

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):

Dudziak. *Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy*. Princeton, 2011.

Gilroy. *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness*. Harvard, 1994.

Singh. *Black is a Country: Race and the Unfinished Struggle for Democracy*. Harvard, 2004.

Stephens. *Black Empire: The Masculine Global Imaginary of Caribbean Intellectual*, Duke 2005

Von Eschen. *Race Against Empire: Black Americans and Anticolonialism*. Cornell, 2001.

Zimmerman. *Alabama in Africa: Booker T. Washington, the German Empire, and the Globalization of the New South*. Princeton, 2005.

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”

Feb 2: George Steinmetz. “Return to Empire: The New U.S. Imperialism in Comparative Historical Perspective” *Sociological Theory*. Volume 23, No. 4. December 2005. Pages 339-367.

Julian Go. “The Provinciality of American Empire: ‘Liberal Exceptionalism’ and U.S Colonial, 1898-1912. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 2007: 49 (1): 74-108.

- February 9: Sergio Costa. "Deprovincializing Sociology: The Postcolonial Contribution." *Rev. Bras. Ci. Soc.* 2007: 1-20.
- Gurminder K. Bhambra. "Historical Sociology, Modernity, and Postcolonial Critique." *The American Historical Review*. Vol. 116, No. 3 (June 2011): 653-662.
- Paget Henry. "Sociology: After the Linguistic and Multicultural Turns," *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 10, no. 4 (December 1995): 633-652.
- Gregor McLennan. "Sociology, Eurocentrism, and Postcolonial Theory," *European Journal of Social Theory*. Vol. 69 no. 6 (2003): 69-86.
- February 16: No Class. Watch 'Orientalism' sometime this week (available on media reserve)
- February 23: R.W. Connell. "Why is Classical Theory Classical." *American Journal of Sociology*. 102 (1997): 1511-57.
- John Lie. "American Sociology in a Transnational World: Against Parochialism." *Teaching Sociology*, Vol. 23 No. 2 (April 1995): 136-144.
- March 1: No Class. First Paper Due.
- March 8: Spring Break
- March 15: Loic Waquant, Pierre Bourdieu. "The Cunning of Imperialist Reason." *Theory, Culture, and Society*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (1999): 41-58.
- Raymond Lee. "Global Sociology of 'Ghettoized' Knowledges? The Paradox of Sociological Universalization in the Third World." *The American Sociologist*. Volume 25. No. 2 (Summer 1994): 59-72.
- Anne Stoler. "Tense and Tender Ties: The Politics of Comparison in North American History and (Post)Colonial Studies." *Journal of American History*. December 2001: 829-865.
- Phillipa Levine. "Orientalist Sociology and the Creation of Colonial Sexualities." *Feminist Review*. No. 65. Summer 2000: 5-21.
- Roberta Balstad Miller. "Science and *Society* in the Career of H.F. Verwoerd." *Journal of Southern African Studies*. Vol. 19 no. 4. (December 1993): 634-661.
- March 22: Paul Gilroy. *The Black Atlantic*.
- March 29: Stephens. *Black Empire*.

- April 5: Easter Weekend
- April 12: Zimmerman. *Alabama in Africa*.
- April 19: Singh. *Black is a Country*.
- April 26: Dudziak. *Cold War Civil Rights*.
- May 3: Von Eschen. *Race Against Empire*.
- May 7: Final Paper Due