

# 20<sup>th</sup> Century African-American History

(Spring 2007)

## Syllabus

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Office Hours: 467 SSB, Tuesday 2:15-3:15  
Class: Peterson 102 • 3:30 to 5:00

*The only required text for this course is the The African-American Odyssey: Volume II (Chapters 12-24). The required assignment for that day appears under that day. Hence you should have read pp. 314 – 331 for April 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## **APRIL**

### Reconstruction

- 3 Introduction: Sankofa
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- 5 Reconstruction: Democracy Deferred
  - 314 – 331

### The Nadir

- 10 American Caste: Segregation & Lynching ; Nina Simone • Strange Fruit
  - Docs 15-2; 15-3; 14-3
  - 346 - 352
- 12 Slavery Renewed? Sharecropping & Convict Labor • Leadbelly; Stagolee; J. Henry
  - Doc 13-5
  - 356 - 362

### Progressive Era

17 Voices in the Darkness: DuBois; Washington; Marcus Garvey

- *Docs 15-1; 16-1; 17-2*
- 366 – 371; 397 – 404 to “Black Women & the Club Movement”; 436 - 441

19 The Problem with Democracy: Populism; Wages; Teddy; Woodrow Wilson; FDR; Riots; Communism Flirtation

- *Docs 14 – 5; 17 - 1*
- 341-344; 409 “Presidential Politics”; 414 – 418; 470-477

### Twenties & Urbanization

24 The Roaring Twenties: Blues; Jazz; Jack Johnson; Harlem Renaissance: Sociology; settlement house – distinguishing the black & immigrant; charitable institutions;

- *Docs 17 - 7*
- 371 – 375 “Red Versus Black”; 387 – 388 “Sports”; 404 – 405 “Black Women to Women’s Suffrage”; 419 – 424; 444 - 453

26 The Dilemma of Black Patriotism: Tuskegee Airmen; Abernathy’s March on Washington; Phillipines Soldier Letter; Buffalo soldiers

- CD: #8 The Negro as Soldier & #22 FDR & Hitler
- 375 – 382 “Black Businesspeople”; 409 “Black Men “; – 413 522 – 530 “Race”

### World War II & Midterm

## **MAY**

### **1 MIDTERM EXAMINATION**

#### *3 A Class Divided*

### Civil Rights Movement

8 Roots of the Movement: *Scottsboro*, A Bad Question – Jesse Owens; Joe Louis, Marian Anderson; Jackie Robinson; cold war context; Brown; speak now

- *Docs 19 – 5; 19 – 3; 20 – 3*
- 508-509; 520 – 522; 533; 537-538

10 Civil Rights in the 50s:

- *Docs 20 – 2; 21 – 3; 21 - 7*
- 548-560 “The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee”

### Civil Rights Movement

15 Civil Rights Movement in the 60s I: -- I have a dream; common people; brutal cops; something's *wrong*

- *4 Little Girls*; *Doc 21 - 6*
- 560-569 “Black Youth” to “The Civil Rights Act”

17 Black Nationalism: What Happens To a Dream Deferred?

- *Docs 21-8, 22-1*; CD: # 27 “Angela Davis”
- 582 – 591 to “Difficulties” (*skip* Prisoners Rights)

### Origins of the Urban Crisis

22 Civil Rights Movement in the 60s II: The Law; LBJ

- *Doc 21-7*
- 569 – 575 “The Civil Rights Act – “

25 Where Do We Go From Here? • Assassination; Great Society; • When We Were Kings?

- *Where Do We Go From Here*
- 589 - 598

### The New Urban Reality

29 The Darkening Cities: Discrimination in Unionization; deliberate red-lining; Segregue; Schools: Rodriguez & Milliken

- *Docs 22-3*; 22 – 5
- 603 – 604 “The Election...” ; 607 “Economic Downturn”; 647 “Education..”

31 The New Urban Reality: Hoop Dreams: Materialism; Gang violence; prison & drugs  
208 Worse than slavery; Police --Rodney King *Colors*; Degeneration of Cities; When Work Disappears; Rise of Middle Class; outflight;

- *Docs 23 -1*; 23 - 6
- 588 “Prisoners’ Rights”; 617 – 618; 626 – 628; 645 – 647

The Future & Review

**JUNE**

5 Where Do We Go From Here *II*: Affirmative Action • *Bakke*; New Conservatism; Rap, future? *Changes*; Reparations; Katrina; Michael; Obama Speech; American Blackout Jordan—corporate—center?; American Blackout

- *Docs 23 – 2; 23 – 4*

- 633 – 635 to *September 11, 2001*; 648 – 655 “Afrocentricity”

7 Review

**Final Exam: Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2007, 3:00 – 6:00**