**Interdisciplinary Special Topics Course:**

**Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity**

**HEA 2112**

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**COURSE PROPOSAL:**

The Interdisciplinary/Special Topics course, *Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity,* is designed to address course content and subject matter not currently offered within either of the proposing departments. While Drs. Ferrell and Thorpe are submitting a sample syllabus that specifically speaks to the cultural complexity of Colonialism, Africans Americans, and Native Americans, the course lends itself to interpretation and collaborative efforts between departments and disciplines: History, Psychology, Anthropology, Economics, African American Studies, Health and Human Services, English, Hospitality Management, and Legal Studies, among others.

City Tech, CUNY, serves one of the most diverse campus populations in the nation. Our students appear to thrive on courses that represent and address a myriad of opinions, ideas, and representations of cultural and racial identity. Outside of being engaging and informative, this course utilizes visual texts and new media/technologies (film, Skype, Open Lab) that are part of the average student’s everyday life, mediums that enhance the classroom learning experience. Additionally, *Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity* is designed to encourage students to become advocates in the disciplines and fields specific to their academic and professional worlds, determine career paths, and establish connections and affiliations. Additionally, the course is designed create student scholars who interested in publishing their academic findings.

**Relevancy of the Theme/Sample Syllabus:**

Colonialism, as a topic, is a universal theme. It is almost impossible to find a section of our global society that remains untouched by it. From North America to the continent of Australia, the seven billion people that inhabit this planet can all attest to changes in dialect/language, geography, economics, food, cultural practices, faith/religion/spirituality, educational access, mental and physical health and healthcare practices as a direct result of some form of colonial impact.

The submitted sample syllabus focuses on Africans (including their evolution as African Americans) and those indigenous (Native Americans) to the North American continent. Here in the United States, the immediate and long-term consequences of colonialism brought about enslavement, the signing and breaking of treaties/laws, war, poverty, lack of education, psychological and physical traumas, and segregation of these peoples. Additionally, each of these factors played a vital and volatile role in shaping who African Americans and Native Americans would become post-colonialism. Colonialism also had long term and far reaching implications on each culture, impacting the men and women within these cultural groups differently. In many ways, both groups still struggle to obtain their portion of the American Dream and are still coping with economic disparity, public health issues—mental and physical—and social welfare, as well as a bevy of socio-economical hardships that appear to place them perpetually beyond the reach of embracing fully a solely American identity.

The proposed sample syllabus, *Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity* focuses specifically on why these struggles still exist within these communities and their respective relationships to Colonialism using film, guest lecturers, and scholarly and creative writing.

**Pedagogical approaches:**

The professors will take a blended approach to teaching and assessment. Students will discuss, explore, and write about major scholars within the field of Health and Human Services as well as creative texts written by Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning fiction writers, drawing on the expertise of the co-instructors. Additionally, students will utilize new media resources (Open Lab, Blackboard, Skype for guest lecture interviews), as well as visual texts (movies and documentaries) to enhance and supplement the learning experience. Guest lecturers (onsite visits, in-class visitations, Skype interviews) will be asked to maintain their relationships to collaborative effort by making themselves available to students for research purposes: email, in-person interviews, or digital interviews. A multi-tiered approach to student learning will give students unfettered access to resources materials, enhance their learning experience, and assist in sparking classroom discourse. Interviewees will include historians, tribal leaders/elders, social scientists, anthropologists, economists, psychologists, and health care professionals.

**Assessment Plan/Interdisciplinary Student Learning Outcomes:**

It is anticipated that this course will draw a class size of 25-31 students each semester, and they can take this course as a free elective or capstone course because it is a 2000 level course. By the end of the course, students should be informed scholars able to critically assess and discuss the course content (in writing and during discussion); develop workable creative, cultural, economic or political ideas/solutions; and also possess a useful and informed knowledge of the following:

--Colonialism and Post-Colonialism, as it relates to the development of America and American Identity

--African and Indigenous slavery and oppression

--Social issue advocacy as it relates to the subject matter

--Economic systems and hardships experienced by both cultural groups

--Psychological and physical health issues as they relate to both groups

--Racial, academic, social inequalities, and gender role inequality experienced by both groups

--Similarities between the cultural groups and their approaches to advocacy, healing, and resistance

--Government responses to the socioeconomic issues that plague these communities

Students will be asked to demonstrate their integration and comprehension of the aforementioned concepts through the following: four in-class exams, quizzes, group projects/presentations, and possible paper publication.

**Feasibility of proposed required team-teaching method/Sustainability:**

Each proposing department has more than enough qualified fulltime faculty available to teach the course. Drs. Ferrell and Thorpe will split the fifteen-week semester, sharing the introductory course, guest lecturer visitations, transition course (week 7-8), and the final class of the semester. During the semester, they will meet weekly to design and update course content, assess student engagement, schedule and confirm guest speakers, and to design projects and exams. Despite splitting the course in half—seven weeks per instructor—they will co-design the exams and quizzes, co-develop paper topics, and will share grading responsibility for all submitted assignments. This is a structure that must remain in place as Interdisciplinary collaborations present themselves. In doing so, students are presented with a uniform approach to teaching and assessment. Moreover, collaborating instructors remain clear about their responsibilities to the students and the course; equally important, the workload is shared evenly.

The broad scope of the proposed course and subject matter allows for the development of innovative avenues for exploring and understanding post-colonialism on a global scale across the disciplines at City Tech:History, Psychology, Anthropology, Economics, African American Literature, English, and within such departments as Health and Human Services, Hospitality Management, and Legal Studies. The proposers envision creative and thoughtful professors designing courses that link colonialism in the following ways, among other possible collaborations:

1. Legal systems/outcomes/policies and representations of said issues in different kinds of literature
2. Global languages and anthropology
3. Global cuisine, sustainability, healthcare, and geography
4. Relationships between psychological well-being and Economic health
5. Architecture and gentrification
6. Music and resistance movements

While collaborating departments will choose to address Colonialism through their own unique critical and creative lenses, using material germane to their respective fields, it is imperative that these departments uphold course expectations established by the proposed syllabus:

1. Four co-developed in-class exams
2. Co-developed midterm and final paper essay prompts
3. Use of guest lecturers
4. Shared class teaching (first and final class)
5. Shared grading responsibilities

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CURRICULUM MODIFICATION PROPOSAL FORM

This form is used for all curriculum modification proposals. See the [Proposal Classification Chart](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/files/2014/08/2013-10-09-Proposal_Classification_Chart.pdf) for information about what types of modifications are major or minor. Completed proposals should be emailed to the Curriculum Committee chair.

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| **Title of Proposal** | Interdisciplinary Special Topics Course:  Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity |
| **Date** | August 25th 2014 |
| **Major or Minor** | Major Modification |
| **Proposer’s Name** | Dr. Monique Ferrell and Dr. Christine Thorpe |
| **Department** | English Department and Health and Human Services |
| **Date of Departmental Meeting in which proposal was approved** | Health and Human Services Department—September 18, 2014 |
| **Department Chair Name** | Dr. Christine Thorpe |
| **Department Chair Signature and Date** | Christine W. Thorpe (in lieu of signature) |
| **Academic Dean Name** | Dr. David Smith |
| **Academic Dean Signature and Date** | 10/1/2014 |
| **Brief Description of Proposal**  (Describe the modifications contained within this proposal in a succinct summary. More detailed content will be provided in the proposal body. | Using colonialism as a historical lens, this course examines its impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors and well-being, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles. |
| **Brief Rationale for Proposal**  (Provide a concise summary of why this proposed change is important to the department. More detailed content will be provided in the proposal body). | This Special Topics/Interdisciplinary course explores content not currently available within the course curriculum of either proposing department. As an interdisciplinary course, it represents and addresses diverse opinions, ideas, and varied understandings of cultural identity that can be taught by professors from distinct and disparate departments, a necessary factor given City Tech’s diverse student population.    Additionally, because the topic of colonialism is global in nature, the subject matter is open to interpretation, study, and exploration; as such, possible interdisciplinary departmental collaborations can include but are not limited to innovative pairings within the following disciplines:History, Psychology, Anthropology, Economics, African American Literature, English, and within such departments as Health and Human Services, Hospitality Management, and Legal Studies.  The proposed course includes a collaborative effort between the English Department and the Department of Health and Human Services. Most noteworthy is that it places a special focus on America’s Indigenous cultures and populations. Additionally, the course will utilize visual texts and new media/technologies that are part of our students’ everyday lives in order to enhance the classroom learning experience: Film, Skype (interviews with guest lecturers), Blackboard, and Open Lab among others. |
| **Proposal History**  (Please provide history of this proposal: is this a resubmission? An updated version? This may most easily be expressed as a list). | New Class (First Submission) |

Please include all appropriate documentation as indicated in the Curriculum Modification Checklist.

For each new course, please also complete the New Course Proposal and submit in this document.

Please submit this document as a single .doc or .rtf format. If some documents are unable to be converted to .doc, then please provide all documents archived into a single .zip file.

**ALL PROPOSAL CHECK LIST**

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| Completed CURRICULUM MODIFICATION FORM including: |  |
| * Brief description of proposal |  |
| * Rationale for proposal |  |
| * Date of department meeting approving the modification |  |
| * Chair’s Signature |  |
| * Dean’s Signature |  |
| Evidence of consultation with affected departments  List of the programs that use this course as required or elective, and courses that use this as a prerequisite. |  |
| Documentation of Advisory Commission views (if applicable). |  |
| Completed [Chancellor’s Report Form](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/files/2014/08/2013-10-09-Chancellor_Report_Quick_Reference_Guide1.doc). |  |

**EXISTING PROGRAM MODIFICATION PROPOSALS**

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| Documentation indicating core curriculum requirements have been met for new programs/options or program changes. |  |
| Detailed rationale for each modification (this includes minor modifications) |  |

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NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

This form is used for all new course proposals. Attach this to the [Curriculum Modification Proposal Form](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/files/2014/08/2013-10-10-Curriculum_Modification_Proposal_Form.docx) and submit as one package as per instructions. Use one New Course Proposal Form for each new course.

