SYLLABUS

THE STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

HISTORY 344

FALL 2018

Professor Michael Mayer
Office: 253 Liberal Arts
Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 3:00-4:00
and by appointment

Required texts:
Richard Kluger, Simple Justice
Steven Lawson, Running for Freedom (3rd ed.)
John Hope Franklin and August Meier, Black Leaders of the Twentieth Century
Thomas West and James Mooney, To Redeem a Nation
Richard Wright, Black Boy
Ralph Ellison, Invisible Man
John Howard Griffin, Black Like Me
Martin Luther King, Jr., Stride Toward Freedom
Stokely Carmichael, Black Power
Eldridge Cleaver, Soul on Ice

Course requirements:

Essay on Ellison, Invisible Man (33%)
Five (5) pages, due October 6

Essay on King, Stride Toward Freedom (33%)
Five (5) pages, due November 3

Final exam (33%)

Outcomes:
Students in this class will be expected to learn to read cases, to analyze them, and to place the decisions in historical context. Further, students will be expected to present their conclusions coherently in clear, grammatical English.
**Disabilities:**

Students with documented disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is up to students needing an accommodation to provide advance notification of the nature of that accommodation. For more information, visit the website of Disabilities Services for Students (http://www.umt.edu/dss)

Last day to add without consent of instructor: September 15

**CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

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Reading:  Kluger, chs. 6,7
          Franklin and Meier, ch. 10

September 24  Thurgood Marshall
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 8, 9; pp. 214-216

September 26  World War II
Reading:  Kluger, pp. 226-238
          Lawson, ch. 1
          West and Mooney, pp. 35-37, 95-99

September 28  The 1940s: The Pace of Change
Reading:  Lawson, pp. 36-44
          Kluger, ch. 11
          West and Mooney, pp. 159-160

October 1  Invisible Man
Reading:  Ellison, Invisible Man

October 3  Sweatt and McLaurin
Reading:  Kluger, ch. 12

October 5  Brown: South Carolina
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 1, 13-15

October 8  Brown: Kansas
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 16-17

October 10  Brown: Delaware and Virginia
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 18-20

October 12  Brown: D.C. and the Courts
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 21-23

October 15  Brown: The Supreme Court
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 23-25

October 17  The Court Decides
Reading:  Kluger, chs. 26-27

October 19  White Observation: Black Life
Reading:  Griffin, Black Like Me

October 22  Black Protest
Reading:  Lawson, pp. 44-71
October 24  Montgomery and Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Reader:  Franklin and Meier, ch. 13

October 26  King and Montgomery  
Reader:  King, Stride Toward Freedom

October 29  Activism  
Reader:  Lawson, pp. 72-84

October 31  Sit-ins  
Reader:  West and Mooney, pp. 91-100

November 2  Kennedy and Civil Rights  
Reader:  Lawson, pp. 84-90

November 5  Freedom Rides  
Reader:  West and Mooney, pp. 57-58, 101-110

November 7  SNCC  
Reader:  Lawson, pp. 90-95, 99-105

November 9  SNCC  
Reader:  West and Mooney, pp. 62-65, 72-75, 197-202, 206-221

November 12  NO CLASS

November 14  1963:  Birmingham and Washington  
Reader:  Lawson, pp. 95-99  
West and Mooney, pp. 66-68, 82-86

November 16  Letter from a Birmingham Jail  
Reader:  West and Mooney, pp. 116-126

November 19  Selma and Voting Rights  
Reader:  Lawson, pp. 105-119  
West and Mooney, pp. 76-78, 173-175

November 26  Malcolm X  
Reader:  Franklin and Meier, ch. 13  
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November 28  Malcolm X  
Reader:  West and Mooney, pp. 185-196

November 30  Black Power  
Reader:  Lawson, pp. 119-129
December 3  Black Power
  Reading:  Carmichael, Black Power

December 5  Black Nationalism
  Reading:  Lawson, pp. 133-149
            West and Mooney, pp. 253-260

December 7  Soul on Ice
  Reading:  Cleaver, Soul on Ice