**The Politics of Visibility**

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**Course Description**

The

**Texts**

Murray Edelman, *Constructing the Political Spectacle*

John Gilliom and Torin Monahan, SuperVision: *An Introduction to the Surveillance*

*Society*

Linda Martin Alcoff, *Visible Identities: Race, Gender, and the Self*

John Fiske, *Media Matters: Race and Gender in U.S. Politics*

Monica J. Casper and Lisa Jean Moore, *Missing Bodies: The Politics of Visibility*

Hamilton Carroll, *Affirmative Reaction: New Formations of White Masculinity*

Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*

**Course Requirements & Grading Policy**

Students will write two essay exams, and ten response papers. Attendance and participation are required.

Response Papers 10 X 10: 100 + 2 Exams 100 x 2: 200 = 300

Course grades will be determined as follows:

Letter Grade Single Exam Grade Cumulative Grade

A 93 - 100 279 - 300

A- 90 - 92 270 - 278

B+ 87 - 89 261 - 269

B 83 - 86 249 - 260

B- 80 - 82 240 - 248

C+ 77 - 79 231 - 239

C 73 - 76 219 - 230

C- 70 - 72 210 - 218

D+ 67 - 69 201 - 209

D 63 - 66 189 - 200

D- 60 - 62 180 - 188

F < = 59 < = 179

**Response Papers**

Students are required to write **ten** response papers (see schedule/due dates below). The response papers should be 1 single-spaced page, 12-point font. The papers should be thoughtful engagements with a major theme or idea presented in the texts. After picking a theme, or set of themes, you should very briefly summarize the theme/idea; then, you should proceed to put forward your own ideas, points of agreement/disagreement, etc. Each paper is due the day before the class in which a given reading will be discussed, posted on Blackboard the evening before.

**Course Schedule**

8/25: Course Introduction: The Politics of In/Visibility and Racism

9/1: United Nations Development Programme’s 1994 “Human

Development Report,” Closely Read Chapter 2 (skim chs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

<http://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/reports/255/hdr_1994_en_complete_nostats.pdf>

William Aldis, “Health Security as a Public Health Concept: A Critical

Analysis.”

http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/6/369.full

Laurie Garrett “The Challenge of Global Health”

[https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2007-01-01/challenge-](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2007-01-01/challenge-global-health)

[global-health](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2007-01-01/challenge-global-health) (sign in as a visitor for your 1 free article)

**Response 1** Due Wednesday, 8/31; posted to Blackboard by 8 p.m.

9/8: Roland Paris, “Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air?”

http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/Paris.2001.IS.Human%20Security.

pdf

Yu-tai Tsai, “The Emergence of Human Security: A Constructivist View.” https://www.gmu.edu/programs/icar/ijps/vol14\_2/TSAI%20-%2014n2%20IJPS.pdf

Edward Newman, “Critical Human Security Studies”

**Response 2** Due Wednesday, 9/7; posted to Blackboard by 8 p.m.

9/15 Patricia A. Weitsman, “The Politics of Identity and Sexual Violence: A

Review of Bosnia and Rwanda”

Heidi Hudson, “‘Doing’ Security As Though Humans Matter: A

Feminist Perspective on Gender and the Politics of Human Security”

**Response 3** Due Wednesday, 9/14; posted to Blackboard by 8 p.m.

9/22: Zygmunt Bauman, *Modernity and the Holocaust*

9/29: Zygmunt Bauman, *Modernity and the Holocaust*

**Response 4** Due Wednesday, 9/28; posted to Blackboard by 8 p.m.

10/6: Giorgio Agamben: *Homo Sacer: sovereign power and bare life*

10/13: Giorgio Agamben: *Homo Sacer: sovereign power and bare life*

**Response 5** Due Wednesday, 10/12; posted to Blackboard by 8 p.m.

**10/20: Midterm**

10/27: Charles Mills, *The Racial Contract*

Robert Cover, “Violence and the Word”

<http://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3687&context=fss_papers>

Crenshaw, “Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics,

and Violence Against Women”

<http://socialdifference.columbia.edu/files/socialdiff/projects/Article__Mapping_the_Margins_by_Kimblere_Crenshaw.pdf>

Portia Rowles, “Rethinking the Plight of American Urban Areas as a

Human Security Challenge”

**Response 6** Due Wednesday, 10/26; posted to Blackboard by 8 pm

11/3: Charles Mills, *The Racial Contract*

Polycarp Ikuenobe, “Conceptualizing Racism and Its Subtle Forms”

Eric Deggans, “It’s Called ‘Africa.’ Of Course It’s About Race, Right?”

(available online)

**Response 7** Due Wednesday, 11/2; posted to Blackboard by 8 pm

11/10: David Stannard*, American Holocaust*

Natasha Marhia, “Some humans are more Human than Others: Troubling the ‘human’ in Human Security from a Critical Feminist Perspective”

**Response 8** Due Wednesday, 11/9; posted to Blackboard by 8 pm

11/17: David Stannard, *American Holocaust*

Alana Lentin, “Post-race, Post-Politics: The Paradoxical Rise of Culture

after Muliticulturalism.”

**Response 9** Due Sunday, 11/16, posted to Blackboard by 8 pm

11/24: Thanksgiving, No Class.

12/1: Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*

Nadia Bernaz, “Life Imprisonment and the Prohibition of Inhuman

Punishments in International Human Rights Law: Moving the Agenda

Forward”

Dylan Rodriguez, “De-provincialising Police Violence: On the Recent

Events at UC Davis”

**Response 10** Due Wednesday, 11/30; posted to Blackboard by 8 p.m.

**Final Exam**