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| **Course Title** | Interdisciplinary Special Topics Course:  Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity |
| **Proposal Date** | August 25th 2014 |
| **Proposer’s Name** | Dr. Monique Ferrell and Dr. Christine Thorpe |
| **Course Number** | HEA 2112 |
| **Course Credits, Hours** | 3 Hours 3 Credits |
| **Course Pre / Co-Requisites** | English 1101, CUNY Certified in Reading, Writing, and Math |
| **Catalog Course Description** | Using colonialism as a historical lens, this course examines its impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors and well-being, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles. |
| **Brief Rationale**  Provide a concise summary of why this course is important to the department, school or college. | This Special Topics/Interdisciplinary course explores content not currently available within the course curriculum of either proposing department. As an interdisciplinary course, it represents and addresses diverse opinions, ideas, and varied understandings of cultural identity that can be taught by professors from various departments, a necessary factor given City Tech’s diverse student population.  Additionally, because the topic of colonialism is global in nature, the subject matter is open to interpretation, study, and exploration; as such, possible interdisciplinary departmental collaborations can include but are not limited to innovative pairings within the following disciplines:History, Psychology, Anthropology, Economics, African American Literature, English, and within such departments as Health and Human Services, Hospitality Management, and Legal Studies.  The proposed course includes a collaborative effort between the English Department and the Department of Health and Human Services. Most noteworthy is that it places a special focus on America’s Indigenous cultures and populations. Additionally, the course will utilize visual texts and new media/technologies that are part of our students’ everyday lives in order to enhance the classroom learning experience: Film, Skype (interviews with guest lecturers), Blackboard, and Open Lab among others. |
| **Intent to Submit as Common Core**  If this course is intended to fulfill one of the requirements in the common core, then indicate which area. | YES - World Cultures and Global Issues |
| **Intent to Submit as An Interdisciplinary Course** | YES |
| **Intent to Submit as a Writing Intensive Course** | This course will be both reading and writing intensive. |

Please include all appropriate documentation as indicated in the NEW COURSE PROPOSAL Combine all information into a single document that is included in the Curriculum Modification Form.

**NEW COURSE PROPOSAL CHECK LIST**

Use this checklist to ensure that all required documentation has been included. You may wish to use this checklist as a table of contents within the new course proposal.

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| **Completed NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM** |  |
| * Title, Number, Credits, Hours, Catalog course description |  |
| * Brief Rationale |  |
| Completed [Library Resources and Information Literacy Form](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/files/2014/08/curriculum_modification_library_form.doc) |  |
| **Course Outline**  Include within the outline the following. |  |
| Hours and Credits for Lecture and Labs  If hours exceed mandated Carnegie Hours, then rationale for this |  |
| Prerequisites/Co- requisites |  |
| Detailed Course Description |  |
| Course Specific Learning Outcome and Assessment Tables   * Discipline Specific * General Education Specific Learning Outcome and Assessment Tables |  |
| Example Weekly Course outline |  |
| Grade Policy and Procedure |  |
| Recommended Instructional Materials (Textbooks, lab supplies, etc) |  |
| Library resources and bibliography |  |
| **Course Need Assessment.**  Describe the need for this course. Include in your statement the following information. |  |
| Target Students who will take this course. Which programs or departments, and how many anticipated?  Documentation of student views (if applicable, e.g. non-required elective). |  |
| Projected headcounts (fall/spring and day/evening) for each new or modified course. |  |
| If additional physical resources are required (new space, modifications, equipment), description of these requirements. If applicable, Memo or email from the VP for Finance and Administration with written comments regarding additional and/or new facilities, renovations or construction. |  |
| Where does this course overlap with other courses, both within and outside of the department? |  |
| Does the Department currently have full time faculty qualified to teach this course? If not, then what plans are there to cover this? |  |
| If needs assessment states that this course is required by an accrediting body, then provide documentation indicating that need. |  |
| **Course Design**  Describe how this course is designed. |  |
| Course Context (e.g. required, elective, capstone) |  |
| Course Structure: how the course will be offered (e.g. lecture, seminar, tutorial, fieldtrip)? |  |
| Anticipated pedagogical strategies and instructional design (e.g. Group Work, Case Study, Team Project, Lecture) |  |
| How does this course support Programmatic Learning Outcomes? |  |
| Is this course designed to be partially or fully online? If so, describe how this benefits students and/or program. |  |
| **Additional Forms for Specific Course Categories** |  |
| [Interdisciplinary Form](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/files/2014/08/Application-for-Interdisciplinary-Course-Designation.docx) (if applicable) |  |
| [Common Core (Liberal Arts) Intent to Submit](http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/files/2014/08/CommonCoreCourseSubmissionForm_4.2.12.doc) (if applicable) |  |
| Writing Intensive Form if course is intended to be a WIC (under development) |  |
| If course originated as an experimental course, then results of evaluation plan as developed with director of assessment. |  |
| **(Additional materials for** [**Curricular Experiments**](http://www.300jaystreet.com/college-council/curriculum_proposals/curricular-experiments)**)** |  |
| Plan and process for evaluation developed in consultation with the director of assessment. (Contact Director of Assessment for more information). |  |
| Established Timeline for Curricular Experiment |  |

**COURSE SYLLABUS:**

**NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY CITY UNIVESITY OF NEW YORK**

**HEA 2112**

**Prerequisites:**

**English 1101**

**Instructors: Dr. Christine Thorpe, Health & Human Services Department Dr. Monique Ferrell, English Department**

**Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity**

**Course Description:**

Using Colonialism as a historical lens, this course will examine its impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles.

**Our Course:**

This Special Topics course is interdisciplinary and team taught. In our class, we will be focusing on Africans (African Americans), Native Americans, and how American Colonialism impacted these two groups in particular. Without question, these two groups have a shared American experience and ancestral cultural bond, which is a direct result of colonialism.

The search for and establishment of the United States brought about enslavement, the signing and breaking of treaties/laws, war, poverty, lack of education, psychological and physical traumas, and the segregation of these peoples. Additionally, each of these factors played a vital and volatile role in shaping who African Americans and Native Americans would become post-colonialism, and these same factors have had long term and far reaching implications for both cultural groups, impacting men and women differently. In many ways, both cultures still struggle to obtain their portion of the American Dream and are still coping with economic disparity, public health issues—mental and physical—and social welfare, as well as a bevy of socio-economical hardships that appear to place them perpetually beyond the reach of embracing fully an American identity. The primary question, among others, that we will ponder—through scholarly and creative writing, film, and guest lecturers—is “why does this struggle still exist?”

**Expectations**:

Using scholarly, creative, and visual texts—students will be asked to assess, explore, and make determinations about the cultural impact and long-term outcomes of colonialism on the African American and Native American communities as they relate and correlate to the following: economic disparity, psychological/physical health and well-being, historical implications, alcoholism and drug addiction, chronic illnesses, infant mortality rates, oppression and segregation, education inequality and incarceration rates, and gender inequality. Students will assess and critically analyze whether or not colonialism has transformed into a systemic form of oppression that neither of the cultural groups are able to transcend. This course is reading and writing intensive.

**Course Texts:**

Dr. Thorpe—Weeks 1-7

Course Packet of Required Readings

\*Suggested Readings:

Fullilove, R.E., & Rosen, D. E. (2014). Mass Incarceration: The HIV/AIDS Epidemic and the Affordable Care Act—What Will the Future Hold?. Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services, 13 (1), 5-7.

*Traumatic Possessions: The Body and Memory in African American Women’s Writing and Performance* by Jennifer L Griffiths

*On Our Own Terms: Race Class and gender in the lives of African American Women* by Leith Mullings

Dr. Ferrell—Weeks 8-14

*Indian Killer* by Sherman Alexie *House Made of Dawn* by N. Scott Momaday *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison *Too Beautiful For Words* by Monique Morris

\*Suggested Readings *Gardens In The Dunes* by Leslie Marmon Silko *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

**Semester Assignments:**

Exams: 25% (4 exams, Essay and Short Answer) Midterm/Short Paper: 15% (6-8pgs, Primary and Secondary Sources, MLA/APA)

Assignments: 15% (Presentations, Quizzes, Reader Responses, Group Work)

Class Participation: 15% Final Final Paper: 30% (8-10 pgs, Primary and Secondary Sources)

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Assignments: 15% (quizzes, group work, assignments)

**Classroom Rules/Etiquette:**

1. Students must remove headsets before entering the classroom
2. Cellphone use of any kind is not allowed while class is in session

**Absence/Lateness:**

1. Students will be allowed two unexcused absences. Each additional absence will result in a five point deduction of your final grade.
2. Two late arrivals equal one absence.

**Additional Classroom Policies:**

1. Official medical/legal excuses may be submitted to address excessive late arrivals and absences.
2. Every course assignment/paper has a due date. Late work will not be accepted without a valid excuse.

**Plagiarism (College/University Policy):**

Plagiarism is intentionally and knowingly presenting the ideas or works of another as one’s own original idea or works in any academic exercise without proper acknowledgment of the source. The purchase and submission of a dissertation, thesis, term paper, essay, report, or other written assignment to fulfill the requirements of this course is plagiarism and violates section 213-b of the State Education Law. Any student caught plagiarizing will fail this course and be presented to the Division Dean for expulsion.

Students and all others who work with information, ideas, texts, images, music, inventions, and other intellectual property owe their audience and sources accuracy and honesty in using, crediting, and citing sources. As a community of intellectual and professional workers, the College recognizes its responsibility for providing instruction in information literacy and academic integrity, offering models of good practice, and responding vigilantly and appropriately to infractions of academic integrity. Accordingly, academic dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York and at New York City College of Technology and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion. The complete text of the College policy on Academic Integrity may be found in the catalog.

