

# African and Black Diaspora Studies

## Course Announcement

Autumn Quarter 2011

**ABD 336:**

**African American Political  
Thought (Cross-listed w/ PSC 336)**

**T/Th 1:00-2:30pm LPC**

**Dr. Christina Rivers**

This course will examine the origins of black political thought. It will span from the decades between 1830 and the writings of black abolitionists and emigrationists, to the 1920s and the debates over racial integration vs. separation. It will close on contemporary debates over the role of race in over race, power, and politics-this includes the role of President Obama and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in American public life.

This course has two primary goals. The first is introduce you to a rich body of thought that has long been overlooked by academics, the media, and most Americans, and to correct the notion blacks were politically "asleep" until the civil rights movement. The second goal is to help us understand contemporary disputes over race and politics (many of which are misinformed) in a fuller and more accurate historical perspective.

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