What is race?

What is racism?

How should we respond to racism?

Should we support affirmative action in educational policy?

This course aims to introduce students to some of the main issues in African American political philosophy. We will begin with an overview of important concepts in African American political philosophy such as race, racism, reparations, and equal opportunity. In the second part of the course, we will investigate the normative and political implications of particular topics in contemporary context. Such topics include: racial profiling in policing and data surveillance, affirmative action in education, and identity politics.

The substantive goal of this course is to familiarize ourselves with the intellectual and philosophical efforts to understand and respond to the enslavement and oppression of African Americans in the United States, to carefully evaluate the arguments given, and to try to develop rationally defensible positions of our own.

Summer Session II
MTWRF 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
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