**Schedule of Assignments:**

**Weeks 1-7 Dr. Thorpe**

**Week 1**

Introductions/Syllabus Review/Define Colonialism (Drs. Thorpe and Ferrell/first hour only)

Second Hour (Dr. Thorpe):

Lecture: Public Health Issues in the African American and Native American Communities

Assigned Readings: Connell, R. (2012). Gender, health and theory: conceptualizing the issue, in local and world perspective. Social Science and Medicine, 74(11), 1675-1683.

Peters, WM, Green, JM, and Gauthier, PE. (2014). Native American medicine: the implications of history and the embodiment of culture. Multicultural Approaches to Health and Wellness in America [2 Vol] 171.

**Week 2**

Lecture: Historical Traumas, Present-Day Manifestations

Assigned Reading: Brave Heart, MYH, Chase J, Elkins J, and Altschul DB. (2011). Historical trauma among indigenous peoples of the Americas: concepts, research and clinical considerations. Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, 43(4), 282-290.

Hinrichsen, Lisa (2013). Trauma studies and the literature of the U.S. south. Literature Compass, Vol. 10, Issue 8, pp. 605-617.

Mohatt, N. V., Thompson, A. B., Thai, N. D., & Tebes, J. K. (2014). Historical trauma as public narrative: A conceptual review of how history impacts present-day health. *Social Science & Medicine*, *106*, 128-136.

**Week 3**

First Hour—Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Fullilove, Professor at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health

Second Hour—Lecture: Evolving Chronic Illnesses; Prep for Exam #1

Assigned Reading: Jernigan, V. B. B., Salvatore, A. L., Styne, D. M., & Winkleby, M. (2011).

Addressing food insecurity in a Native American reservation using community-based participatory research. *Health education research*, cyr089.

Feagin, J., & Bennefield, Z. (2014). Systemic racism and US health care. *Social Science & Medicine*, *103*, 7-14.

**Week 4**

First Hour—Exam 1

Second Hour—Lecture: Inter-generational Mental Health Issues

Assigned Reading: Walters, K. L., Mohammed, S. A., Evans-Campbell, T., Beltrán, R. E., Chae, D. H., & Duran, B. (2011). Bodies don't just tell stories, they tell histories. *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, *8*(01), 179-189.

Gone, J. P. (2013). Redressing First Nations historical trauma: Theorizing mechanisms for indigenous culture as mental health treatment. *Transcultural psychiatry*, *50*(5), 683-706.

**Week 5**

Lecture: The Causes of Substance Abuse

Assigned Reading: Wiechelt, S. A., Gryczynski, J., Johnson, J. L., & Caldwell, D. (2012). Historical trauma among urban American Indians: Impact on substance abuse and family cohesion. *Journal of Loss and Trauma*, *17*(4), 319-336.

Short Paper: 6-8 pages Compare and contract one chronic health issue affecting Native American and African American communities, examining past and present

\*Midterm Paper: (6-8pages) Compare and contrast one chronic health issue affecting Native American and African American Communities, examining past and present

**Week 6**

Lecture: Infant Mortality and Challenges of Living; Prep for Exam #2

Assigned Reading: Rosenthal, L., & Lobel, M. (2011). Explaining racial disparities in adverse birth outcomes: Unique sources of stress for Black American women. *Social Science and Medicine*, 72 (6), 977-983.

Walker, L. O., & Chestnut, L.W. (2010). Identifying health disparities and social inequities affecting childbearing women and infants. *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing,* 39 (3), 328-338.

**Week 7**

First Hour—Exam 2

Second Hour—Lecture: The Challenges of Living (cont.)

Assigned Reading: Weaver, H.N. (2012). Urban and Indigenous: The Challenges of being a Native American in the City. *Journal of Community Practice*, 20 (4), 470-488.

Williams, D. R., Mohammed, S. A., Leavell, J., & Collins, C. (2010). Race, socioeconomic status, and health: complexities, ongoing challenges, and research opportunities. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1186 (1), 69-101.

Assigned readings for Dr. Ferrell first class: First 75 pages of *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison

**Weeks 8-14 Dr. Ferrell**

**Week 8**

The Challenges of Living – wrap up (Drs. Ferrell/Thorpe first hour only)

Second Hour (Dr. Ferrell):

Lecture: Defining Colonialism/An introduction to the creative voice: What it means to talk about home (How African American and Native American authors see themselves and understand their American Identity)

*Song of Solomon*—What it means to be a Black Man in America

**Week 9**

Lecture: *Song of Solomon* cont’d—Vocation, Station, and Being/The Role(s) of Black Women

Assign *House Made of Dawn* by N. Scott Momaday

**Week 10**

Lecture: First Hour--(Finish discussion of *Song of Solomon*—Class, Race, Community, Revenge and Retaliation)

Second Hour—Prep for Exam #3/Begin Discussion of *House Made of Dawn* (Native American, American, or Indigenous?)

**Week 11**

Hour One—Exam #3

Lecture: Hour Two—*House Made of Dawn—*(Battling Demons, Culture, Community, Filling the Void)

Assign *Indian Killer* by Sherman Alexie

Distribute Final Paper Essay Prompts

**Week 12**

Lecture: Reservation Life, Indian-ness vs American-ness, Contemporary Indian Life, How real is the world of Sherman Alexie’s *Indian Killer*?

Hour One—*House Made of Dawn*—Cont’d

Hour Two—Guest Lecturer/Author RevaMariah ShieldChief (Pawnee and Tohono O’odham Nations)

**Week 13**

Lecture: Alexie’s *Indian Killer* cont’d—Gender, Class, Death, Reparations

Assign *Too Beautiful* *For Words* by Monique Morris—Contemporary Black Life, Class, Power,

**Week 14**

Lecture: *Too Beautiful For Words*

Final Review For Exam #4 and Final Paper

**Week 15** **Final Exam/Final Papers Due**

## Instructional Objectives, Activities, Assessment

| **Instructional Objectives**: *For the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:* | **Instructional Activities** | **Assessment**: *Evaluation methods and criteria* |
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| Accurately define and discuss health disparities, public health, Colonialism/Post-colonialism and subsequent movements in history, critical scholarship, African American and Native American Literature to mark their impact on both ethnic groups. | Assigned readings, class diagnostic, group work, class discussions | Reader Response mini essays, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and exams |
| Outline and discuss the following social constructs and historical events to assess their impact on African Americans and Native Americans as they relate to colonialism/post-colonialism: Slavery/Genocide, medical experimentation, The Civil War, Emancipation, Suffrage, The Jim Crow Era/Segregation, The Civil Rights Movement, The Vietnam War, Women’s Rights Movement, USDHHS, Affordable Care Act, BIA, AIM, Reservation Life, Missionary Schools, American Treaties with Indigenous peoples. | Assigned readings, class discussions, group work, and films | Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project |
| Explore and study the complexity of the following factors as they relate to African American and Native Americans: American Identity, Cultural Identity, Racial mixing, Gender Roles and Expectations, Economics, Mental Well-Being, Violence, Post-traumatic stress, Chronic Illness, Violence. | Assigned readings, films, class discussions, group projects | Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, final paper/project |
| Explore and study cultural revelations about color consciousness, (C)lass, culture and traditions, Healthcare, Race and Gender and the politics that guide them. | Assigned readings, films, class discussions, group projects | Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, final paper/project |
| Examine the impact of racism, war, government impact, bigotry, prejudice, intercultural bigotry, sexism, (C)lass, upward mobility, poverty, incarceration, intellectualism and failure/success in academia, the importance of having a cultural “homeland.” | Assigned readings, films, class discussions, group projects | Reader Response mini essays, exams, Open Lab projects, final paper/project, in person conferences |
| Discuss and explore feminine and masculine power, religion vs. spirituality, cultural health practices, responsibility to one’s cultural community. | Assigned readings, films, class discussions, group projects | Reader Response mini essays, exams, quizzes, final paper/project, Open Lab projects, in person conferences |
| Examine the impact and representation of the following in African American and Native American Literature and Scholarship past and present: Historical representation, Identity and classification, Future expectations, strategies, and recommendations. | Assigned readings, films, class discussions, group projects | Reader Response mini essays, exams, quizzes, Open Lab projects, final paper/project |
| Comprehend and utilize the basics of grammar, sentence structure, and MLA and APA Documentation (primary and secondary sources). Understand the mechanics of writing essays about literature (Scaffolding Format), critical essays, and film. | In-class workshops: grammar and sentence structure, assessing the essay prompt (closed or open), essay format (introductions, body paragraphs, and conclusions) | In-person conferences, pre-drafting of midterm and final papers/projects, Reading Responses mini essays, Open Lab projects, exams |

