

History 18803
The Civil Rights Movement in Twentieth-Century America
M/W 1.30-2.50

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Office Hours: Tuesday/Wednesday, 3-4 and by appointment

Required Books:

Books may be purchased at the Seminary Bookstore.

Adam Fairclough, *Better Day Coming: Blacks and Equality, 1890-2000*

John Dittmer, *Local People: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi*

Clive Webb, ed., *Massive Resistance: Southern Opposition to the Second Reconstruction*

Melton A. McLaurin, *Separate Pasts: Growing Up White in the Segregated South*

Timothy B. Tyson, *Blood Done Sign My Name*

Articles and book chapters:

Available on JSTOR

Timothy B. Tyson, "Robert F. Williams, 'Black Power,' and the Roots of the African-American Freedom Struggle," *Journal of American History* 85, no. 2 (Sept. 1998): 540-70.

Risa L. Goluboff, "The Thirteenth Amendment and the Lost Origins of Civil Rights," *Duke Law Journal* vol. 50, no. 6 (Apr. 2001): 1609-1685.

Mary L. Dudziak, "Desegregation as a Cold War Imperative," 41 *Stanford Law Review* 61 (1988)

Thomas J. Sugrue, "Affirmative Action from Below: Civil Rights, the Building Trades, and the Politics of Racial Equality in the Urban North, 1945-1969," *Journal of American History* 91, no. 1 (June 2004): 145-73.

Assignments:

One 5-7 page papers on an assigned topic (due April 28)

One 7-10 page book review on a book chosen in consultation with the instructor (due June 9)

Week One: Introduction and Jim Crow

April 2: Fairclough, ch. 8

Week Two: Antecedents

April 7: Fairclough, ch. 7

April 9: Dittmer, ch. 1; Fairclough, ch. 9

Week Three: Definitions

April 14: Fairclough, ch. 10; Goluboff

April 16: Dittmer, chs. 2-3;

Week Four: Wars

April 21: Tyson

April 23: Dudziak, "Desegregation as a Cold War Imperative"

Week Five: *Brown* and Beyond

April 28: Stanley Nelson, "The Murder of Emmett Till" (PBS, 2003)

Paper #1 due

April 30: Dailey and McRae

Week Six: Resistance

May 5: Fairclough, ch. 11; Kirk

May 7: Kruse, "The Fight for 'Freedom of Association'"; Sugrue

Week Seven: Autobiography

May 12: McLaurin

May 14: McLaurin

Week Eight: Movement

May 19: Fairclough, ch. 12; Dittmer, ch. 10

May 21: Fairclough, ch. 13; Dittmer, chs. 11 and 12

Week Nine: Reckonings

May 26: **No class—Memorial Day**

May 28: Fairclough, ch. 14

Week Ten: Rage

June 2: Tyson

June 4: Tyson