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Chapter 1 : At Home in Diaspora – University of Minnesota Press

By Erica Lorraine Williams. I recently spent two weeks in Lisbon, Portugal. It was the end of an incredibly busy semester, and I had recently finished reading Bianca Williams' breathtaking ethnography, The Pursuit of Happiness: Black Women, Diasporic Dreams, and the Politics of Emotional Transnationalism.

Some argue that the main driver of transnationalism has been the development of technologies that have made transportation and communication more accessible and affordable, thus dramatically changing the relationship between people and places. It is now possible for immigrants to maintain closer and more frequent contact with their home societies than ever before. However, the integration of international migrations to the demographic future of many developed countries is another important driver for transnationalism. Beyond simply filling a demand for low-wage workers, migration also fills the demographic gaps created by declining natural populations in most industrialized countries. And this trend shows no sign of slowing down. Moreover, global political transformations and new international legal regimes have weakened the state as the only legitimate source of rights. Decolonization, coupled with the fall of communism and the ascendance of human rights, have forced states to take account of persons qua persons, rather than persons qua citizens. As a result, individuals have rights regardless of their citizenship status within a country. Others, from a neo-marxist approach, argue that transnational class relations have come about which have occurred concomitant with novel organizational and technological advancements and the spread of transnational chains of production and finance. Immigrant transnational activities[edit] When immigrants engage in transnational activities, they create "social fields" that link their original country with their new country or countries of residence. Economic transnational activities[edit] Economic transnational activities such as business investments in home countries and monetary remittances are both pervasive and well documented. This intense influx of resources may mean that for some nations development prospects become inextricably linked – if not dependent upon – the economic activities of their respective diasporas. Less formal but still significant roles include the transfer or dissemination of political ideas and norms, such as publishing an op-ed in a home country newspaper, writing a blog, or lobbying a local elected official. There is also the more extreme example of individuals such as Jesus Galvis, a travel agent in New Jersey who in ran for a Senate seat in his native Colombia. He was elected and intended to hold office simultaneously in Bogota and Hackensack, New Jersey where he served as a city councilor. Political economy[edit] The rise of global capitalism has occurred through a novel and increasingly functional integration of capitalist chains of production and finance across borders which is tied to the formation of a transnational capitalist class. Recent research has established the concept and importance of social remittances which provide a distinct form of social capital between migrants living abroad and those who remain at home. In the late s, ethnic studies scholars would largely move towards models of diaspora to understand immigrant communities in relation to area studies, although lone patterns of international flow would become accompanied by the multiple flows of transnationalism. Indeed, they are as much residents of their new community as anyone else. Traditionally, immigration has been seen as an autonomous process, driven by conditions such as poverty and overpopulation in the country of origin and unrelated to conditions such as foreign policy and economic needs in the receiving country. Even though overpopulation, economic stagnation, and poverty all continue to create pressures for migration, they alone are not enough to produce large international migration flows. There are many countries, for example, which lack significant emigration history despite longstanding poverty. Also, most international immigration flows from the global South to the global North are not made up by the poorest of the poor, but, generally by professionals. In addition, there are countries with high levels of job creation that continue to witness emigration on a large scale. The reasons and promoters for migration are not only embodied within the country of origin. Instead, they are rooted within the broader geopolitical and global dynamics. Then, immigration is but a fundamental component of the process of capitalist expansion, market penetration, and

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globalization. There are systematic and structural relations between globalization and immigration. The emergence of a global economy has contributed both to the creation of potential emigrants abroad and to the formation of economic, cultural, and ideological links between industrialized and developing countries that later serve as bridges for the international migration. For example, the same set of circumstances and processes that have promoted the location of factories and offices abroad have also contributed to the creation of large supply of low-wage jobs for which immigrant workers constitute a desirable labor supply. Unlike the manufacturing sector, which traditionally supplied middle-income jobs and competitive benefits, the majority of service jobs are either extremely well-paid or extremely poorly paid, with relatively few jobs in the middle-income range. Many of the jobs lack key benefits such as health insurance. Sales representatives, restaurant wait staff, administrative assistants, and custodial workers are among the growth occupations. Finally, the fact that the major growth sectors rather than declining sectors are generating the most low-wage jobs shows that the supply of such jobs will continue to increase for the predictable future. The entry of migrant workers will similarly continue to meet the demand. In turn, this inflow provides the raw material out of which transnational communities emerge. List of transnational organizations[edit] Transnational organizations include:

