

**ETHNIC STUDIES 100 – FALL 2008**  
**THEORIES & METHODS**  
(<http://weber.ucsd.edu/~dsilva/ES1002008.htm>)

**Meetings:** Tue & Thu: 11:00 - 12:20p  
**Of. Hours:** Tue & Thu: 5:00 - 6:30p  
**Of. Location:** 225 SSB

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In this course, we 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:**

**Books (AT GROUNDWORKS BOOKSTORE):** Avery Gordon, *Ghostly Matters*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1997; Michael Omi and Howard Winant, *Racial Formation in the United States*. New York: Routledge, 1994; Andrea Smith, *Conquest*. Boston: South End Press, 2005.

**Book Chapters (ONLINE)**

**COUSE REQUIREMENTS**

	<b>GRADE %</b>
Workshop	25
Class Participation (including attendance)	15
Midterm	30
Final	30

**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**

11/25: Ethnic Studies Thesis & Dissertations (TBA)

11/27 – **Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **Wither Emancipation**

12/02: Guest Lecturer

12/04: wrap up

