

POLI 3809: Political Identity

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In this honors seminar we will address four types of political identity. 1. US Southern Regional Identity 2. US Black Identity 3. Gender Identity and 4. Religious Identity.

Requirements:

1. You will write a weekly 250-500 word reaction to the readings due on Moodle by Friday. Together these are worth 50% of your grade
2. Each week, you will another 250 word response to classmate's paper by Monday. Together these are worth 10% of your grade.
3. There will be a final project (paper, film or performance) due to be presented to the class at the end of the semester. This is worth 30% of your grade.
4. A final project prospectus will be due around mid-term. In addition, you will write a written critique of two classmate's. Together these are worth 10% of your grade.

Discussion and exploration of the first two topics will be framed by two books:

1. *The Indicted South: Southern Inferiority and the Politics of Whiteness*. This e-book is free for students (and faculty) and can be used by the entire class at once. All chapters can be downloaded, saved, and printed for use now or after the class.

Access is available from this direct link:

<http://libezp.lib.lsu.edu/login?url=http://muse.jhu.edu/books/9781469614519/>
or from the library's e-textbook webpage: www.lib.lsu.edu/ebooks.

2. *The Price of the Ticket: Barack Obama and the Rise and Decline of Black Politics* by Frederick Harris (paperback 2014). Students enrolled last fall in AAAS 3902 The Obama Legacy will be assigned something else.

The remaining two topics will be framed by books I will select based on a discussion with the class about your interests.