History of South Africa
History 446
Spring 1987

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Office Hours:
Monday 12:00-1:00
Friday 1:00-2:00

Part I
The Origins

Week 1
W Jan. 21, F. Jan. 23.
Reading: P. Curtin, S. Feierman, L. Thompson, and J. Vansina, African History, chapter 9 (277-303).

Week 2
Mofolo, Chaka, pp. 1-54.

Week 3
Readings: Mofolo, Chaka, pp. 54-120.
H. Callaway, Religious Traditions of the Amazulu, 140-165.

Week 4
M. Feb. 9, W. Feb. 11, F. Feb. 13
Mofolo, Chaka, 121-end.

Week 5
Monday February 16, EXAM
Part II

The Era of Industrialization

W. Feb. 18, F. Feb. 20.

Cambridge History of Africa vol. 6, 359-376.

Week 6


Readings: Cambridge History vol. 6, 422-438, 455-492.

Week 7

M. March 2, W. March 4, F. March 6.

Readings:
D. Denoon, Southern Africa since 1800, 100-127.

Week 8

M. March 9, W. March 11, F. March 13.

Colin Murray, Families Divided, 1-36, 149-70.

SPRING BREAK
Week 9
M. March 23. W. March 25, F. March 27.

Week 10
M. March 30. EXAM.

Part III
The Era of Apartheid

W. April 1, F. April 3

Week 11
M. April 6, W. April 8, F. April 10
Readings: Dugmore Boetie, Familiarity is the Kingdom of the Lost. Nelson Mandela, The Struggle is My Life, 154-175.

Week 12
M. April 13, W. April 15. To be scheduled.
Week 13

M. April 20, W. April 22, F. April 24.


Week 14

M. April 27, W. April 29, F. May 1.

Readings: Nadine Gordimer, July's People.

Week 15.

M. May 4, W. May 6, F. May 8

No assigned readings; review.
Course Requirements

All students are required to take examinations in weeks 5 and 10, and then the final. Students who are registered for four credits must submit a paper of about 7-9 pages, typed, double-spaced, discussing the contents of one of the following books in relation to the content of the course. Papers are due Monday April 27 in class. All the books listed are on reserve in Helen White library.

How the growth of the gold mining industry changed life in Johannesburg at the turn of the century.

Colin Murray, Families Divided. Cambridge University Press.
A careful study of the organization of the families labor migrants left at home.

On the history and theology of Zulu independent churches.


An account of the Afrikaner vision of South African history.


Stanley Greenberg, Race and State in Capitalist Development. Yale University Press.
Twentieth century labor history, with comparisons to the American South.

How African peasants were initially affected by commercialization and industrialization.