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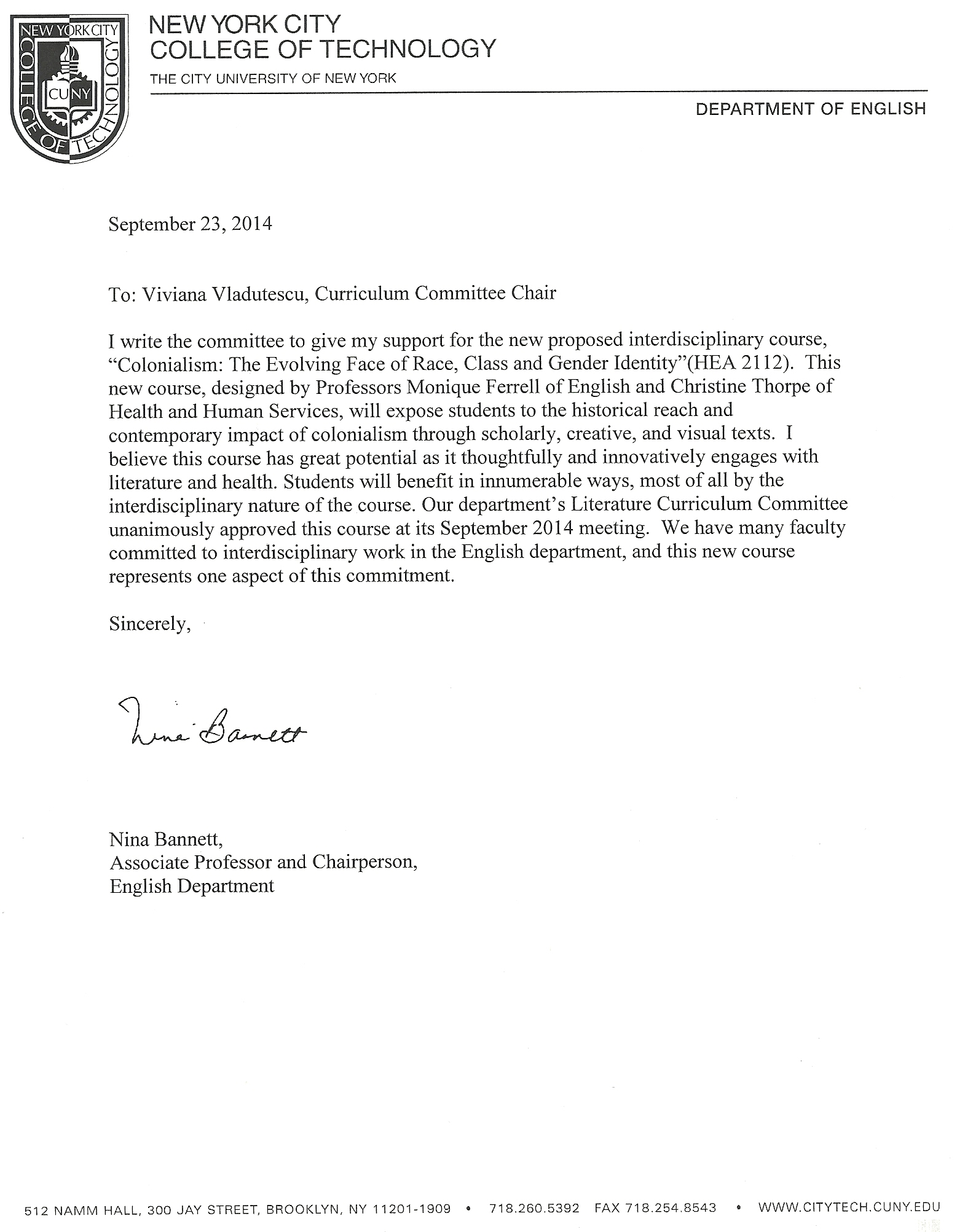
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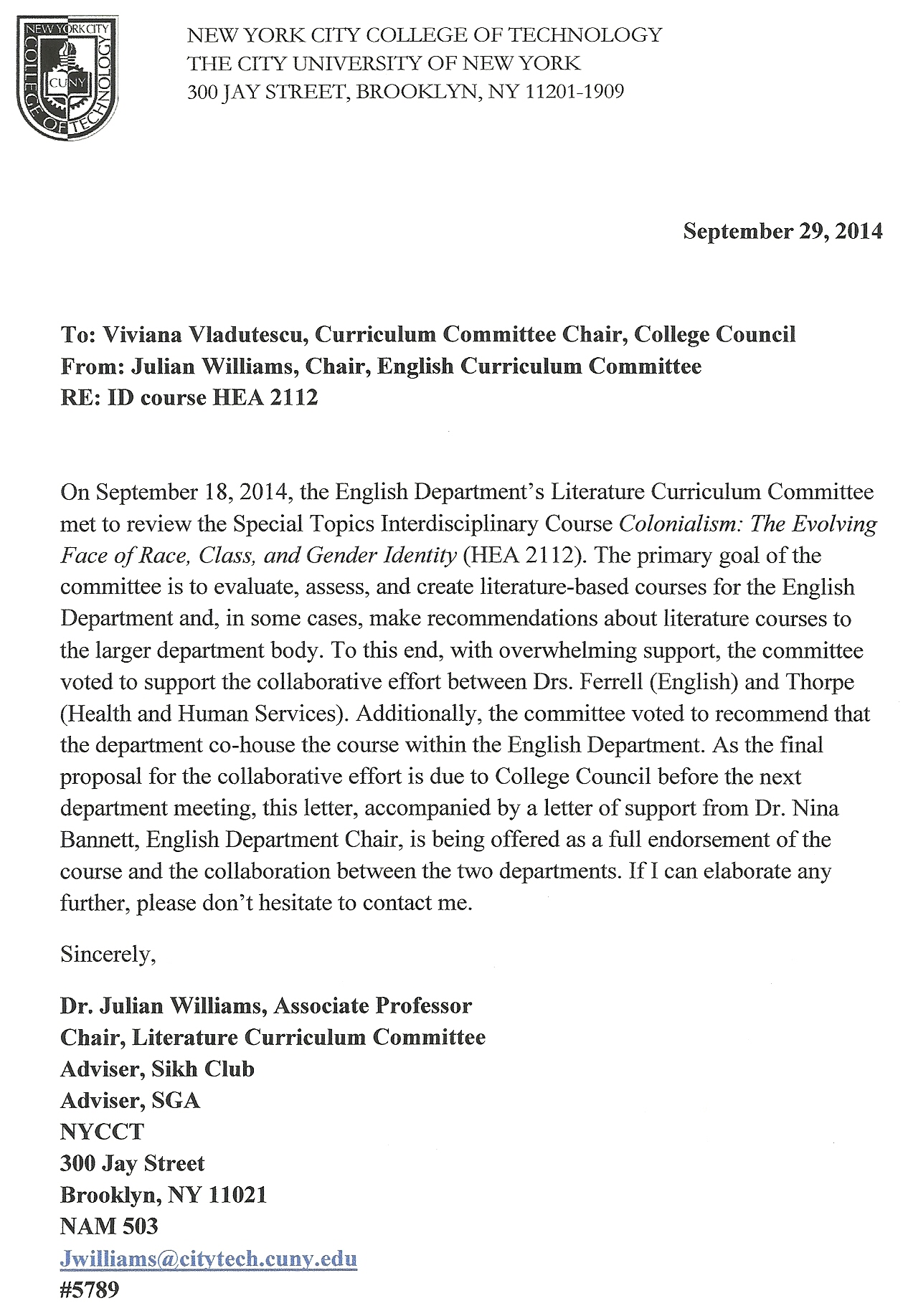
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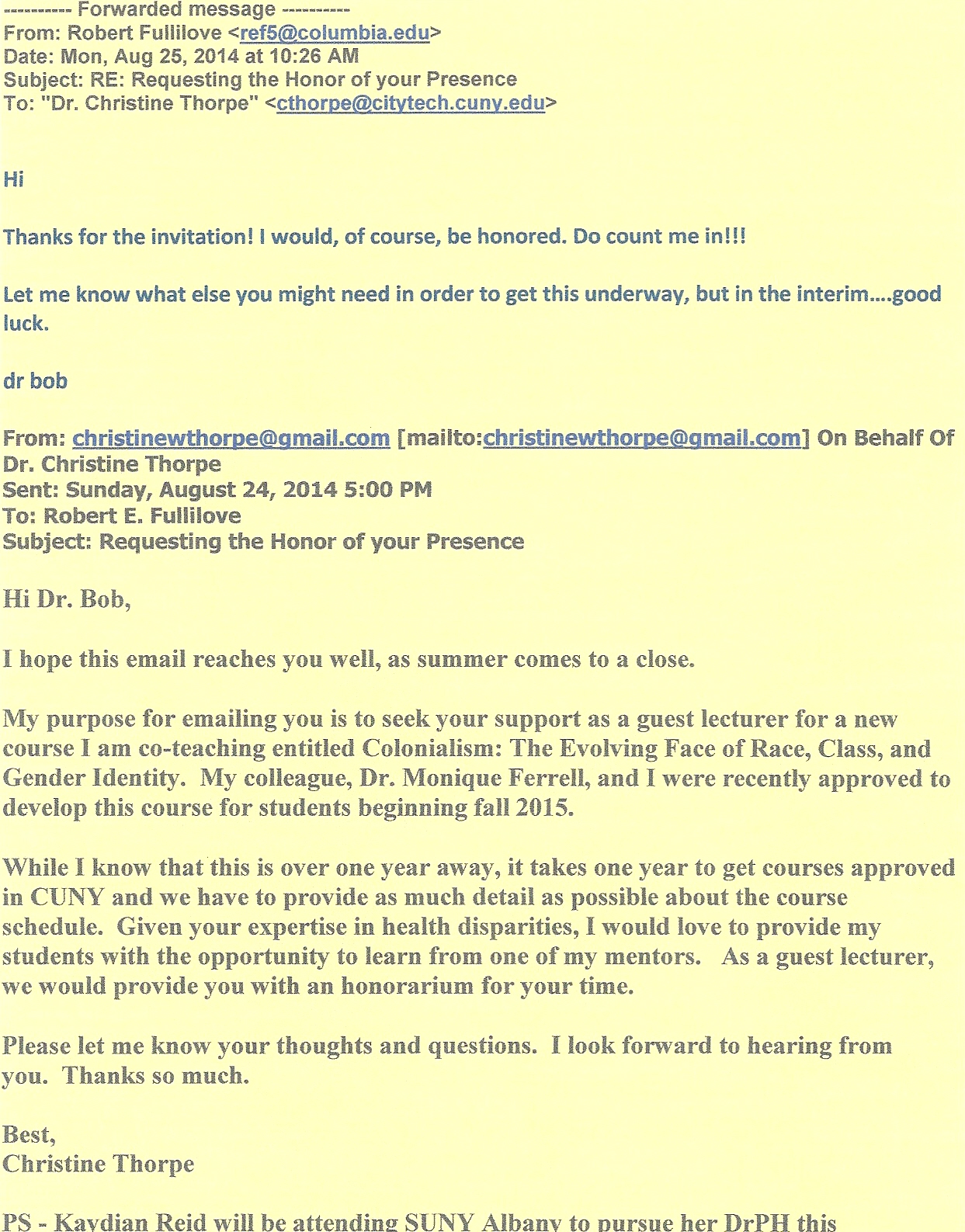
