The course will discuss a shift in the theorizing of racial subjection, which is marked by a move away from the understanding of racial subjugation as an effect of white/Europeans’ negative reactions to peoples of color’s physical and mental (moral) traits. Through an analysis that seeks what cannot be immediately addressed by social scientific tools, we will explore the limits of the notions of cultural difference and racial difference deployed in sociological and anthropological studies. After teasing out that which is erased by these mainstream disciplinary projects, we will consider how Ethnic Studies scholarship is carving a radical critical space, which is able to respond to the challenges present global configurations of power pose to those involved in the project of global (racial) justice. When doing so, not only will we be interested in identifying the contributions and limitations of this line of critical interrogation. More importantly, we will consider what political strategies may dissipate the cycle of dispossession, displacement, and death which, since the initial moment of conquest, has marked the trajectory of the “others of Europe.”

**READINGS:**


Book Chapters (ONLINE)

**COUSE REQUIREMENTS**

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**DUE DATES**

**Midterm:** Take-home exam (See Guidelines) – November 11, in class

**Final:** Take-home exam (see Guidelines) – December 9, Ethnic Studies Office (SSB 201)
Tentative Schedule

09/25: Introduction

Dispossession, Displacement, and Death
09/30: Frantz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth
10/02: Andrea Smith, Conquest

Haunted Grounds
10/07: Avery Gordon, Ghostly Matters
10/09: Avery Gordon, Ghostly Matters

THE FIELD

The Sociology of Race Relations
10/14: Robert E. Park, Race and Culture (chapters)
10/16: Franz Boas, The Mind of Primitive Man (chapters)

The Historical Versions
10/21: Gunnar Myrdal, An American Dilemma (chapters)
10/23: Oliver C. Cox, Caste, Class, & Race (chapters)

Racial Formation
10/28: Michael Omi & Howard Winant, Racial Formation in the United States (chapters)
10/30: Michael Omi & Howard Winant, Racial Formation in the United States (chapters)

The Global-Historical Perspective
11/04: Yen Espiritu, Homebound (chapters)
11/06: Denise Ferreira da Silva, Toward a Global Idea of Race (chapters)

Exale …
11/11: Veteran’s Day Holiday
11/13: Review Session

THE GRIND

Workshop I: Whence Ethnic Studies I
11/18: Ethnic Studies Thesis & Dissertations (TBA)
11/20: Ethnic Studies Thesis & Dissertations (TBA)

Workshop II: Whence Ethnic Studies II
11/27 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Wither Emancipation
12/02: Guest Lecturer
12/04: wrap up