advocate for quite different positions. Black activists cry for justice and liberation; white nationalists quote scripture and erect crosses. This course will explore how Christian texts, tradition, and imagery are used and misused in this public discourse.

HUM 380 | Racism & Anti-racism in America

Dr. Edward Antonio | 1 Credit | May 10-June 4

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.

SOC 380 | Race & Health Disparities

Dr. Matthew Luther Lindholm | 4 Credits | June 7-July 2

We will explore the concept of health disparity as it relates to different populations in racialized societies. After establishing the nature and evidence of disparities, we'll explore why disparities exist both in health outcomes and healthcare. Finally, we'll look at how health disparity gaps could be addressed, what health justice could look like in practice and design.

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