AMST-350 SPRING 2027

JUNIOR SEMINAR IN AMERICAN STUDIES AND ETHNICITY: THEORIES AND METHODS

INSTRUCTOR	DAY(S)	TIME	LOCATION	SECTION
Mitchell, Joshua	T	3:30-6:20pm	WPH 400	10424

Course Description: *Advanced study in interdisciplinary theories and methods for analyzing race and ethnicity in the United States, including a comparative study of topics such as inequality, gender, and class.*

As fields of inquiry, American Studies and Ethnic Studies share concerns regarding the organization of power and hierarchy. Scholars in these fields have collaborated to better understand concepts such as race, gender, sexuality, citizenship, slavery, imprisonment, genocide, colonialism, sovereignty, empire, war, migration, and redress.

This course surveys a diverse selection of interdisciplinary theories and methodologies that animate research in American Studies and Ethnic Studies. We will approach theory as a set of guidelines that are used to interpret the systems that shape institutions and human relations within a society. We will approach methodology as a way of answering questions through various types of research (including the use of archives, ethnographies, and literary and cultural analysis).

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