

SYLLABUS FOR STUDENT-INITIATED SEMINAR ON ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Week 1 - Conference debrief

Week 2 - Constructing Race - Todd

Building the toolbox for Asian American Studies; How do we construct race?

- Terms
 - Heterogeneity, Multiplicity, and Hybridity
 - Critical race theory/racial formation
 - Orientalism
- Readings
 - Omi & Winant, “Racial Formations” Intro
 - Said, “Orientalism” Intro
 - Lisa Lowe, “Heterogeneity, Hybridity, Multiplicity: Marking Asian American Differences”
 - Supplemental: Espiritu, “Beyond Dualism”

Week 3 - Historicizing the Asian American subject - Pei

What is subjectivity? What is the Asian American subject? What is Asian American studies? What is a social movement?

- Terms
 - Geopolitics
 - Subjectivity/subjecthood
 - Asian American studies
 - Social movements
- Readings
 - Espiritu, “Panethnicity”
 - http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/898_reg.html
 - Ishizuka, *Serve the People: Making Asian America in the Long Sixties* - Pei
 - Juliana Chang, “Interpreting Asian American Identity and Subjectivity”

Week 4 - Queering Political Subjecthood - Jen and Chelsea

Are political movements dependent on collective sociality? In what forms has Asian American LGBT political activism emerged, and how do we identify/recognize an AsAm queer politics? Can we conceive of social movements in the personal domains of pleasure and desire?

- Concepts
 - Asian American LGBT movements
 - Queering political subjecthood
 - Interiority