

THE POLITICAL CULTURE OF RACE AND RACISM

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Course Lectures: Thursday, 12:30 – 2:20 PM, Stedman Lecture Hall F dmcnally@yorku.ca

Required Texts:

*Vic Satzewich and Nikolaos Liodakis, *'Race' and Ethnicity in Canada*, 3rd edition

*Etienne Balibar and Immanuel Wallerstein, *Race, Nation, Class* (Those who would like to consult this text may find a PDF version online at http://rebels-library.org/files/ambig_ident.pdf)

*Various readings available online (as indicated below) or at davidmcnally.org (under the "Courses" tab)

Some Web Sites Dealing with Racism and Anti-Racism

Justice for Migrant Workers: <http://www.justicia4migrantworkers.org/>

No One is Illegal Toronto: <http://toronto.nooneisillegal.org/> (especially tab, "Get the Facts")

Links to other NOII sites: <http://nooneisillegal.org/>

Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement: <http://winnipeg.ipism.ca/>

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) Nation <http://kilands.org/>

Migrant Worker Solidarity Network: <http://migrantworkersolidarity.wordpress.com/>

Indian Country Today: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/>

Artists Against Racism: <http://www.artistsagainstracism.com/>

INCITE: Women of Color Against Violence: <http://www.incite-national.org/>

Students United Against Racism: <http://www.noracism.ca/>

Black Lives Matter: <http://blacklivesmatter.com/> and <https://policy.m4bl.org/>

Tutorials

01 – Thursday 9:30 AM, VH 1016

02 – Thursday 10:30 PM, VH 1016

03 – Thursday 11:30 AM, MC 101

04 – Thursday 15:00 PM, ACE 010

05 – Thursday 9:30 AM, Ross N836

06 – Thursday 10:30 AM, Ross N836

Course Grading Scheme

*Letter to the Editor/Thoughtful Blog (300 words) – 10% Due date: October 6

* Speech to YFS meeting, board of education or municipal government (500 Words) – 15% Due date: Oct. 20

* Short essay – 20% (1500 words – due date November 10)

* Final essay (3000 words – due date December 5) – 35%

* Tutorial participation – 20%

COURSE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 8 – **Course Introduction**

SEPTEMBER 15– **“Race,” Racism and Racecraft**

Readings: *Race, Nation, Class*, Ch. 4; *‘Race’ and Ethnicity in Canada*, Ch. 1.

SEPTEMBER 22– **Colonialism, Capitalism and the Invention of “Race”**

Readings: *Barbara Jeanne Fields, “Slavery, Race and Ideology in the United States of America,” *New Left Review* 181 (1990), available at davidmcnally.org; **Race’ and Ethnicity in Canada*, Ch. 2, pp. 57-58.

SEPTEMBER 29 – **Close to Home: Racism in Canada – Its History and Contemporary Forms**

Readings: *‘Race’ and Ethnicity in Canada*, Ch. 3, pp. 63-87.

OCTOBER 6 – **Indigenous Peoples and Racism in North America**

Readings: *‘Race’ and Ethnicity in Canada*, Ch. 8

OCTOBER 13– **Modern Racism, Policing and the Prison-Industrial Complex**

Readings: *Loic Wacquant, “Class, race & hyperincarceration in revanchist America,” *Daedalus*, Summer 2010, available at davidmcnally.org. On indigenous women in Canada’s prisons see: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/big-spike-in-aboriginal-women-behind-bars-study-finds-1.2858035?cmp=abfb>; and on policing in Toronto’s Jane-Finch area see: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/246603303/Community-Assessment-of-Police-Practices-Community-Satisfaction-Survey>

OCTOBER 20 – **Immigration, Multiculturalism and “Neo-Racism”**

Readings: *Race, Nation, Class*, Ch. 1 and 3; *‘Race’ and Ethnicity in Canada*, Ch. 4 and Ch. 5, pp. 165-78; Harshia Walia, “Transient servitude: migrant labour in Canada and the apartheid of citizenship,” available at davidmcnally.org;

OCTOBER 29 – FALL READING DAYS: NO CLASS

NOVEMBER 3 – **Black Lives Matter: Anti-Racism and Economic Justice Rejoined**

Readings: “A Vision for Black Lives” available at <https://policy.m4bl.org/>

NOVEMBER 10 – **Racism and Popular Culture: Music, from the Blues to Hip Hop**

Readings: *“The Blues, Rock and Roll and Racism” available at davidmcnally.org
*“From Black Power to Hip Hop,” pp. 1-12, available at davidmcnally.org
*On “Accidental Racist” by LL Cool J and Brad Paisley: <http://www.cracked.com/blog/the-10-most-racist-moments-from-song-about-ending-racism/>

NOVEMBER 17 – Racism in a “Colour-Blind” Society

**Race, Nation, Class*, Ch. 5 and 13; *David Theo Goldberg, “Polluting the Body Politic’: Race and Urban Location,” available at davidmcnally.org; *Etienne Balibar, “Racism without Races: An Interview,” available at davidmcnally.org. See also these online articles: *Kanye West interview:

<http://www.hiphopdx.com/index/news/id.25923/title.kanye-west-says-classism-has-replaced-racism>;

and also

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/26/us/ferguson-racism-or-racial-bias/index.html> ; and

<http://socialistworker.org/2012/12/04/racism-in-a-color-blind-society>

NOVEMBER 24 – Racism and Popular Culture: From Sports to Movies and Television

Readings: Ben Carrington, “‘Race’, Representation and the Sporting Body,” available at

<http://www.gold.ac.uk/media/carrington.pdf>

*Danielle Dirks and Jennifer C. Mueller, “Racism and Popular Culture,” pp. 115-121 and 127-29.

* readings from Dave Zirin/Edge of Sports on Michael Brown, Eric Garner and black athletes’ reactions:

<http://www.edgeofsports.com/2014-12-09-976/index.html>; <http://www.edgeofsports.com/2014-12-10-977/index.html>;

<http://www.edgeofsports.com/2014-12-10-978/index.html>;

<http://www.edgeofsports.com/2014-12-23-979/index.html>

[*Basketball and hip hop fans may be interested in: David J. Leonard, “The Real Color of Money: Controlling Black Bodies in the NBA,” *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* (2006), v. 30, n. 2.

* On racism and women’s tennis see: *<http://msmagazine.com/blog/blog/2012/12/15/serena-williams-the-hottentot-venus-and-accidental-racism/>

* <http://www.thetennisspace.com/five-thoughts-on-playing-serena/>

DECEMBER 1 – Neo-Racism and Global Apartheid: from Neoliberalism to the Age of Austerity

Readings: *Fredrickson, *Racism*, pp. 127-38 and “Introduction,” pp. 1-13; *Salih Booker and William Minter, “Global Apartheid,” *The Nation*, July 9, 2001, available at:

<http://www.thenation.com/article/global-apartheid>; *Manning Marable, “Global Apartheid and

America’s New Racial Domain,” *The Free Press*, August 13, 2004, available at:

<http://freepress.org/columns/display/4/2004/1012>