Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies

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IRES classes examine the construction and context of indigeneity, race, and ethnicity in the United States, highlighting the histories, experiences, and movements of people of color and Indigenous peoples in the Americas. As elements of identity that cut across disciplinary categories, indigeneity, race, and ethnicity require a mode of study that draws on the humanities and the social sciences as well as interdisciplinary sources such as cultural studies.

IRES scholars investigate race and racism alongside settler colonialism and other historical and contemporary manifestations of white supremacy and domination, analyzing how such systems of domination have created, and continue to create, social injustice. While the social construction of race in the United States is at the center of traditional ethnic studies, it is impossible to discuss racial dynamics without also paying significant attention to issues of gender, class, sexuality, indigeneity, immigration, transnational migration, and the diasporic formations resulting from the slave trade, indentured labor, colonialism, postcolonialism, imperialism, and globalization.

IRES courses that satisfy university core-education requirements are listed under Area Requirements and Cultural Literacy Requirement in the Bachelor's Degree Requirements section of this catalog.

Faculty

Charise L. Cheney, associate professor (African American popular and political cultures; Black nationalist ideologies and practices; gender and sexuality). BSJ, 1993, Northwestern; PhD, 1999, Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. (2009)

Courtney M. Cox, assistant professor (Race and Sport, cultural, political and economic effects of global sport, advanced analytics in sport). BJ, 2008, University of Texas at Austin; MA, 2013, University of Texas at Austin; MA, 2017, University of Southern California; PhD, 2019, University of Southern California. (2019) - On leave, AY 23

Lynn H. Fujiwara, associate professor (women of color, Asian American studies, labor). BA, 1990, California, San Diego; MA, 1993, PhD, 1999, California, Santa Cruz. (2000)

Brian Klopotek, associate professor (federal recognition of Indian tribes, Native American education, environmentalism). BA, 1994, Yale; PhD, 2004, Minnesota, Twin Cities. (2003)

Sharon Luk, associate professor (racism and racial capitalism, ethnic ontologies, epistemology). BA, 2001, Brown; MA, 2008, PhD, 2012, Southern California. (2014) - On leave, AY 23

Ernesto J. Martínez, associate professor (comparative ethnic studies, queer studies, feminist theory). BA, 1998, Stanford; MA, 2003, PhD, 2005, Cornell. (2006)

Jennifer R. O'Neal, acting assistant professor (Native American and Indigenous history, American West history, decolonizing methodologies, cultural heritage archives, traditional knowledge systems, digital humanities). BS, 1999, Utah State University; MA, 2002, Utah State University; MA, 2003, University of Arizona; (ABD) PhD, 2019, Georgetown University. (2019)

Laura Pulido, professor (critical human geography, environmental justice, Chicano studies). BA, 1984, California State, Fresno; MA, 1987, Wisconsin, Madison; PhD, 1991, California, Los Angeles. (2016)

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Undergraduate Programs

Majors - Bachelor's Degree

- Ethnic Studies (BA/BS) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/ug-ethnic-studies/)
- Native American and Indigenous Studies (BA/BS) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/ug-nais/)

Minors

- Ethnic Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/min-ethnic-studies/)
- Latinx Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/min-latinx-studies/)
- Native American and Indigenous Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/min-nais/)

Graduate Programs

Major - Doctoral Degree

- Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies (PhD) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/phd-ires/)

Certificate

- Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/ires/gcert-ires/)