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Slavery and Sentiment Christine Levecq Published by University of New Hampshire Press Levecq, Christine. *Slavery and Sentiment: The Politics of Feeling in Black Atlantic Antislavery Writing*,

The two terms share the idea of cosmopolitan centers in changing relations with rural areas and the emerging metropolises of the Third World. The sites where MNCs do and do not set up shop become the crucibles for radical change in material conditions and cultural production as well as potential sites of resistance from people whose lives have changed dramatically, as often as not for the worse, despite the rhetoric of progress. It is characterized by the emergence of entirely new sectors of production, new ways of providing financial services, new markets, and, above all, greatly intensified rates of commercial, technological, and organizational innovation. It has entrained rapid shifts in the patterning of uneven development, both between sectors and geographical regions. Transnational accumulation does not occur equally between geographical areas, but rather in specific locations – Wall and Bond Streets, for example – with transactions that transgress no end of boundaries with increasing speed. For people living in locations affected, directly or indirectly, by the presence of MNCs, the ebb and flow of global capital becomes a destabilizing force, something to follow or find and that seems to value them as labor. In turn, however, new-found cash incomes create new markets consisting of people not previously thought of as viable consumers. In the worst case scenario, peoples marginal to urban centers where MNCs are headquartered become doubly exploited, first as labor and later as consumers. Both processes increase accumulations of capital far from the sites where goods are produced. See as response to Nationalism In his considerations of mediascapes, Appadurai harkens back to Guy Debord, theorist of the spectacle, who examined a technologically accelerated process by which a new mode of spectacular production transforms social relations in a total frame: I would suggest that postcoloniality is the condition of the intelligentsia of global capitalism. The question, then, is not whether this global intelligentsia can or should return to national loyalties but whether, in recognition of its own class-position in global capitalism, it can generate a thoroughgoing criticism of its own ideology and formulate practices or resistance against the system of which it is a product. Vandana Shiva, a physicist and Director of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Natural Resource Policy in Dehra Dunn India , confronts the environmental challenges that large scale industry presents to ecologically minded feminists as she relates environmental health to human health, insisting that the two are a continuity, not independent spheres. Works Cited and Bibliography Ahmad, Aijaz. A response to Jameson, below. Notes and Queries for a Transnational Anthropology. School of American Research P, Cultural Dimensions of Globalization. U of Minnesota P, The Society of the Spectacle. In an Antique Land: Grewal, Inderpal and Caren Kaplan eds. Postmodernity and Transnational Feminist Practices. U of Minnesota P, The Condition of Postmodernity. Plume Penguin , Feminist Scholarship in the Age of Multinational Reception. Locating the Politics of Experience. The Nature and Context of Minority Discourse. New Society Publishers, In the Realm of the Diamond Queen. Pete Nowakoski, Spring Last edited:

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Chapter 3 : Project MUSE - Slavery and Sentiment

This book deals with transnationalism and captures its singularity as a generalized phenomenon. The profusion of transnational communities is a factor of fluidity in social orders and represents confrontations between contingencies and basic socio-cultural drives.

Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: A Narrative of Slave Life in the United States, attributing this neglect to a dislike of the bourgeois politics of the book. The Black Novel in America rejected the novel for not adhering to black nationalist demands for fiction. DuCille recommends that African-Americanists take a step back and re-evaluate works previously rejected for mirroring white models. Her plea is important, and she gives at least two reasons for it. Yes, these novels are almost as concerned with color, class, and upward mobility as their detractors say they are, but is it possible to look at that concern not simply as an anxious emulation of the values of the dominant society but as a more honest engagement with the chromosomes of culture than many writers and critics are willing to make today? Is it the embaru Epilogue: Transnationalism and Black Studies rassment of our own black middle-class riches that makes this earlier pursuit of the American Dream look so bankrupt? What did it mean for a people, impoverished by slavery and denied the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of wealth and property, to claim a middle-class persona? After all, she says, bourgeois liberalism did constitute an important and liberating ideology for blacks at the time. One could contrast this position with that of Joanna Brooks, who in her review of *Genius in Bondage*: In doing so, they seem to behave as a new generation of insensitive intruders: Were she to use the same DNA metaphor as duCille’s and if chromosomes could really carry indicators of race—Brooks would see the chromosomes of the early texts primarily as indicating blackness. This book agrees more with duCille than with Brooks, and for two reasons. First, the cosmopolitanism I observe in the black writers I discuss is, apart from a few gestures toward black nationalism among the Freemasons, of an expansive, cross-racial character. Second, this book shows the extent to which those texts were inspired by the culture of modernity. The stigmatizing of black texts as mere imitations of white texts has a slavery and sentiment long and ugly history. That critical trend fortunately died down several decades ago, thanks to calls by such critics as Henry Louis Gates, Jr. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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Secondly, however, "black transnationalism" meant the creative development of new internationalist alternatives to the nationalism of the imperial states. Such alternatives as the idea of the Federation were profoundly influenced by the socialist theories of the Russian revolution.

