

Date: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: 12:10 – 2pm

Topic: Race and Ethnicity

Host: Kathleen Flynn and Ashley Marshall

Ashley Marshall is a full-time professor at Durham College, teaching Communications for the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. By dissecting visual examples of Blackness and public space, Ashley recognizes and explains the conjunctures that produce and reproduce systems of alienation. She guides students to become critical agents of hegemonic forms of control, consumption, and identity-formation.

Participants: Durham College Students, Oshawa, Ontario

### ***About this class***

This class will discuss "how race and ethnicity are created by society. Canada is a nation that bases its identity on racial and ethnic diversity. Here and elsewhere, both race and ethnicity are not only matters of difference but also dimensions of social inequality."

Macionis, J. J. (2017). *Society: The basics*. NY, NY: Pearson.

We are learning about the social construction of race and ethnicity. We will learn about the extent and causes of prejudice as well as how to distinguish discrimination from prejudice.

Following this presentation, next week we will identify examples of pluralism, assimilation, segregation and genocide. By the end of this topic students should be able to assess the social standing of racial and ethnic categories of Canadian society.

Ashley's presentation will further explore:

- Who is Viola Desmond?
- What is white privilege? Are there other forms of privilege?

- Should we aim to be “colourblind”?
- Where did the name “Toronto” originate from?
- What does racism look like? Does Canada have systematic racism?
- How is equality different than equity?

If you are joining the live class, please connect 15 minutes before the start of the class and sit close to your camera and microphone. If there are resources you would like to add, please send them to [Kathleen.Flynn@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:Kathleen.Flynn@durhamcollege.ca).

### ***Global Class . . . Understanding Sexuality and Society. . .***

The objective of a global class is to encourage interaction between groups of people, while giving them the opportunity to learn and engage in a safe and respectful place.

The class is a conversation, an intercultural back-and-forth in which the host and guests are among the participants. Before the class, please familiarize yourself with the resources posted here on this page for the class. Give some thought to what you might want to ask or say, perhaps even prepare a statement you would like to make.

The intent of a global class is to give participants the opportunity to collaborate and develop their critical thinking, understanding and empathy for the complex world we live in. By the end of the class, the participants will have explored an important shared issue, been introduced to new perspectives, improved their problem solving skills, and enriched their understanding of world and their community as a whole.

After the class, participants are welcome to continue the conversation in our course homepage discussion board. Guest Speaker reflections can be submitted to the DC Connect Dropbox.

See you in class!

Kathleen Flynn (she/her/hers)

**Resources:**

(please see attached PowerPoint)