

English 9152B: The African American Novel
Dr. Miranda Green-Bartee
Tentative Course Outline
Winter 2017

Instructor: Dr. Miranda Green-Bartee
Appointment

Class Time: Th 12:30-3:30

Location: Lawson Hall 2205

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course examines the African American novel. We will start by thinking about the genre of the novel, including narrative traditions and narrative strategies and the historical context in which African Americans wrote. Specifically, we will consider what it meant to be an enslaved African American as well as a free black in the 19th century, as we ask: what did it mean to be Black and to write and to publish a novel or novels in the ante- and post-bellum eras? Further, we will consider why the African American

Reading and Assignment Schedule

- Jan. 11 Introduction
 In-class reading
- Jan. 18 Harriet E. Wilson, *Our Nig*