

ANTH 4215/ANTH 5708
African Diaspora in the Americas: Black Political Thoughts

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course explores African diaspora as a theoretical category and as political projects in the Americas from anthropological and decolonial perspectives with emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean. The focus would be on Afro-descendant agency, experiences, and subjectivities, and also on the interplay between slavery, colonialism, racial capitalism and state policies to understand processes of racialization. Using novels, music, poetry, movies, and academic readings, we will explore the creative reconfiguration of Black identities, cultures, and politics in a contemporary, diverse and dynamic African diaspora.