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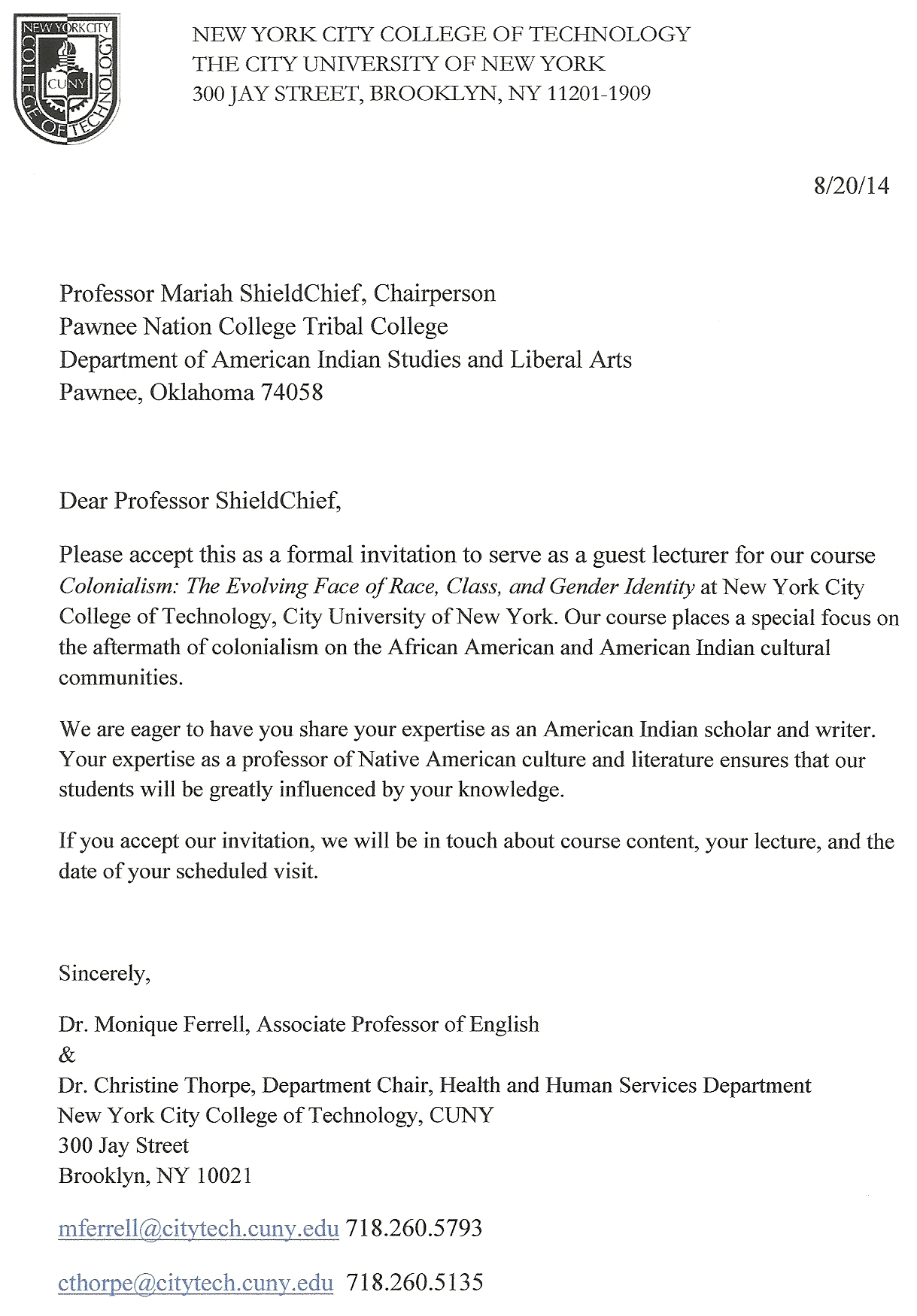
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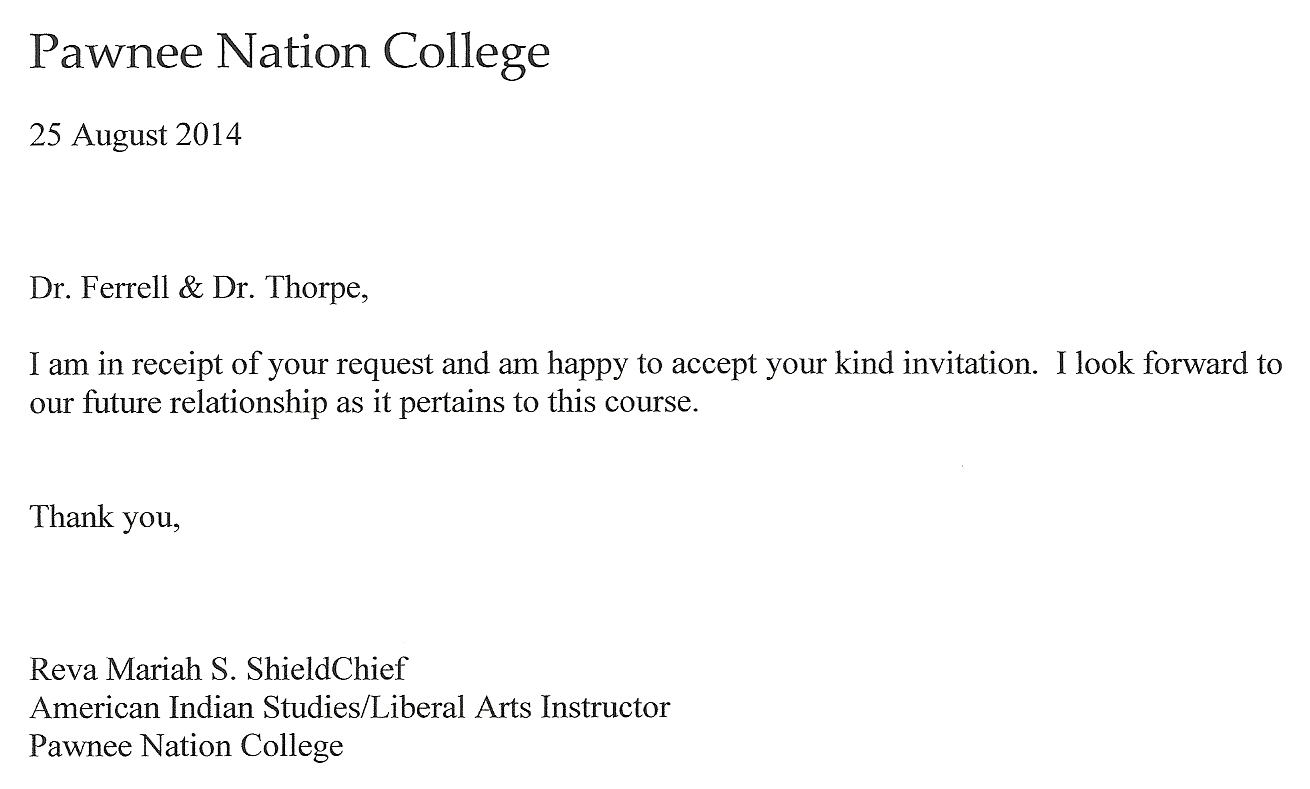
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**Chancellor’s Report New or Experimental Courses**