West Indian Intellectuals in Harlem in the Age of War and Revolution It is at the heart of national consciousness that international consciousness lives and grows. And this two-fold emerging is ultimately only the source of all culture. Transnational approaches to migration examined the heterogeneous racial, cultural, and national characteristics of migrants to the United States, and the degree to which they disrupted the integrity of the state as a homogeneous, nationally-imagined community. As a discourse on transnationalism has developed over the past decade, the term has acquired a number of different meanings depending on context and discipline. As one group of social scientists have described, in the humanities: The term "transnational" is used to signal the fluidity with which ideas, objects, capital, and people now move across borders and boundaries. Scholars of transnational culture speak in the vocabulary of postmodernism and make reference to hybridity, hyperspace, displacement, disjuncture, decentering, and diaspora. Linda Basch, Nina Glick Schiller, and Cristina Szanton Blanc explore social relations, "how linkages are maintained, renewed, and reconstituted in the context of families, of institutions, of political organizations, of political structures, and of economic investments, business, and finance. Rather than seeing this as a dichotomy, transnational studies has become a useful site for the interaction of researchers from both the humanities and social sciences. It is precisely the work done by scholars in humanities fields such as cultural and literary studies that has led to a questioning of the bounded meanings of traditional social science categories such as "race," "ethnicity," and "nationality. This essay reflects on the emergence of "transnationalism" as an idea in American cultural and intellectual history, by looking at a particular group of transmigrants in America: The Caribbean American ethnic community has produced some of the most influential figures in American race and cultural politics throughout the twentieth century, figures ranging from Marcus Garvey and Claude McKay through Harry Belafonte, C. Yet, despite the continual immigration of Caribbean people to the United States throughout the twentieth century, it is only recently that they have come close to establishing their own group identity as West Indian Americans, a specific American ethnicity in its own right. In addition, Caribbean Americans have always been seen as maintaining an ambivalent relationship to their American citizenship, and as having [End Page] a keen loyalty to their islands of origin. Therefore, as Basch, Schiller, and Blanc argue, the Caribbean experience in the United States was seen as a "special case. Why, historically, do and did transnational structures, processes, ideologies, and subjects emerge in certain places at certain times in the modern twentieth century? Or, to turn the question around, why the need for bounded categories such as "race," "ethnicity" and "nationality" for describing collective social identities? One of my suggestions here is that transnationalism itself is fundamentally a twentieth century phenomenon, finding its origins in very specific historical conditions during the opening decades of this century. Trans-national America Transnationalism is not a new concept in American intellectual thought. As early as , Randolph Bourne wrote an essay entitled "Trans-national America" in which he argued that World War I had revealed the failure of the "melting pot" theory of American national culture. Bourne observed that disparate European immigrant groups had simply not melted into a dominant American national culture of Puritan, Anglo-Saxon origin. Rather, the war exposed vigorous nationalistic and cultural movements among various ethnic groups such as Germans, Scandinavians, and Poles. These ethnic nationalisms stubbornly persisted in the United States and were sources of identity which resisted the process of Americanization. In the years Bourne was writing, nationalism and the model of the nation-state were quickly becoming the international political norms of the twentieth century. As the imperial order declined, European state power sought new political forms and reconstituted itself through new political ideologies. The European imperialist powers offered--through the

