COURSE SYLLABUS

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Course Description: The course focuses on how attributions of racial difference shape American political institutions and our civil and public life more broadly. Each week of the course provides a brief overview of a different aspect of race relations in America. Throughout the course we will examine widely divergent understandings of America's 'race problem' both to provide a more informed assessment of what the problems are as well as to evaluate various solutions.

Format and requirements: The course will consist of three class meetings each week. I will lecture but questions and discussions are always welcome. Attendance and reading are mandatory. 35 percent of your grade will be based on an in-class mid-term exam. Another twenty percent of your grade will be based on one 5 page paper which is due on November 18th. The remaining 45 percent of your grade will be based on final exam scheduled for Wednesday December 11th at 8:00am. Students who regularly participate in class and do so in a helpful manner can obtain up to a 5 percent bonus to their grade.

Note: All readings for a particular date should be done before the beginning of class. I reserve the right to give the class an in-class pop quiz worth up to 5 percent of the grade if I find that students are not doing the reading before class.

Grading Policy: Appeals about grades must be type-written, double spaced, and no more than one page long. They must be submitted to your TA. The TA’s decision is final.

Required Readings: All course readings with the exception of the two required books will be available either on e-reserves at: http://reserves.ucsd.edu/eres/default.aspx (password zh100h) or on the Ted/WebCT Course Website. Most of the readings are at e-reserves so CHECK THERE FIRST. Only the longer book sections will be on Ted/WebCT.


Both are available at the bookstore or can be ordered online.

**Paper Topic:** Choose a pressing aspect of America's 'race problem'. Choose something that you care about – not simply the biggest problem. Answer the following question: How can this problem be resolved most successfully? Please address both possible critics and proponents of your plan from class readings. Also be sure to consider the constraints of America's current political arena. Don't write more than five pages- double spaced - 12 point font. The paper is due on November 18th before 12:00pm. All papers must be submitted through Turnitin on the TED WebCT course website. Each day late will lower your actual grade by one full letter grade - no exceptions.

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**Reading List**

9/27 **INTRODUCTION**

9/30 **WHAT IS RACE? HOW IS RACE POLITICAL?**


Kevin Johnson (1999) *How Did you Get to be Mexican American?* Pp 73-88


10/2 **TRENDS IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING**


10/4 **DISCRIMINATION**


10/7 **DISCRIMINATION PART II**

Frank Wu (2002) *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White* Ch 3

10/9  **LIVING IN URBAN POVERTY**
Read Alex Kotlowitz (1991). *There are no Children Here* (whole book)

10/11  **IMMIGRATION AS A PROBLEM?**
Frank Bean and Gillian Stevens (2003) *America’s Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity* Chs 4, 9

10/14  **NO CLASS TODAY**

10/16  **THE POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION - ATTITUDES**

10/18  **THE POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION - POLICIES**

10/21  **LIFE AS AN IMMIGRANT**

10/23  **BLACKS AND ASIAN AMERICANS AS POLITICAL GROUPS**
10/25 LATINOS AS A POLITICAL GROUP

10/28 MIDTERM REVIEW

10/30 MIDTERM EXAM (In Class)

11/1 WHITE ATTITUDES
Do the “Race IAT” - Implicit Association Tests at:
https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/Study?tid=-1

11/4 UNDERSTANDING WHITE ATTITUDES

11/6 UNDERSTANDING WHITE ATTITUDES TOWARD OTHER MINORITIES

11/8 THE ROLE OF RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICS

11/11 NO CLASS – VETERAN’S DAY

11/13 MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN AMERICAN POLITICS
11/15 THE ROLE OF RACE IN THE VOTING BOOTH—THE BLACK-WHITE CASE

Five Page Paper due by 12pm 11/18 on Ted course website

11/18 THE ROLE OF RACE IN THE VOTING BOOTH—OTHER CASES

11/20 VOTING RIGHTS: PAST

11/22 VOTING RIGHTS: PRESENT

11/25 VOTING RIGHTS: FUTURE
11/27 & 11/29 NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING

12/2  RACE RELATIONS: UNDERSTANDING INTER-MINORITY RELATIONS

12/4  RACE RELATIONS: WHERE ARE WE NOW? WHERE ARE WE GOING?
Do the “Skin-tone IAT”, or the “Asian IAT”, or the “Arab-Muslim IAT”, - Implicit Association Tests at: https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/selectatest.html
Zoltan Hajnal and Michael Rivera. (In Progress) Immigration, Latinos, and White Partisan Politics: The New Democratic Defection

12/6  Discussion/Review of the Course

FINAL EXAM:  Wednesday December 11th 8:00am-11:00am