**Section AIV: New Course**

**AIV.1. English Department and Health & Human Services Department**

**Course Number:** English 2165 and HEA 2112

**Title: Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity**

**Hours:** 3 Class Hours, 0 Lab Hours

**Credits:** 3 Credits

**Prerequisites:** English 1101, CUNY Certified in Reading and Math

**Corequisites:** NONE

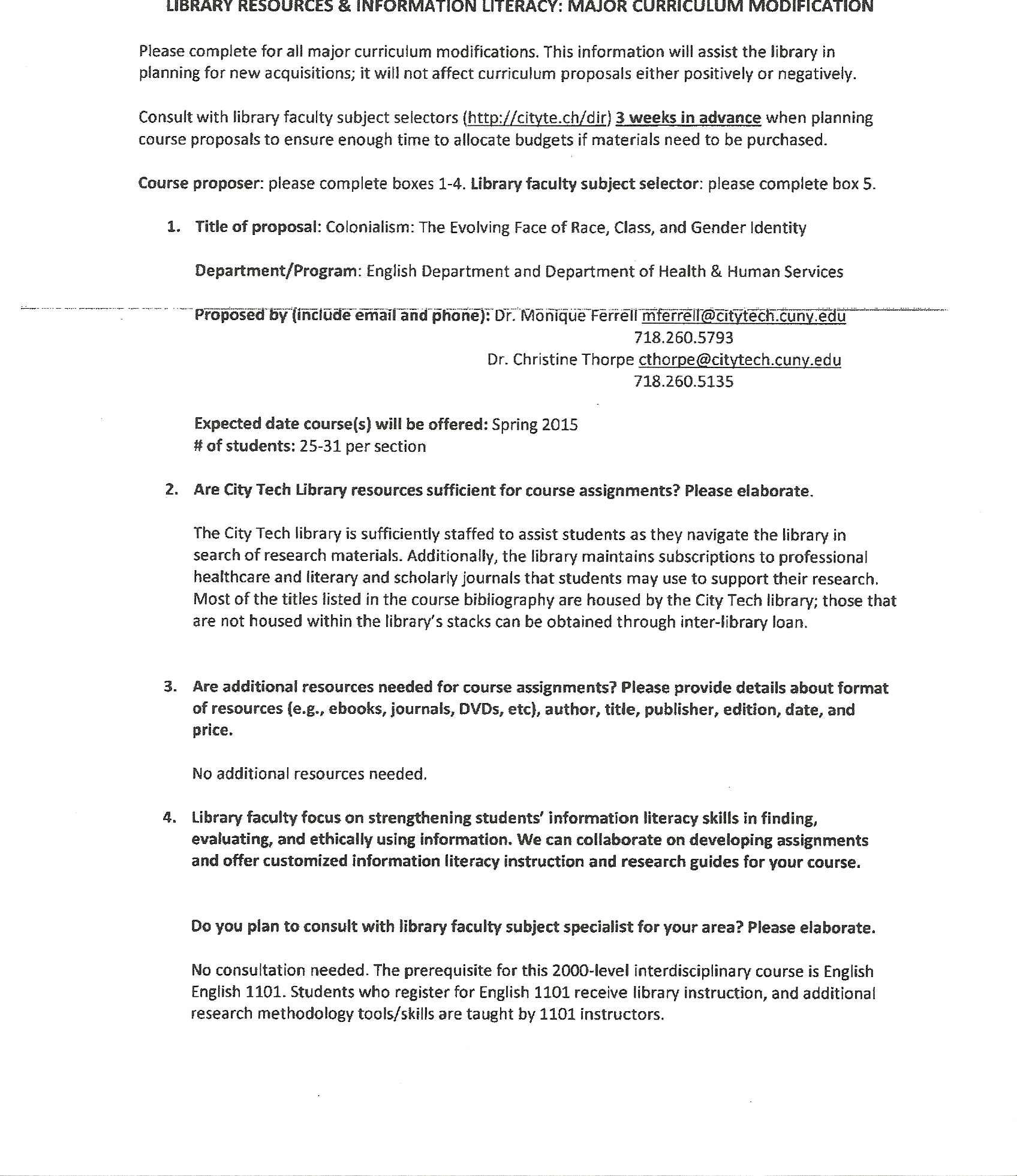
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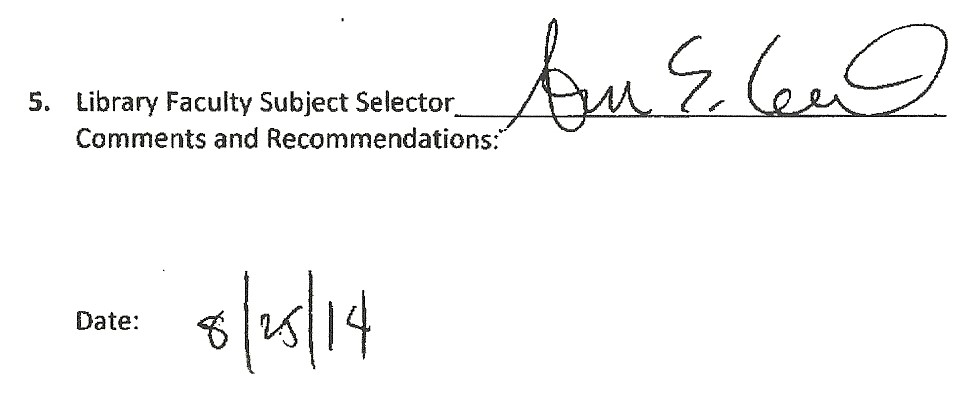
**Course Description**:

Using Colonialism as a historical lens, this course examines colonialism’s impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors and well-being, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles.

**Rationale:**

This new Special Topics/Interdisciplinary course puts a special focus on America’s Indigenous cultures and populations, and addresses diverse opinions, ideas, and varied understandings of cultural identity that can be co-taught by professors from various departments, a necessary factor given City Tech’s diverse student population.





**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

**Application for Interdisciplinary Course Designation**

**Date 4/25/2014**

**Submitted by** Dr. Monique Ferrell and Dr. Christine Thorpe

**Department(s)** English Department and Department of Health & Human Services

1. **Proposal to Offer an Interdisciplinary Course**

1. Identify the course type and title:  
     
   🞎 An existing course\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
     
   x A new course: Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity

🞎 A course under development \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide a course description: Using Colonialism as a historical lens, this course examines colonialism’s impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors and well-being, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles.
2. How many credits will the course comprise? 3 credits How many hours? 3 hours
3. What prerequisite(s) would students need to complete before registering for the course? Co-requisite(s)?: English 1101, CUNY Certified in Reading and Math
4. Explain briefly why this is an interdisciplinary course: This interdisciplinary course is a collaborative effort between City Tech’s English Department and the Department of Health & Human Services. This course is a unique blending of scholarly and creative writing, film, new media (Skype, Open Lab, and Blackboard), and guest lecturers that explores the impact/effect of Colonialism on the African American and Native American communities. The professors will share the teaching responsibilities dividing the semester evenly. Additionally, they will co-design and co-grade exams, assignments, and essay prompts for course papers. The professors will also meet weekly to assess and update course curriculum as needed.

1. What is the proposed theme of the course? What complex central problem or question will it address? What disciplinary methods will be evoked and applied?

The proposed course (sample syllabus), *Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity,* focuses specifically on American Colonialism, Africans (evolving to become African Americans) and Native Americans (those indigenous to the North American continent).

Here in the United States, the immediate and long-term consequences of Colonialism brought about enslavement, the signing and breaking of treaties/laws, war, poverty, lack of education, psychological and physical traumas, and segregation of these peoples. Additionally, each of these factors played a vital and volatile role in shaping who African Americans and Native Americans would become post-colonialism, having long term implications for each culture, and impacting the men and women within these cultural groups differently. In many ways, both groups still struggle to obtain their portion of the American Dream and are still coping with economic disparity, public health issues—mental and physical—and social welfare, as well as a bevy of socio-economical hardships that appear to place them perpetually beyond the reach of embracing fully an American identity. The course is designed to explore why these hardships exist and how they are represented in critical and creative texts.

By the end of the course, students should be informed scholars who are able to critically assess and discuss the course content (in writing and during discussion); develop workable creative, cultural, economic or political ideas/solutions, and also possess a useful and informed knowledge of the course material.

The disciplinary methods employed by English and Health and Human Services will involve the examination of critical and creative writings that explore race, class, and gender along with the concepts of public health, health disparities, and government policies. Discussions that include the role of oral/written histories and stories that influence the sociocultural, political, health and well-being of people will be facilitated through debates and examination of policies. The knowledge gained will facilitate the development of rich student papers that integrate both disciplines.

1. Which general learning outcomes of an interdisciplinary course does this course address?   
   Please explain how the course will fulfill the bolded mandatory learning outcome below. In addition, select and explain at least three additional outcomes. **(Please see notation below)**

X **Purposefully connect and integrate across-discipline knowledge and skills to solve problems**

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X **Synthesize and transfer knowledge across disciplinary boundaries**

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X Comprehend factors inherent in complex problems

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X Apply integrative thinking to problem solving in ethically and socially responsible ways

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X Recognize varied perspectives

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X Gain comfort with complexity and uncertainty

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X Think critically, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively

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X Become flexible thinkers

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**\***During the course of the semester, students will be able to express their critical and scholarly positions, define relevant subject matter, and explore the following via classroom discourse, essays and assignments, group presentations, and exams:

--Colonialism and Post-Colonialism, as it relates to the development of America and American Identity

--African and Indigenous slavery and oppression

--Social issue advocacy as it relates to the subject matter

--Economic systems and hardships experienced by both cultural groups

--Psychological and physical health issues as they relate to both groups

--Racial, academic, social inequalities, and gender role inequality experienced by both groups

--Similarities between the cultural groups and their approaches to advocacy, healing, and resistance

--Government responses to the socioeconomic issues that plague these communities

Students will be required to demonstrate their integration and comprehension of the aforementioned concepts through the standard assessment methods; additionally, students may be asked to submit their group projects/or essays for presentation or publication. It is our hope that the students transition into publishing scholars who will attempt to develop and construct workable ideas and solutions to the problems that plague both cultural communities.

🞎 Other

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**General Education Learning Goals for City Tech Students**

* **Knowledge:** Develop knowledge from a range of disciplinary perspectives, and hone the ability to deepen and continue learning.
* **Skills:** Acquire and use the tools needed for communication, inquiry, creativity, analysis, and productive work.
* **Integration**: Work productively within and across disciplines.
* **Values, Ethics, and Relationships**: Understand and apply values, ethics, and diverse perspectives in personal, professional, civic, and cultural/global domains.

1. How does this course address the general education learning goals for City Tech students?

This Special Topics/Interdisciplinary course explores content not currently available within the course curriculum of either proposing department. As an interdisciplinary course, it represents and addresses diverse opinions, ideas, and varied understandings of cultural identity that can be taught by professors from distinct and disparate departments, a necessary factor given City Tech’s diverse student population. Additionally, because the topic of colonialism is global in nature, the subject matter is open to interpretation, study, and exploration; as such, possible interdisciplinary departmental collaborations can include professors from the following departments/disciplines: African American Studies, History, Law and Paralegal Studies, Humanities, Entertainment Technology, Hospitality Management, and Social Sciences.

The proposed course includes a collaborative effort between the English Department and the Department of Health and Human Services. Most noteworthy is that it places a special focus on America’s Indigenous cultures and populations. The course will engage students in understanding the impact of policies and disparities on access to care and services. Additionally, the course will utilize visual texts and new media/technologies that are part of our students’ everyday lives in order to enhance the classroom learning experience: Film, Skype interviews with guest lecturers, Blackboard, and Open Lab among others.

