

Ethnic Studies Courses & Electives

Fall Semester 2021

Courses:

ETHS-400

Ethnic Studies Colloquium

M 6-9 pm

Elliott Young

Reading and critical analysis of major interpretive works. Organized around themes or analytical problems; comparative study of works in ethnic studies exemplifying different points of view, methodologies, subject matter. Focus varies depending on instructor's teaching and research area.

ETHS-345

Ethnic Studies Symposium Chair

Kim Brodtkin

Student chairs perform substantive analytic work related to this interdisciplinary field of study, conducting extensive research to explore speakers, develop panels, identify important issues, and develop the program of events. Working closely with each other, the planning committee, and the

faculty director, chairs also develop leadership and professional responsibilities. Preference given to minors in ethnic studies, but students with relevant coursework or other experience will be considered.

Junior standing required and requires permission of the instructor after completion of application and interview.

Electives:

HIST-135

US Empire to Superpower

T/Th 9:40-11:10

Reiko Hillyer

The power of the United States in the world, from the Spanish-American War to Iraq. Central themes are freedom, the state, and empire. Overall, our topics include the rise of imperialism; the demise of Reconstruction and the development of industrial capitalism; Progressivism; the World Wars; urbanization; consumer culture; the Great Migration; the depression and New Deal; the Cold War; the rights revolutions of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s; Vietnam; and the rise of the Right.

HIST-141

Colonial Latin American History

T/Th 9:40-11:10

Elliott Young

History of Latin America from Native American contact cultures through the onset of independence movements in the early 19th century. Cultural confrontations, change, and Native American accommodation and strategies of evasion in dealing with the Hispanic colonial empire.

HIST-231A

U.S Women's History 1600-1980

M/W 3-4:30

Reiko Hillyer

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The history of women and gender in the United States from the colonial period to the present, with a focus on the 19th and 20th centuries as influenced by class, race, and region. Topics include the transformation of a household economy to an industrial economy; the influence of slavery and emancipation on the experience of women, bound and free; women's movement into low-paid "women's work" and their designation as the primary consumers in a consumer society; women's involvement in social reform; changing notions of women's (and men's) sexuality; the conflicted history of women's suffrage; the relationship between ideologies of gender and imperialism; suburbanization and the "feminine mystique"; and the rights revolutions of the 20th century.

HIST-239

Constructing the American Landscape

T/Th 1:50-3:20

Reiko Hillyer

Political, social, economic, and aesthetic forces that have helped shape ordinary built environments: farms, fast-food restaurants, theme parks, sports stadiums, highways, prisons, public housing. Patterns of economic growth and decline, technological innovation, segregation, gentrification, capital migration and globalization, historic preservation, and changing ideologies about nature and the city.

HIST-297

Native Peoples in North America

M/W 3-4:30

Nancy Gallman

Introduction to the practice and research methods of history. Reading and critical analysis of primary sources and scholarship organized around themes or problems in history. Focus varies depending on areas of the instructor's teaching and/or research. Assignments are organized around a substantial final project and/or several smaller projects.

HIST-328

The British Empire

M/W/F 11:30-12:30

David A. Campion

The history of British overseas expansion from the early 17th century to the end of the 20th century. Theories of imperialism; Britain's Atlantic trade network; the Victorian empire in war and peace; collaboration and resistance among colonized people; India under the British Raj; Africa and economic imperialism; the effects of empire on British society; the creation of the British Commonwealth; the rise of nationalism in India, Africa, and the Middle East; decolonization and postcolonial perspectives. Extensive readings from primary sources

IA-296

Human Rights and International Politics

M/W 3-4:30

Suparna Chaudhry

Tensions surrounding sovereignty, or nonintervention, in the face of increasingly severe human rights abuses. Overview of the philosophical underpinnings of human rights as well as prominent debates in the human rights literature. Critical examination of the doctrine of sovereignty in international relations theory and practice. Analysis of the international community's ways of

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preventing human rights violations, including political and judicial enforcement of human rights norms

PSY-390

Cross-Cultural Psychology

M/ W 7-8:30

Yueping Zhang

Relations between culture and human behavior. Examination of topics in psychology from a multicultural, multiethnic perspective, with special emphasis on cultural influence on research methods, self-concept, communication, emotion, social behavior, development, mental health. Cultural variation, how culture shapes human behavior, and psychological theories and practices in different cultures.

RHMS-321

Argument and Social Justice

T/Th 8-9:30

Mitch Reyes

Investigation of argumentation and social justice. Exploration and application of scholarship through the community-based Thank You for Arguing, a mentoring program run with local inner-city public schools. Theoretical and methodological frameworks for understanding the role of argumentation in fostering social justice explored through readings, class discussion, and writing assignments.

SOAN-255

Race and Ethnicity in a Global Perspective

M/W/F 12:40-1:40

Sarah D. Warren

Sociological and anthropological analysis of how the notions of racial and ethnic groups, nations and nationalities, indigenous and non-indigenous groups, and states and citizenships have evolved cross-culturally. How they might be reconfiguring in the present context of economic globalization, mass migrations, and diasporic formations. Causes and consequences of the recent resurgence of ethnicity and the content, scope, and proposals of ethnic movements.

SOAN-285

Culture and Power in the Middle East

T/Th 1:50-3:20

Oren Kosansky

Introduction to the anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa, with an emphasis on the relationship between global and local forms of social hierarchy and cultural power. Topics include tribalism, ethnicity, colonialism, nationalism, gender, religious practices, migration, the politics of identity.

SOAN-360

Colonialism and Postcolonialism

T/Th 9:40-11:10

Oren Kosansky

Anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of colonial and postcolonial societies. Topics include imperial ideologies, modes of colonial representation and cultural control, European society in the colonies, colonial resistance, and postcolonial nationalisms and diasporas.

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