

Philosophy 170 Philosophy and Race Fall 2012

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CSB 004
MWF 11:00-11:50
Office Hours
W 12:00 -1:00
F 12:00-1:00

Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

1. What is Race?

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| Friday | Sept 28 | <i>First Meeting</i> |
| Monday | Oct 1 | <i>What is the racialist concept of race?</i> |
| Wednesday | Oct 3 | Appiah (30-70) 54-56, 67-74. Blum 109-146. |
| Friday | Oct 5 | Omi & Winant 61-62. Taylor 98-100 |
| Monday | Oct 8 | <i>Columbus Day</i> |
| Wednesday | Oct 10 | <i>What is the minimalist concept of race?</i> Hardimon (Ordinary Concept) 437-55. Anderson 157 -158 |
| Friday | Oct 12 | Blum 167-174. Omi and Winant 14-35 Taylor 53-63 |
| Monday | Oct 15 | <i>What is the biological concept of race?</i> |
| Wednesday | Oct 17 | Appiah 67-74. Blum 147-163 |
| Friday | Oct 19 | Hardimon (Scientific Concept) 249-282 |
| Monday | Oct 22 | <i>What is the concept of socialrace?</i> |
| Wednesday | Oct 24 | Omi and Winant 53-76. Hardimon (SocialRace) |
| Friday | Oct 26 | |

First Two-page Paper due in class Friday, October 26

2. What is Racism?

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| Monday | Oct 29 | <i>What is the original concept of racism?</i> Blum 3-10, 40 Shelby (Racism) 411-420 |
| Wednesday | Oct 31 | <i>What is the moral concept of racism?</i> |
| Friday | Nov 2 | Blum 8-77, Garcia 1-7,12-16,18020 |
| Monday | Nov 5 | |
| Wednesday | Nov 7 | <i>What is the institutional concept of racism?</i> |
| Friday | Nov 9 | Blum 22-26 181nn78,79,186n73, 186-187n76 |
| Monday | Nov 12 | <i>Veterans Day</i> |
| Wednesday | Nov 14 | Anderson 1-43 |
| Friday | Nov 16 | Anderson 44-88 |

Second Two-page paper due in class Monday, November 16

3. What is Racial Identity?

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| Monday | Nov 19 | <i>What is "racial identification"?</i> |
| Wednesday | Nov 21 | Appiah 74-105 |
| Friday | Nov 23 | <i>Thanksgiving</i> |
| Monday | Nov 26 | <i>Are racial identities to be affirmed? I</i> |
| Wednesday | Nov 28 | Shelby (Foundations) 231-266 |
| Friday | Nov 30 | |
| Monday | Dec 3 | <i>Are racial identities to be affirmed? II</i> |
| Wednesday | Dec 5 | Alcoff 1-20 |
| Friday | Dec 7 | |

Five-page paper due in class Friday, December 7

Review Session: Friday December 7 7:00-9:00 H&SS 7077

Final Exam: Tuesday December 11 11:30 – 2:30 am

Required Texts

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| Alcoff | "What Should White People Do?"* | |
| Appiah & Gutmann | <i>Color Consciousness</i> | Princeton U Press |
| Blum | <i>I'm Not a Racist, but...</i> | Cornell U. Press |
| Omi & Winant | <i>Racial Formation and the United States</i> | Routledge |
| Shelby, T. | "Is Racism in the Heart?" | <i>Ethics</i> |
| --- | "Foundations of Black Solidarity"* | <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i> |
| Taylor | <i>Race</i> | Polity Press |

Books available for Purchase at Groundwork Books (UCSD old student center). Articles (*) available on-line through electronic reserves

Requirements

Regular attendance, class participation, one in-class exam, two 2-page papers, final examination. *All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.*

Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to [http:// www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Class ID: 4385201. Password: classpass123 (no caps, one word)

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C.

Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

Grade Weights

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| 2-Page Papers | 30% (15+15) |
| 5- Papers | 30% |
| Final | 40 % |
| Total | 100% |

Participation 10 possible bonus points. Class participation can only bring grades *up*, never down.

Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 170 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades.

The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C- (including a C- on the final).

Other Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to bring the text, and to be prepared discuss it in class.

The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated.

Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action.

If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class period or as soon as possible.