1. Which department would house this course3?

Health & Human Services Department

Would all sections of the course be interdisciplinary? 🞎 No X Yes

* 1. Would the course be cross-listed in two or more departments? X No \_\_Yes   
     Explain.

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| The course will be housed by the Health & Human Services Department. (A letter of support from the English Department Chair and Literature Curriculum Chair are included within this proposal). |

* 1. How will the course be team-taught4? X Co-taught X Guest lecturers (2 per semester) 🞎 Learning community  
       
     If co-taught, what is the proposed workload hour distribution?

The professors will split the fifteen-week semester, sharing both the introductory and final classes of the semester. The first lecture will be co-taught by both professors to introduce the structure and scope of the course, and key terminology representative of both disciplines. The eighth lecture will also be co-taught to transition the students to the next instructor and discipline focus. During the semester, the professors will meet weekly to design and update course content, assess student engagement, schedule and confirm guest speakers, and to design projects and exams. Despite splitting the course in half—seven weeks per instructor—they will co-design the exams and quizzes, co-develop paper topics, and will share grading responsibility for all submitted assignments. This is a structure that must remain in place as Interdisciplinary collaborations present themselves. In doing so, students are presented with a uniform approach to teaching and assessment. Moreover, collaborating instructors remain clear about their responsibilities to the students and the course; additionally, the workload is shared evenly.

X Shared credits 🞎 Trading credits

If guest lecturers, for what approximate percentage of the course? 🞎 Minimum 20%5

X other: \_\_% (Guest lecturers have been allotted one hour slots during weeks 3 and 12)  
  
**Please attach the evaluation framework used to assess the interdisciplinarity of the course.6**

Co-teaching framework for fifteen week course:

* Shared teaching weeks 1, 3, 8, 12, and 15:

Week 1 (Introductions/Review of Syllabus/Distribution and Discussion of assignment # 1 and readings)

Week 3 Guest Lecturer—Dr. Robert Fullilove/ Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

(Team teachers will be on hand to guide and facilitate course discussion and Q & A session)

Week 8 Transition Course (first hour only)

Week 12 Guest Lecturer—Professor Mariah ShieldChief , Pawnee Nation/Pawnee Nation College—American Indian Studies & Liberal Arts

(Team teachers will be on hand to guide and facilitate course discussion and Q & A session)

* Weekly meetings: Team teachers will meet on Friday afternoons to assess student learning and to update curriculum)
* Co-development of exams and essay prompts (Midterm and Final paper)
* Shared grading of exams and essays:

Enrolled students will take four exams during the course of the semester (short answer and essay). After exams are collected, the team teachers will set aside a block of time to review and grade exams.

* Week 15: Distribution of City Tech SET forms which evaluate student satisfaction and a course assessment form designed by the team teachers. The latter will be used by the team teachers to assess their teaching and to assist in modifying the course as needed.
  1. What strategies/resources would be implemented to facilitate students’ ability to make connections across the respective academic disciplines?

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| Strategies include collaboratively planning the instructional material to select and organize topics that will be examined from both disciplines. We will both be present during the first lecture to explain the interdisciplinary nature of the course to the students, and the importance of integrating perspectives that we will model during each lecture. The lectures will engage students in discussions and activities where they will be asked to analyze lecture topics and readings from the perspective of both disciplines and develop a common ground. Students will also be tested to assess their understanding of critical and creative texts, work in peer groups as they develop group presentations/projects, and submit their scholarly understanding of course readings in the form of essays. |
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1. Would the course be designated as:

X a College Option requirement7? X an elective? X a Capstone course8? 🞎 other? Explain.

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| City Tech students are allowed to take 5 courses as part of their Flexible Core and a 2000-level course as a Capstone. As such, this course may fill either requirement for graduation. |
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New York City College of Technology

Health and Human Services Department

## COURSE CODE: HEA 2112

TITLE: **Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity**

## Number of class hours: 3 lab hours if applicable: 0 credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Using colonialism as a historical lens, this course examines its impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors and well-being, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles.

COURSE CO/PREREQUISITE (S): English 1101, CUNY Certified in Reading, Writing, and Math

RECOMMENDED/TYPICAL/REQUIRED TEXTBOOK (S) and/or MATERIALS\*

\*Materials: Course Packet of Required Readings for Weeks 1-7

**Required Books Weeks 8-14**

Title: *Indian Killer*

Edition: 1996

## Author: Sherman Alexie

Publisher: Atlantic Monthly Press

Title: *House Made of Dawn*

Edition: 1968

## Author: N. Scott Momaday

Publisher: Harper Perennial Modern Classics

Title: *Song of Solomon*

Edition: 1977

## Author: Toni Morrison

Publisher: Alfred Knopf

Title: *Too Beautiful for Words*

Edition: 2012

## Author: Monique Morris

Publisher: MWM Books

SAMPLE SEQUENCE OF TOPICS AND TIME ALLOCATIONS\*

15 week semester; 2.5 hour lecture per week

Dr. Thorpe—Weeks 1-7

1. Define Colonialism; Public Health Issues in the African American and Native American Communities
2. Historical Traumas, Present-Day Manifestations
3. Evolving Chronic Illnesses
4. Inter-generational Mental Health Issues
5. The Causes of Substance Abuse
6. and 7. Infant Mortality and Challenges of Living (2 weeks)

Dr. Ferrell—Weeks 8-14

1. Colonialism and the Creative Voice
2. Vocation, Station, and Being/The Role(s) of Black Women
3. Class, Race, Community, Revenge and Retaliation
4. Battling Demons, Culture, Community, Filling the Void
5. Reservation Life, Indian-ness vs American-ness, Contemporary Indian Life, How real is the world of Sherman Alexie’s *Indian Killer*?
6. Gender, Class, Death, Reparations
7. *Too Beautiful For Words—*Final Exam Prep

### COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT METHODS

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| LEARNING OUTCOMES | ASSESSMENT METHODS |
| **1.** Accurately define and discuss health disparities, public health, Colonialism/Post-colonialism and subsequent movements in history, critical scholarship, African American and Native American Literature to mark their impact on both ethnic groups. | **1.** Reader Response mini essays, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and exams |
| **2.** Outline and discuss the following social constructs and historical events to assess their impact on African Americans and Native Americans as they relate to colonialism/post-colonialism: Slavery/Genocide, medical experimentation, The Civil War, Emancipation, Suffrage, The Jim Crow Era/Segregation, The Civil Rights Movement, The Vietnam War, Women’s Rights Movement, USDHHS, Affordable Care Act, BIA, AIM, Reservation Life, Missionary Schools, American Treaties with Indigenous peoples. | **2.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project |
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| **5.** Examine the impact of racism, war, government impact, bigotry, prejudice, intercultural bigotry, sexism, (C)lass, upward mobility, poverty, incarceration, intellectualism and failure/success in academia, the importance of having a cultural “homeland.” | **5.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, Open Lab projects, final paper/project, in person conferences |
| **6.** Discuss and explore feminine and masculine power, religion vs. spirituality, cultural health practices, responsibility to one’s cultural community. | **6.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, quizzes, final paper/project, Open Lab projects, in person conferences |
| **7.** Examine the impact and representation of the following in African American and Native American Literature and Scholarship past and present: Historical representation, Identity and classification, Future expectations, strategies, and recommendations. | **7.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, quizzes, Open Lab projects, final paper/project |
| **8.** Comprehend and utilize the basics of grammar, sentence structure, and MLA and APA Documentation (primary and secondary sources). Understand the mechanics of writing essays about literature (Scaffolding Format), critical essays, and film. | **8.** In-person conferences, pre-drafting of midterm and final papers/projects, Reading Responses mini essays, Open Lab projects, exams |

### GENERAL EDCUATION LEARNING OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT METHODS

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| LEARNING OUTCOMES | ASSESSMENT METHODS |
| **1.** Use the arts, sciences and humanities as a forum for the study of values, ethical principles, and the physical world. | **1.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project |
| **2.**  Communicate in diverse settings and groups, using written (both reading and writing), oral (both speaking and listening), and a visual means. | **2.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project |
| **3.** Gather, interpret, evaluate, and apply information discerningly from a variety of sources. Make meaningful and multiple connections among and between the liberal arts, and the areas of study leading to a major or profession. | **3.** In-person conferences, pre-drafting of midterm and final papers/projects, Reading Responses mini essays, Open Lab projects, exams |
| **4.**  Demonstrate intellectual honesty and personal responsibility. Assume responsibility for social justice. Demonstrate social and civic knowledge. Apply knowledge and analyze social, political, economic, and historical issues. Discern multiple perspectives. Use awareness of cultural differences to bridge cultural and linguistic barriers. | **4.** Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project |

SCOPE OF ASSIGNMENTS and other course requirements\*

--Assigned readings for lectures will provide students with the background information relevant to each class topic.

--In-class discussions and films, developed from the assigned readings, will engage students in assessment, exploration, and make determinations about the cultural impact and long-term outcomes of colonialism on the African American and Native American communities.

--Open-lab projects will encourage collaborative work among student groups to discern multiple perspectives.

--Midterm/Short papers and final paper will enable students to demonstrate their understanding and integration of course material. Paper requirements will be discussed at least three weeks prior to due date, with students being provided rubrics to guide the development of their papers and drafts reviewed prior to submission date.

