**Philosophy 3725: Philosophy of Race**

Spring 2022 MW 12:50 – 2:05

3 credits, 3 hours

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This course offers a philosophical examination of race and the question of its validity as a scientific, social, and census category. We will explore such issues as the metaphysical legitimacy and social reality of racial designations; race, subjectivity, and sense of self; mixed race persons; racial identities and their political effects; the continued use of racial categories as social/cultural norms; and the persistence of racism—including the renewed focus and contemporary discussion of Critical Race Theory in mass media/popular culture.

Partial Reading List

The Racial Contract by Charles Mills

How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective

by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

The Man-Not: Race, Class, Genre, and the Dilemmas of Black Manhood by Tommy J. Curry

Latinos in the United States: The Sacred and the Political, by David T. Abalos

Visible Identities by Linda Martín Alcoff

Faces at the Bottom of the Well by Derrick Bell

Black Skin, White Masks by Frantz Fanon

“Postmodern Blackness”, in Yearning: Race, Gender, and Cultural Politics by bell hooks

The Ways of White Folks by Langston Hughes

Good Muslim, Bad Muslim by Mahmood Mamdani

Everybody was Kung Fu Fighting by Vijay Prashad

Race and Mixed Race by Naomi Zack