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Race Matters

This seminar will examine the ways in which issues of race arising originally from our society's vexed relationship with slavery have shaped subsequent social and cultural developments with respect to ethnic and racial identity, social mobility, popular culture and sexuality. The seminar will explore these issues as they arise during the colonial era of settlement and tease out their implications through the establishment of the republic, our nation's experience with slavery and emancipation, and during the post-Reconstruction Era in which ethnic minorities among immigrant groups also took on racialized identities.