METHOD OF GRADING – elements and weight of factors determining the students’ grade\*

Exams: 25% (4 exams, Essay and Short Answer)

Midterm/Short Paper: 15% (6-8pgs, Primary and Secondary Sources, MLA/APA)

Assignments: 15% (Presentations, Quizzes, Reader Responses, Group Work)

Class Participation: 15%

Final Paper: 30% (8-10 pgs, Primary and Secondary Sources)

Class Participation: 15%

Assignments: 15% (quizzes, group work, assignments)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY STATEMENT

Students and all others who work with information, ideas, texts, images, music, inventions, and other intellectual property owe their audience and sources accuracy and honesty in using, crediting, and citing sources. As a community of intellectual and professional workers, the College recognizes its responsibility for providing instruction in information literacy and academic integrity, offering models of good practice, and responding vigilantly and appropriately to infractions of academic integrity. Accordingly, academic dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York and at New York City College of Technology and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion. The complete text of the College policy on Academic Integrity may be found in the catalog.

COLLEGE POLICY ON ABSENCE/LATENESS

A student may be absent without penalty for 10% of the number of scheduled class meetings during the semester as follows:

**Class Meets Allowable Absence**

1 time/week 2 classes

2 times/week 3 classes

3 times/week 4 classes

\*\*Each department and program may specify in writing a different attendance policy for courses with laboratory, clinical or field work. If the department does not have a written attendance policy concerning courses with laboratory, clinical or field work, the College policy shall govern.

\*depending on department policy these may be uniform and required of all instructors of the course or there may be guidelines or samples from which instructors may select or adapt):

## Attached course outline written by: Christine Thorpe, Monique Ferrell Date: October 1, 2014

## Reviewed/Revised by: Date:

**CUNY Common Core   
Course Submission Form**

Instructions: All courses submitted for the Common Core must be liberal arts courses. Courses may be submitted for only one area of the Common Core. All courses must be 3 credits/3 contact hours unless the college is seeking a waiver for another type of Math or Science course that meets major requirements. Colleges may submit courses to the Course Review Committee at any time. Courses must also receive local campus governance approval for inclusion in the Common Core.

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| **College** | New York City College of Technology | |
| **Course Prefix and Number (e.g., ANTH 101, if number not assigned, enter XXX)** | HEA2112 | |
| **Course Title** | Interdisciplinary Special Topics Course:  Colonialism: The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity | |
| **Department(s)** | English Department, Health and Human Services Department | |
| **Discipline** | Interdisciplinary | |
| **Credits** | 3 | |
| **Contact Hours** | 3 | |
| **Pre-requisites (if none, enter N/A)** | ENG1001 | |
| **Co-requisites (if none, enter N/A)** |  | |
| **Catalogue Description** | Using colonialism as a historical lens, this course examines its impact on various cultural and ethnic groups. Specific themes include the following: slavery/genocide, racial/cultural blending, integration /segregation, economics, mental and physical stressors and well-being, and shifts in gender identity and cultural roles. | |
| **Special Features (e.g., linked courses)** |  | |
| **Sample Syllabus** | Syllabus must be included with submission, 5 pages max recommended | |
| **Indicate the status of this course being nominated:**  current course  revision of current course  a new course being proposed | | |
| **CUNY COMMON CORE Location**  **Please check below the area of the Common Core for which the course is being submitted. (Select only one.)** | | |
| Required  English Composition  Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning  Life and Physical Sciences | | Flexible  World Cultures and Global Issues  Individual and Society  US Experience in its Diversity  Scientific World  Creative Expression |
| **Waivers for Math and Science Courses with more than 3 credits and 3 contact hours**  Waivers for courses with more than 3 credits and 3 contact hours will only be accepted in the required areas of “Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning” and “Life and Physical Sciences.” Three credit/3-contact hour courses must also be available in these areas. | | |
| **If you would like to request a waiver please check here:** | | Waiver requested |
| **If waiver requested:**  Please provide a brief explanation for why the course will not be 3 credits and 3 contact hours. | |  |
| **If waiver requested:**  Please indicate whether this course will satisfy a major requirement, and if so, which major requirement(s) the course will fulfill. | |  |

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| **Learning Outcomes**  **In the left column explain the course assignments and activities that will address the learning outcomes in the right column.** | |
| 1. **Required Core (12 credits)** | |
| **­­**  **A. English Composition:** Six credits  A course in this area must meet all the learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Read and listen critically and analytically, including identifying an argument's major assumptions and assertions and evaluating its supporting evidence. |
|  | * Write clearly and coherently in varied, academic formats (such as formal essays, research papers, and reports) using standard English and appropriate technology to critique and improve one's own and others' texts. |
|  | * Demonstrate research skills using appropriate technology, including gathering, evaluating, and synthesizing primary and secondary sources. |
|  | * Support a thesis with well-reasoned arguments, and communicate persuasively across a variety of contexts, purposes, audiences, and media. |
|  | * Formulate original ideas and relate them to the ideas of others by employing the conventions of ethical attribution and citation. |
| **B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning:** Three credits  A course in this area must meet all the learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Interpret and draw appropriate inferences from quantitative representations, such as formulas, graphs, or tables. |
|  | * Use algebraic, numerical, graphical, or statistical methods to draw accurate conclusions and solve mathematical problems. |
|  | * Represent quantitative problems expressed in natural language in a suitable mathematical format. |
|  | * Effectively communicate quantitative analysis or solutions to mathematical problems in written or oral form. |
|  | * Evaluate solutions to problems for reasonableness using a variety of means, including informed estimation. |
|  | * Apply mathematical methods to problems in other fields of study. |

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| **C. Life and Physical Sciences:** Three credits  A course in this area must meet all the learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a life or physical science. |
|  | * Apply the scientific method to explore natural phenomena, including hypothesis development, observation, experimentation, measurement, data analysis, and data presentation. |
|  | * Use the tools of a scientific discipline to carry out collaborative laboratory investigations. |
|  | * Gather, analyze, and interpret data and present it in an effective written laboratory or fieldwork report. |
|  | * Identify and apply research ethics and unbiased assessment in gathering and reporting scientific data. |
| **II. Flexible Core** **(18 credits)**  Six three-credit liberal arts and sciences courses, with at least one course from each of the following five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline or interdisciplinary field. | |
| **A. World Cultures and Global Issues** | |
| A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column. | |
| In-person conferences, pre-drafting of midterm and final papers/projects, Reading Responses mini essays, Open Lab projects, exams | * Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view. |
| Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project | * Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically. |
| Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project | * Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions. |
| A course in this area (II.A) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
| Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project | * Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring world cultures or global issues, including, but not limited to, anthropology, communications, cultural studies, economics, ethnic studies, foreign languages (building upon previous language acquisition), geography, history, political science, sociology, and world literature. |
| Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project | * Analyze culture, globalization, or global cultural diversity, and describe an event or process from more than one point of view. |
|  | * Analyze the historical development of one or more non-U.S. societies. |
| Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project | * Analyze the significance of one or more major movements that have shaped the world's societies. |
| Reader Response mini essays, exams, midterm essay, quizzes, Open Lab projects, and final paper/project | * Analyze and discuss the role that race, ethnicity, class, gender, language, sexual orientation, belief, or other forms of social differentiation play in world cultures or societies. |
|  | * Speak, read, and write a language other than English, and use that language to respond to cultures other than one's own. |

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| **B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity**  A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column. | |
|  | * Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view. |
|  | * Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically. |
|  | * Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions. |
| A course in this area (II.B) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring the U.S. experience in its diversity, including, but not limited to, anthropology, communications, cultural studies, economics, history, political science, psychology, public affairs, sociology, and U.S. literature. |
|  | * Analyze and explain one or more major themes of U.S. history from more than one informed perspective. |
|  | * Evaluate how indigenous populations, slavery, or immigration have shaped the development of the United States. |
|  | * Explain and evaluate the role of the United States in international relations. |
|  | * Identify and differentiate among the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government and analyze their influence on the development of U.S. democracy. |
|  | * Analyze and discuss common institutions or patterns of life in contemporary U.S. society and how they influence, or are influenced by, race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, belief, or other forms of social differentiation. |
| **C. Creative Expression** | |
| A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column. | |
|  | * Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view. |
|  | * Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically. |
|  | * Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions. |
| A course in this area (II.C) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring creative expression, including, but not limited to, arts, communications, creative writing, media arts, music, and theater. |
|  | * Analyze how arts from diverse cultures of the past serve as a foundation for those of the present, and describe the significance of works of art in the societies that created them. |
|  | * Articulate how meaning is created in the arts or communications and how experience is interpreted and conveyed. |
|  | * Demonstrate knowledge of the skills involved in the creative process. |
|  | * Use appropriate technologies to conduct research and to communicate. |

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| **D. Individual and Society**  A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column. | |
|  | * Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view. |
|  | * Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically. |
|  | * Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions. |
| A course in this area (II.D) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring the relationship between the individual and society, including, but not limited to, anthropology, communications, cultural studies, history, journalism, philosophy, political science, psychology, public affairs, religion, and sociology. |
|  | * Examine how an individual's place in society affects experiences, values, or choices. |
|  | * Articulate and assess ethical views and their underlying premises. |
|  | * Articulate ethical uses of data and other information resources to respond to problems and questions. |
|  | * Identify and engage with local, national, or global trends or ideologies, and analyze their impact on individual or collective decision-making. |
| **E. Scientific World**  A Flexible Core course must meet the three learning outcomes in the right column. | |
|  | * Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view. |
|  | * Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically. |
|  | * Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions. |
| A course in this area (II.E) must meet at least three of the additional learning outcomes in the right column. A student will: | |
|  | * Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring the scientific world, including, but not limited to: computer science, history of science, life and physical sciences, linguistics, logic, mathematics, psychology, statistics, and technology-related studies. |
|  | * Demonstrate how tools of science, mathematics, technology, or formal analysis can be used to analyze problems and develop solutions. |
|  | * Articulate and evaluate the empirical evidence supporting a scientific or formal theory. |
|  | * Articulate and evaluate the impact of technologies and scientific discoveries on the contemporary world, such as issues of personal privacy, security, or ethical responsibilities. |
|  | * Understand the scientific principles underlying matters of policy or public concern in which science plays a role. |