SC 513: Postcolonial Studies

In this course we will look at the intersection between Sociology as a discipline and the expansion of colonialism. We will begin by examining the nature of colonial rule and the role that Sociology played in helping to establish colonialism. We will then move on to look at how the practice of Sociology is responding to the disciplinary challenges raised by the epistemic project of post-colonialism. Finally, we will use the insights of postcolonial theory to reexamine how Sociology might better understand American race relations.

Required Texts (all can be found at BC bookstore):


All articles can be found on our Blackboard Vista Course website

**Requirements:**

Class Presentation/Attendance/Participation: 1/3rd

Paper 1 (March 1, 2012): 1/3rd

Paper 2 (May 7, 2012): 1/3rd

January 19: Introduction

January 26: Films “This Magnificent African Cake” and “The Bible and the Gun”


February 16: No Class. Watch ‘Orientalism’ sometime this week (available on media reserve)


March 1: No Class. First Paper Due.

March 8: Spring Break


March 29: Stephens. *Black Empire.*
April 5: Easter Weekend


April 19: Singh. *Black is a Country.*

April 26: Dudziak. *Cold War Civil Rights.*


May 7: Final Paper Due