

Ethnic Studies 100 – Fall 2005
Theories & Methods
A Critique of Racial Knowledge

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will trace various scientific accounts of post-colonial and post-slavery societies, with a particular focus upon how they construct the figure racial subject. We will read anthropological and sociological formulations of race and ethnicity to identify how they describe racial subjection, how they characterize the racial privileged and racial subaltern subject, and the strategies of emancipation they suggest. Further, we will also examine racial subaltern scholars' appropriation of their tools in critical writings that seek to identify the basis of racial subjection and propose strategies for racial emancipation. This mapping of disciplinary constructions of the racial subject will guide our discussion and critique of the Ethnic Studies project, in which we will focus upon whether and how its tools can help our understanding of how racial and cultural difference configure the contemporary global formation.

REQUIRED READING:

Ethnic Studies 100 – Fall 2005: A Reader (Postal Plus – 4130 La Jolla Village Drive – Ste 107)

COUSE REQUIREMENTS

GRADE %

Assignments & Reading Questions	15
Class Participation (including attendance)	15
Midterm	30
Final	40

DUE DATES

Midterm: See Guidelines

Final: See Guidelines

Tentative Schedule

09/22: Introduction

Re-Writing Racial Subjection

09/27: Silva - "Bahia, Pelô, Negro": Can the Subaltern (Subject of Raciality) Speak?"

& Kelley - "Looking for the 'Real' Nigga" & "Looking Forward"

The Trajectory of Racial Knowledge

The Science of Man

09/29: Agassiz - "The Variety of Races"

Douglass - "An Evaluation of Racial Anthropology"

10/04: Du Bois - "Of Our Spiritual Strivings" & "Of The Dawn of Freedom"

The Sociology of Race Relations

10/06: Park - "The Problem of Cultural Differences" & "The Nature of Race Relations"

10/11: Park - "The Bases of Race Prejudice" & Negro Race Consciousness as Reflected in Race Literature"

The Liberal Version

10/13: Myrdal - "Introduction" & "American Ideals"

10/18: Myrdal - "Racial Beliefs"

The Historical-Materialist Version

10/20: TBA

10/25: Cox - Introduction & "The New Orthodoxy in Theories of Race Relations"

10/27: Cox - "Race Relations: Its Meaning, Beginning and Progress"

The Ethnic Studies Turn

Racial/Global Subjection

11/01: Fanon - "The Fact of Blackness"

11/03: Ture & Hamilton - "White Power: The Colonial Situation" & "Black Power: Its need and Substance"

The Social

11/08: Omi & Winant - "Racial Formation"

11/10: Espiritu – "Stretching Gender, Family and Community Boundaries"

11/15: Crenshaw - "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color"

The Global

11/17: Viesca - "Straight Out the Barrio: Ozomatli and the Importance of Place in the Formation of Chicano/a Popular Culture in Los Angeles"

11/22: Gow - "Rubbing Shoulders in the Global City: Refugees, Citizenship and multicultural Alliances in Fairfield, Sydney" [online]

11/29: Kelley & Silva - Revisited

12/01: Closing Discussion