



**Week 2 January 11 Re-Animating the Slave Narrative**

Orlando

Frank B. Wilderson,  
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*Red, White & Black: Cinema*

*12 Years a Slave Black*

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**Week 3 Debating Post-Blackness**

Touré. *Who's afraid of post-blackness? : What It Means to Be Black Now.*

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Houston A. Baker Jr. & K. Merinda Simmons,  
*The Trouble with Post-Blackness*  
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Wise, Tim. *Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat From Racial Equity.* Chapter 1.

**Week 4 January 25 Blackness, the Human**

*The Feminist*

*Wire*, October 7.

Unbearable Blackness  
*Cultural Critique*, Number 90, Spring 2015, pp. 159-178.

Sylvia Wynter, Coloniality of Being/Power/Truth/Freedom. *CR: The New Centennial Review* 3.3 (Fall 2003): 257-337. Excerpts.

Spillers, Hortense J. "Mama's Baby, Papa's Maybe: An American Grammar Book." *Diacritics* 17.2 (1987): 65-81.

Alexander G. Weheliye. *Habeas Viscus.* Chapter 1.

**Week 5 February 1 Afro-Pessimism and Anti-Blackness**

Christina Sharpe, *In the Wake: On Blackness and Being*. Ch. 1.

Frank B. Wilderson, The Prison Slave as Hegemony's (Silent) S *Social Justice* 30.2 (92 (2003): 18-27.

-Blackness & Police Violence After Ferguson

**Week 6 February 8 Life Writing and Black Deaths**

Saidiya Hartman, *Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route*.

**Week 7 February 22**

Saidiya Hartman, *Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route*.

**Week 8 February 29**

Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me*.

**Week 9 March 7**

Margo Jefferson, *Negroland*.

**Week 10 March 14 Excursus: Sex, Flesh, Death**

Marc Foster, dir. *T[ ] • c' q' A' d'.*

Sharon Holland, *Raising the Dead*. Chapter 1.

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**Week 11 March 21 Life Writing and Black Deaths**

Jesmyn Ward, *Men We Reap*.

**Week 12 March 28**

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**Week 13 April 4**

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Course Readings:



Western

English and Writing Studies