

FALL 2002
Preliminary Syllabus

Special Topics Course: Race, Crime and the Administration of Justice

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Course Description: This course is a critical examination of the interplay between race, crime and the administration of justice in America. **(More more detail, see course description provided previously).**

Books to Purchase

Charshee McIntyre, *Criminalizing a Race*, Kayode Publications, Ltd, 1993
Ralph Ginzburg, *100 Years of Lynchings*, Black Classic Press, 1988
John Hagan & Ruth Peterson, *Crime and Inequality*, Stanford University Press, 1995
William Julius Wilson, *When Work Disappears*, Random House, 1996
Michael Markowitz & Delores Jones-Brown, *The System in Black and White: Exploring the Connections between Race, Crime and Justice*, Praeger, 2000
Katheryn Russell, *The Color of Crime*, New York University Press, 1998

Suggested Readings (available in the John Jay College Bookstore):

Delores Jones-Brown, *Race, Crime and Punishment*, Chelsea House, 2000
Dragan Milovanic & Katheryn Russell, *Petit Apartheid in the U.S. Criminal Justice System*, Carolina Academic Press, 2001

Additional Readings

Relevant current journal articles will be distributed in class or placed on reserve in the library throughout the semester

Course Requirements: Students are expected to attend class regularly and to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Attendance and class participation will count as 10% of the final grade in the class. The remaining 90% of the grade will be based on the submission of a research paper that addresses some aspect of race, crime and the administration of justice from a critical perspective. These papers may include original research by the authors. However, please note that if the research will involve human subjects, the topic must be selected and approved early in the semester, because before the research can begin, a proposal will have to be submitted to and approved by the College IRB. Final papers must typewritten and double-spaced and must thoroughly

address the topic selected. Paper topics require approval by the professor before beginning research. **Papers will be due during the final examination period.**

A specific date will appear in the final version of the syllabus that will be distributed at the first class. In order to receive full credit for the paper, students are required to give an in-class presentation during the last two weeks of classes.

<u>Class Schedule</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Week 1	Introduction to Course

Read: Chapter 2, Markowitz and Jones-Brown, "The Alchemy of Race and Crime Research" by Paul Knepper

Week 2	Race and the Law A) Definitions of Race and Ethnicity B) History of Race and Anglo-American Law
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Read: McIntyre, Criminalizing A Race
Chapter 11, Markowitz and Jones-Brown "Race as a Legal Construct: The Implications for American Justice"
Chapter 9, "Conceptual Incarceration: A Thirteenth Amendment Look at African Americans and Policing" (by R. Brockett)
Introduction and Chapter 2 in Russell, 'Measuring Racial Equity in Criminal Justice: The Historical Record'
Handouts: "Out of Place: Petit Apartheid and the Police" by Sandra Bass Table 4-1, "Major U.S. Legislation Affecting Racial Minorities (1690- 1976) from: C. Mann, Unequal Justice: A Question of Color.

Week 3	History of Race and Anglo-American Law (cont.)
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Week 4	Race and Crime Statistics
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Review: Knepper, "The Alchemy of Race and Crime Research"
Read: Russell, Chapter 1, "The Color of Crime: External and Internal Images"
Chapter 5, "The Racial Hoax as Crime"
Chapter 7, "In Search of White Crime"
Chapter 8, "Affirmative Race Law" Afterword and Appendix B

Week 5	Race and Crime Statistics (cont.)
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Week 6	Racial Profiling
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Read: Russell, Chapter 3, "Racial Discrimination or Disproportionate Offending?"
Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 8 "The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy of Police Profiles" by Scott Johnson

Week 7 Race and Criminological Theory

Read: Wilson, When Work Disappears Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 1, "Theoretical Explanations of the Nexus between Race and Crime" by M. Markowitz

Hagan & Peterson, Chapter 2, "Toward a Theory of Race, Crime and Urban Inequality" by R. Sampson & W. J. Wilson

Hagan & Peterson, Chapter 1, "Criminal Inequality in America: Patterns and Consequences"

Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 3, "Deconstructing the Association of Race and Crime: The Salience of Skin Color" by Becky Tatum Chapter 5, "Determinants of Black-to-White Arrest Differentials: A Review of the Literature" by Steve Cureton

Week 8 Race and Criminological Theory (cont.)

Read: Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 17, "Overrepresentation of Minority Youth in the Juvenile Justice System: Discrimination or Disproportionality of Delinquent Acts?" by Janice Joseph

Chapter 18, "Substance Abuse and Race in a Delinquent Population" by Harris, Jones, and Fader

Hagan and Peterson, Chapter 7, "Gender, Race, and the Pathways to Delinquency" by K. Heimer

Russell, Chapter 6, "Science, Scientific Racism, and the Ethical Imperative"

Week 9 Race and Violent Crime

Read: Ginzburg, 100 Years of Lynchings

Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 4, "The Empirical Status of the Black-Subculture of Violence Thesis" by Cao, Adams and Jensen

Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 6, "Understanding the Connection between Race and Police Violence" by Helen Taylor Greene

Hagan and Peterson, Chapter 4, "Ethnography, Inequality and Crime in the low Income Community" by M. Jankowski

Week 10 Race and Violent Crime (cont.)

Week 11 Race and the Administration of Justice

Read: Russell, Chapter 4, "Are We Still Talking about O.J.?"

Markowitz & Jones-Brown, Chapter 12, "The Impact of Racial Demography on Jury Verdicts in Routine Adjudication" by James Levine

Chapter 13, "Race and Ethnic Bias in Sentencing Decisions: A Review and Critique of the Literature" by Darren Warner

Week 12 **Race and the Administration of Justice (Cont.)**
Readings to be distributed

Week 13 **Special Discussion on Race and Drug Offenses**
Readings to be distributed

Week 14 **Presentation of Student Research Papers**
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Possible Research Topics: (but not limited to these)

The Role of Race in Drug Prosecutions

The Role of Race in Drug Offending

The Role of Race in Hate Crimes The Role of Race 'in Serial Offending

The Role of Race in School Violence

White Supremacy and Violent Crime

The Role of Race in White Collar Offending

The Historical Development of Equitable Law (federal or local)

Race and Attitudes towards the Police

The Role of Race in Police Use of Force Incidents

The Role of Race in incidents of Police Use of Deadly Force

The Prevalence of Interracial Offending

The United States Supreme Court's Stance on Racial Profiling

Proposed or Enacted laws against Racial Profiling

Should Racial Categories be Eliminated from Reported Crime Statistics?