Introduction to African American Religion
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Spring 2013 - Course Assignments

1.) January 8th
Introduction of Syllabus, introduction of class members – View a segment of film
Documentary: This Far by Faith

2.) January 10th
Review the Course Outline
View Film: Cont’d of film: This Far by Faith

3.) January 15th
CLASS CANCELLED
I will be in New York being filmed for a PBS Documentary
On 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer,
Directed by the award winning documentary film-maker
Stanley Nelson who did the film on Emmitt Till &
The Freedom Rides

4.) January 17th
CLASS CANCELLED
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On 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer,
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The Freedom Rides

5.) January 22nd
Black Religion & Black Radicalism, Introduction to 2nd & 3rd eds., and Chapter 1,
“African Beginnings” & Chapter 2, “The Religion of the Slave,” (This will be sent as a
pdf via e-mail). Also I am working to get all of the books for this class on reserve.
View documentary film segment of: Africans in America.

The Dates for your Four Reaction Papers to be type written & turned ten today

Select the four dates on which you want to write your reaction papers
Also pick the one date on which you want to lead the class discussion

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6.) January 24th

This Far by Faith, “Introduction” & Chapter 1: “God Has a Hand in It,” & Black Religion & Black Radicalism, Chapter 3, “Not Peace, but the Sword.”

7.) January 29th

This Far by Faith, Chapter 2, “The Prince” & African Muslims in Antebellum America, Chapter 1, “There Are Good Men in America…” View documentary film: Prince Among Slaves.

8.) January 31st


February is Black History Month. There will be many events on campus and in the city related to this month. Announcements of events will be sent to the class.

9.) February 5th

Black Religion & Black Radicalism, Chapter 4: “Three Generals in the Lord’s Army,” & This Far by Faith, Chapter 3, “Speak to My Heart.” View Documentary: This Far by Faith, Segment 2.

10.) February 7th

This Far by Faith, Chapter 4: “God Is a Negro”. African Muslims in America in Antebellum America, Chapter 4, “Abd ar-Rahman and His Two Amazing American Journeys.”

11.) February 12th


12.) February 14th

This Far By Faith, Chapter 5, “The Business of Religion,” & Chapter 6, “Saved, Baptized and Holy Ghost Filled.”

13.) February 19th

Black Religion & Black Radicalism, Chapter 6, “Black Religion and Black Nationalism” & This Far by Faith, Chapter 7, “Black Gods of the City.” View Documentary: Reconstruction
14.) February 21st

CLASS CANCELLED TODAY

I will be giving a talk to high school students in McComb, Mississippi on Mississippi Freedom Summer

Please work on your final research project description with your preliminary bibliography and submit by email to me today. Also view the rest of the documentary on *Reconstruction* which is on YouTube and write a minimum 2 page summary of your reactions to the film

15.) February 26th


(This chapter will be sent as a pdf and posted.)

Video Documentary: *Slavery by Another Name.* (This documentary is on YouTube, please look at the remainder of it on your own time.)

Turn in your Draft Research Paper Proposal with beginning Bibliography

Turn in your minimum 2 page reaction to the film *Reconstruction*

16.) February 26th


(This chapter will be sent as a pdf and posted.)

Mid–Term Break
March 2nd - March 10th
ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!!

17.) March 12th


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Video Documentary: *African American Islam*
Oral Reports (brief) on your Research Projects
These are oral reports made in class

18.) March 14th


19.) March 19th

_Black Religion & Black Radicalism_, Chapter 8, “The Dechristianization of the Black Church,” & The New Black Gods, Chapter 10, Defining the ‘Negro Problem” in Brazil.”

Submit Final Title of Research Project with Sources in writing.
This is your firm topic for your final research paper

Documentary Viewing: Marcus Garvey’s Biography

20.) March 21st

_This Far by Faith_, Chapter 8, “Prayers of the Righteous” & Chapter 9, “A Call to Witness.”

21.) March 26th


View Documentary: TBA

22.) March 29th


23.) April 2nd


View Documentary, _This Far by Faith_, Segment 4

24.) April 4th
**Black Religion & Black Radicalism**, Chapter 10: “Survival, Elevation & Liberation in Black Religion,” & **Black Theology & Black Power**, Chapter 2, (This material will be sent as a pdf to the class via e-mail.)

View Documentary: Film on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Turn in draft of your research paper. It will not be graded but commented upon and returned with suggestions, comments, etc.**

25.) **April 9th**


**Begin Oral Presentations of Research Projects with hand-outs to class**

26.) **April 11th**


**Oral Presentation of Research Projects with hand-out to class cont’d**

. Sunday April 14, 2013 – Suggested Date for our visit to an AME Church (May change)

27.) **April 16th**


View Film: Documentary on Blacks in Latin America

28.) **April 18th** View Film

29.) **April 23rd**

Last Class – Wrap Up with light refreshments

**Monday April 30th Final Paper Due in my office by 5:00pm**

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Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays: 2:30 – 4:30 & By Appointment