Introduction to African American Religion  
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Spring 2014 - Course Assignments  

1.) January 7th  
Introduction of Syllabus & Course Outline, introduction of class members –  View segment of the Documentary: This Far by Faith  

2.) January 9th  
View Film: Cont’d of film: This Far by Faith  

3.) January 14th  
View documentary film segment of: Africans in America  

4.) January 16th  
This Far by Faith, “Introduction” & Chapter 1: “God Has a Hand in It,” & Black Religion & Black Radicalism, Chapter 3, “Not Peace, but the Sword.”  

5.) January 21st  
CLASS CANCELLED  
(I will be giving the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Lecture at Earlham College in Richmond, IN)  

6.) January 23rd  
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  

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

7.) January 28th  

8.) January 30th  
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.
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 4th  *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.”


**Turn in your Draft Research Paper Proposal with beginning Bibliography**

15.) February 25th  *Slavery By Another Name* (book), Chapter III, “Slavery’s Increase,” & Chapter IV, “Green Cottenham’s World.” (This chapter will be posted on Sakai sent as a pdf.) View Documentary: *Slavery by Another Name* (film).

Mid –Term Break
March 3rd - March 9th
ENJOY YOUR BREAK!!!
16.) March 11th


Video Documentary: _African American Islam_

**Oral Reports (brief) on your Research Projects**

These are oral reports made in class

17.) March 13th


18.) March 18th


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 Biopic_

19.) March 20th

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

20.) March 25th


View Documentary: _Marcus Garvey’s Biopic_ cont’d

21.) March 27th

_Your Spirits Walk Beside Us_, Introduction & Chapter 1, “The Reformation of the ‘Negro Church’” & “Illusions of Black Religion.” (This reading will be posted in Sakai and sent as a pdf.)

22.) April 1st _Black Religion & Black Radicalism_, Chapter 9: “Black Power, Black People and
Theological Renewal” & Your Spirits Walk Beside Us, Chapter 4, “The Advent to Civil Rights.”

View Documentary, This Far by Faith, Segment 4

23.) April 3rd

*Black Religion & Black Radicalism*, Chapter 10: “Survival, Elevation & Liberation in Black Religion,” & *Black Theology & Black Power*, Chapter 2, (This material will be posted on Sakai & 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.**

24.) April 8th


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

25.) April 10th


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

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

26.) April 15th


View Film: Documentary on Blacks in Latin America

27.) April 17th

View Film with Discussion

28.) April 22nd

**Last Class – Wrap Up with light refreshments**
Monday April 30th  Final Paper Due in my office by 5:00pm

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!!

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