

GENDER AND BLACK MASCULINITY

GNDR_ST 390 & BLK_ST 334

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This course will take as its focus not only discussing (cisgender) black men but, more rigorously, interrogating gender as a racialized regime and masculinity itself as a subtle form of violence. Students will be invited to think about race and gender as co-constitutive (rather than simply and innocently intersectional), and about what might be possible after the interrogation—and possibly dismantling—of masculinity even when affixed to blackness. Overall, our aim in this course is to establish a robust understanding of gender, of racialized gender, of blackness, and of masculinity as a gendered and racialized mode of imposed existence. To examine these topics, we will explore the writing of scholars and activists and novelists, documentaries on manhood, black feminist critiques of masculinity, and transgender perspectives on gender.

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MW 11am-12:20pm
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