African American Women’s History

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Course Description

This course will explore the cultural, economic and political history of African American women in the United States from slavery to the present. Through a combination of books, primary sources, and film we will explore how African American women have addressed what is often referred to as the “double burden” of sexism and racism while seeking to define their own identities as individuals, wives, mothers, workers, and citizens. Major themes will include labor, family, social movements, and civil rights.

Readings will include: A Shining Thread of Hope by Darlene Clark Hine and Black Women in White America edited by Gerda Lerner plus additional challenging and exciting texts.