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## AMH 3931:

### RACE AND CRIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY

#### Required Texts:

Jill Lepore, *New York Burning*  
David Oshinsky, *Worse Than Slavery*  
William Tuttle, *Race Riot*  
Adam Cohen, *Im·be·ciles*  
David Oshinsky, *Capital Punishment on Trial*  
Alice Goffman, *On the Run*

#### Course Requirements:

This course will examine the relationship between race and crime in American history. It will explore the ways in which race relations have influenced patterns of crime and trends in punishment during the last four centuries. A midterm examination, a short paper, and a final examination will be required. The midterm examination, which will be given on September 25, will be worth 20 percent of your grade, and the paper, which will be due on November 6 (in hard copy and at the start of class), will be four pages in length and will be worth 20 percent of your grade. In addition, 20 percent of your grade will be based on attendance and class participation. A cumulative final examination, which will be given on December 12 (at 7:30 a.m. in 119 Keene-Flint Hall), will be worth 40 percent of your grade. This course will employ UF's grading scale (A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; D-=0.67; E=0.0). Students cannot pass AMH 3931 unless they take both examinations and submit the required paper, and there will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. Cell phones should not be used during class, and laptop computers should be used only for note taking. Anyone requiring special classroom accommodations must register with the Dean of Students Office and discuss his or her particular needs with me during the first three weeks of the semester. Finally, students must conform to the university's honesty policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials, which can be reviewed at [www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/).

#### Lectures and Reading Assignments:

1. Aug. 23            Race, Crime, and Implicit Bias in American History  
                          Reading Assignment: <http://www.understandingprejudice.org/iat/> (Race Test)
2. Aug. 28, 30        Race and Crime in Colonial America  
                          Reading Assignment: Lepore, *New York Burning*

3. Sept. 4, 6      Slavery and Criminal Justice in Early America  
No Reading Assignment
4. Sept. 11, 13    Ethnicity, Race, and Deviance in Early Nineteenth-Century America  
No Reading Assignment
5. Sept. 18, 20    Reconstruction and Southern Criminal Justice  
Reading Assignment: Oshinsky, *Worse Than Slavery*
6. Sept. 25        Midterm Examination
- Sept. 27        The Age of Lynching  
No Reading Assignment
7. Oct. 2, 4        Race and Crime in the Industrial City  
No Reading Assignment
8. Oct. 9, 11      Racial Conflict in the Early Twentieth Century  
Reading Assignment: Tuttle, *Race Riot*
9. Oct. 16, 18     Scientific Racism and Criminal Justice  
No Reading Assignment
10. Oct. 23, 25    Race and the Crime Panic of the 1920s and 1930s  
Reading Assignment: Cohen, *Im·be·ciles*
11. Oct. 30, Nov. 1 Urban Violence in the Late Twentieth-Century City  
No Reading Assignment
12. Nov. 6, 8      The Politics of Crime in Post-Industrial America  
No Reading Assignment
13. Nov. 13, 15    A “Punishment Tsunami”  
Reading Assignment: Oshinsky, *Capital Punishment on Trial*
14. Nov. 20        The Age of Mass Incarceration  
No Reading Assignment
15. Nov. 27, 29    Race and Policing in Modern America  
Reading Assignment: Goffman, *On the Run*
16. Dec. 4         Race, Criminal Justice, and the Carceral State in the Twenty-First Century  
No Reading Assignment