SC 39: African World Perspectives
(Fall 2013)

This course will examine the integration of Africa and African peoples into the global economy from the pre-colonial era to the present. It will explore how and why the integration occurred as well as the impact of the integration on Africans, Europeans, and Americans. Throughout the course we will also look at the various ways in which Africans responded to the political, economic, and social forces that impacted their lives.

**Required Texts:**

Peter Eichstaedt. *Consuming the Congo*.

Adam Hochschild. *King Leopold’s Ghost*.


Walter Rodney. *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*.

Eric Williams. *Capitalism & Slavery*.

Andrew Zimmerman. *Alabama in Africa*.

*Although the BC bookstore lists Brand Aid and Dead Aid as required books you DO NOT need to buy them*

**Important Dates:**

October 10: Test 1 (25%)

November 12: Test 2 (25%)

December 12: Paper (25%)

December 21: Final Exam (25%)
Unit 1: Africa Prior to European Conquest

September 3: Introduction

September 5:

- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 2 (pp. 33-48)*
- *King Leopold’s Ghost, pp. 6-9*

September 10:

- Film: ‘Mastering a Continent’ (shown in class)

September 12:

- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Ch.2 (pp. 56-61 & 64-68)*
- *History of Africa, Ch. 6 (e-reserve, O’Neill library)*
- *History of Africa, Ch. 9 (e-reserve, O’Neill library)*
- Film: ‘Caravans of Gold’ (shown in class)

September 17:

- Film: ‘Kingdoms and Cities’ (shown in class)

Unit 2: The Slavery Era

September 19:

- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 3 (pp. 75-82 and pp. 88-90); Chapter 4 (pp. 95-103)*
- *King Leopold’s Ghost, pp. 10-16*
- *Capitalism and Slavery, Ch. 1 (pp. 3-7) & Ch. 2*

September 24:

- *Capitalism and Slavery, Chapter 3*
- *Alabama in Africa Ch. 1 (pp. 23-32)*
- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 3 (pp. 82-88)*

September 26:

- *Capitalism and Slavery, Chapters 5 & 6*
- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 4 (pp. 103-113)*
October 1:
  - *Capitalism and Slavery, Chapters 7 & 8*

October 3:
  - *Capitalism and Slavery, Chapters 9 & 10*

October 8:
  - Film: ‘Transatlantic Slave Trade’ (shown in class)

**October 10: Test 1 (in class)**

**Unit 3: The Colonial Era**

October 15:
  - Film: Film: ‘The Bible & The Gun’ (shown in class)

October 17:
  - *African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 1 (e-reserve O’Neill library)*
  - *King Leopold’s Ghost, Prologue, (pp. 16-18) & Chapters 1-3*
  - *The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 14-20*

October 22:
  - *African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 2 (e-reserve O’Neill library)*
  - *King Leopold’s Ghost, Chapters 4-5 & Chapter 6 pp. 88-95*
  - *The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 20-26*

October 24:
  - *African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 3, pp. 58-67 (e-reserve O’Neill library)*
  - *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 5*
  - *King Leopold’s Ghost, Chapters 7 & 8*
October 29:
- Alabama in Africa, Introduction (pp. 1-15) & Chapter 3 (pp. 112-123; pp. 128-138; pp. 148-153)

October 31:
- Film: ‘Magnificent African Cake’
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 33-41

November 5:
- King Leopold’s Ghost, Introduction (pp. 1-2) and Chapters 11, 12, 14, 15
- Alabama in Africa, Chapter 4 (pp. 173-183)

November 7
- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 4 (e-Reserve O’Neill library)
- How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 6
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 26-33

November 12

TEST 2 (In Class)

November 14
- ‘The Rise of Nationalism’ (shown in class)

November 19
- Alabama in Africa, Chapter 3 (pp. 123-128)
- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 3 (pp. 67-93)
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 41-54

November 21
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila Ch. 2
Unit 4: Postcolonial Africa

November 26

- Pan-African History: Political Figures from Africa and the Diaspora since 1787, pp. 113-116 (electronic reserves, O’Neill library)
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, Ch. 3 (pp. 94-96; 106-118) & Ch. 5

November 28:

- NO CLASS

December 3:

- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila Ch. 7
- Film: ‘Crisis in the Congo’ (shown in class)

December 5:

- Consuming the Congo, pp. 1-55; 97-119; 179-181

December 10:

- Consuming the Congo, Chapters 15 & Epilogue
- ‘Saving the Congo’: Transnational Social Fields and the Politics of Home in the Congolese Diaspora (electronic reserve O’Neill library)

Final Paper Due on December 12 (submit electronically)

Final Exam: SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 at 9 a.m