

# PHIL/AAST/IS 3933-01: African Philosophy

Instructor: Ed Sherline

Modality: Traditional

Time and Place: TR 1:20-2:35 pm, CR 141

USP attribute: H

A&S attribute: Global

Prerequisites: a prior course in either AAST, IS, or Philosophy, or consent of instructor.

The course is oriented towards racial justice on a global scale. Topics include post-colonial political philosophy in Africa and the debate over African socialism (Nyerere, Nkrumah, Mandela), the question of whether it is possible to achieve racial equality in a society with deeply entrenched racism (Boxill), the debate over the use of violence to achieve decolonization and desegregation (Fanon, Ghandi, MLK, Malcolm X), European philosophers and their defense of colonization and what it means to achieve a postcolonial society (Spivak, Cesaire, Fanon, Cabral), the legacy of slavery in creating systemic racism and the demands of justice (the 1619 Project, the 2016 documentary 13th), the nature of race and racism (Du Bois, Fanon, hooks, Kendi), the intersection of race and gender in Africana philosophy (hooks, Crenshaw).