This course is a survey of the history of Southern Africa, the region of the continent which today includes the nations of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia and Malawi. The focus of the course is on South Africa in particular, and on the history of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

The material will be presented through a combination of lectures and discussions of readings. The lectures will either amplify material from Robert Ross’ A Concise History of South Africa or cover issues not dealt with in Ross or other readings. The grade for the course will be based on the following: 2 short (3-5 pp.) papers, a final exam, attendance and participation. As the exam will be based on both the readings and the lectures, attendance is particularly important for success in the course.

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My office hours for fall 2002 are 0, or by appointment.

Required texts:
Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom
Shula Marks, Not Either an Experimental Doll
Charles Van Onselen, The Seed is Mine
Alexandra Fuller, Don’t Lets Go to the Dogs Tonight
Norman Etherington, The Great Treks
J.B. Peires, The Dead Will Arise
Chinjerai Hove, Shebeen Tales
Robert Ross, A Concise History of South Africa
Zakes Mda, The Heart of Redness
Monday September 2
Introduction and Overview

Wednesday Sept. 4
Lecture: Southern Africa before 1600
Ross, Concise History, pp. 3-20

Friday Sept. 6
Lecture: Initial contacts with Europe: Portugal and the Netherlands
Handout: Portuguese documents

Monday Sept. 9
Lecture: The establishment and growth of Dutch settlement at the Cape
Ross, Concise History, pp. 21-26

Wednesday Sept. 11
Lecture: The Western Cape in the 18th Century
Ross, Concise History, pp. 26-53

Friday Sept. 13
Lecture: A Snapshot of Southern Africa in 1803
Norman Etherington, The Great Treks, pp. 10-59

Monday Sept. 16
Discussion: The Mfecane
Norman Etherington, The Great Treks, pp. 73-204

Wednesday Sept. 18
Discussion: The Great Trek
Norman Etherington, The Great Treks, pp.243-350

Friday Sept. 20
NO CLASS

Monday Sept. 23
Lecture: Between Imperialism Old and New: South Africa and the World in the mid-19th Century
J .B. Peires, The Dead Will Arise, Chapters 1-2

Wednesday Sept. 25
Discussion: The Xhosa Cattle-Killing
J .B. Peires, The Dead Will Arise, Chapters 3-6, 9-11

Friday Sept. 27
Discussion: Missionaries and Christianity in Southern Africa
Handout: Thomas Morgan Thomas and others
Film: “Zulu Zion” (short selection, in-class showing)
Monday Sept. 30  
Lecture: A Snapshot of Southern Africa in 1867  
Ross, Concise History, pp. 54-73  
First paper due by 4pm

Wednesday Oct. 2  
Lecture: Blood River to Mafeking, Kimberly to the Rand: Industrialization, War and Consolidation

Friday Oct. 4  
Lecture: Cape to Cairo: The British South Africa Company and the “Scramble for Africa”

Monday Oct 7  
Lecture: The Roots of Segregation and Afrikaner Nationalism  
Ross, Concise History, pp. 74-92

Wednesday Oct 9  
Discussion: The Cultural and Social World of Migrancy  
Handout: “Rooiyard” and “Town and Tribesman”  
Film showing: “Songs of the Adventurers”

Friday Oct. 11  
Discussion: The Early Life of Kas Maine  
Charles Van Onselen, The Seed is Mine, Chapter 1-7

FALL BREAK  
Note: after fall break, we have a very heavy set of readings. Please use fall break to read Marks Not Either an Experimental Doll. I think you’ll find it interesting rather than onerous.

Monday Oct 21  
Discussion: Lives Across the Color Line  
Shula Marks, Not Either an Experimental Doll, all

Wednesday Oct 23  
Discussion: The Origins of Resistance  
Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, pp. 1-140

Friday Oct 25  
Lecture: Snapshot of Southern Africa in 1948  
Ross, Concise History, 92-113.  
Film showing: “African Jim” and “Song of Africa”

Monday Oct. 28  
Lecture: The Establishment of Apartheid  
Ross, Concise History, pp. 114-143
Wednesday Oct. 30  
Discussion: The World Apartheid Made I  
Van Onselen, The Seed Is Mine, Chapter 10-15

Friday Nov. 1  
Discussion: The World Apartheid Made II  
Film showing: “Mapantsula”

Monday Nov. 4  
Discussion: The World Apartheid Made III  
Ross, Concise History, pp. 144-162  
Film showing: “Maids and Madams”

Wednesday Nov. 6  
Discussion: Resistance to Apartheid: ANC to Black Consciousness  
Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, pp. 141-448

Friday Nov. 8  
Lecture: Decolonization North of the Limpopo  
Film showing: “Flame”

Monday Nov. 11  
Discussion: White People in the Twilight of Empire  
Alexandra Fuller, Don’t Let’s Go to the Dogs Tonight, pp. 3-240 (finish the book if you can: I think you’ll want to)

Wednesday Nov. 13  

Friday Nov. 15  
Discussion: Everyday Life in Zimbabwe  
Chinjerai Hove, Shebeen Tales, all  
Film showing: “Jit”

Monday Nov. 18  
Lecture: The End of Apartheid  
Ross, Concise History, pp. 163-197  
Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, pp. 511-559

Wednesday Nov. 20  
Lecture: Freedom and its Discontents  
Ross, Concise History, pp. 198-201  
Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, pp. 559-626  
Film showing: “Hugh Masakela Homecoming Concert”

Friday Nov. 22  
Discussion: The Truth Commission  
Film showing: “Long Night’s Journey Into Day”
Second paper due

Monday Nov. 25
Discussion: 21st Century Southern Africa
Handout: Madam and Eve, other ephemera
Web pages
Film showing: “Prime Time South Africa”

Wednesday Nov. 27
NO CLASS

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Monday December 2
Lecture: The Failure of Zimbabwe

Wednesday Dec. 4
New Chances, Old Choices
Zakes Mda, The Heart of Redness, all