

BOOK LIST

Course Title: “Racism in America: Roots, Realities and Reparation”

Course Code: RSCE 3001/ BAEQ-504-1

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Course Description

This seminar investigates the origins, architecture, and enduring legacy of racism and white supremacy in the United States, with particular attention to the role of the Christian church, theological discourse, and religious institutions. Moving beyond individualized and moralistic reductions of prejudice, the course explores racism as a foundational structural, cultural, and spiritual reality embedded within American social systems.

Tri-Tiered Book Requirements: B.A., M.Div., and D. Min. Tracks

Textbook Requirements by Student Level

- **All Students (Universal Anchor Texts):**
 1. **Willie James Jennings**, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale University Press, 2010)
 2. **Howard Thurman**, *Jesus and the Disinherited* (Beacon Press, 1949/1996)
- **B.A.-Equivalent Students (Curated Core & Media):**
 - Anchor texts (focused core chapters) + selected short essays, foundational book chapters, and video lectures made available on the course portal (e.g., Alexander, Menakem, Jones).
- **M.Div. Track (Adds 1 Full Text):** 3. **James H. Cone**, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Orbis Books, 2011)
(Plus supplemental chapters from Emilie Townes & Michelle Alexander via course portal)
- **D. Min. Track (Adds 2 Full Texts):** 3. **Resmaa Menakem**, *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* (Central Recovery Press, 2017) 4. **Duke L. Kwon & Gregory Thompson**, *Reparations: A Christian Call for American Repair* (Brazos Press, 2021)