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Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations in the principle of democratic, national self-determination as a new model for political organization. The Bolsheviks, on the other hand, called for a proletarian internationalist movement, embodied in the revolutionary Russian state after The emergence of the nation-state and the drama of social revolution raised one common question: Or was it through U. This historic conflict, over the political organization of the peoples of the modern world, was the most important geopolitical question of this era. Randolph Bourne was writing at precisely this moment of the emerging of nationalism and internationalism at the beginning of the modern twentieth century. His use of the term "trans-national" as a framework for understanding and identifying the impact of European immigration on American society reflected his recognition that these new ethnic nationalisms were part of a larger transnational phenomenon. In his words, America was simply the "intellectual battleground" of a global struggle over the nature and power of the modern, integrated European state. First, he identifies and historically situates a European immigrant transnationalism, their resistance of exclusively "American" identities, in the moment of the Western shift from empire to nationhood. White [End Page] European ethnics become, in his account, early twentieth century "transmigrants. For Bourne the failure of the melting pot, far from being the end of the great American national democratic experiment, meant that it had only just begun. Since the intellectual contradictions of European nationalism were playing themselves out on the ethnic body-politic of America, American nationalism would become by necessity something very different from the nationalisms of twentieth century Europe. In a world which had dreamed of both nationalism and internationalism, Americans would find that they had all unawares been building up the first international nation. However, if, as Bourne described, European ethnics were constructing newly imagined homelands with the rise of European nationalism in the post-World War I era, black Caribbean colonial immigrants were in a somewhat different situation in that they had no easily identifiable national homelands. Caribbean immigrants came to America from diverse colonies whose only bond was, at best, their shared history of colonialism and European exploitation. As Jamaicans did not govern themselves they felt inferior in other respects. They were only a remote branch of England. They were not self-sufficient, and had created no important works. The history of Jamaica was the history of the Europeans who had ruled it. The lack of political self-determination in the Caribbean [End Page] and the inculcation of a "colonial mentality" prevented cultural self-determination and self-representation--a sense of "Jamaicanness" or "Caribbeanness. Hence early twentieth century Caribbean intellectual immigrants in the United States had uncertain ethnic identities, unimaginable really in national terms. The challenge of Caribbean ethnicity then was precisely how to represent it. What exactly did it mean to be a transmigrant if "citizenship" was not available to you either in America or in your country of origin? Intellectuals and organizers such as Marcus Garvey and Cyril Briggs, and writers such as Claude McKay, searched for models of black self-determination--"black nationalisms"--in which they could locate and ground ethnic identity. Were black colonial subjects, as transmigrants in the West, now to be included in the new European nationalisms emerging with the decline of empire? If not, could they turn to Africa as an originary homeland? Or should they locate home and nationalism in American citizenship? Black Transnationals Precisely because Caribbean immigrants in North America throughout the twentieth century have been living their lives across borders, from early on they found themselves in the basic dilemma of the "transmigrant," "confronted with and engaged in the nation building processes of two or more nation-states. Caribbean American intellectuals and cultural [End Page] producers therefore became key figures in a series of what I call "black transnational" cultural formations in the United States throughout the twentieth century, formations in which intellectuals struggled to produce, like Bourne, international political and cultural conceptions of black collective identity. I will examine briefly each of their individual solutions to the problem of representing black transnationality, and then close by pointing to some of the theoretical insights gained by a transnational approach to questions of race, ethnicity, and the politics of national identity in America. As a group, Cyril Briggs, Marcus Garvey, and Claude McKay formed the core of a specifically transnational formation of black intellectuals during the New Negro movement in Harlem of the s through the

s. World War I had profound implications for the development of a radical black ethnic consciousness amongst Caribbean American intellectuals. As black intellectuals became increasingly aware that the principle of national self-determination did not apply to them, the underlying imperialism of the League of Nations became more and more apparent. Black radicals in Harlem who had taken up the banner of self-determination used internationalism and revolution to modify and transform black nationalist ideologies. In the pages of his journal Briggs developed over time a framework for black identity, which would effectively wage a critique of American imperialism in the struggle for effective representation of black subjects in the new twentieth century world order. By January of all eyes were turned to the Peace Conference in Versailles as a first instance of how blacks would fare in the new nationalist world-order. As Briggs reminded his readers, Wilson had promised the world that as a result of the Peace Conference and the formation of the proposed League of Nations, "New nations are to be formed. Old nations are to be recreated. Tyranny is to die. Subject races are to be freed. The League refused to include anyone but free states as its members. If free statehood was the criteria for membership in this coalition, precisely those peoples who most needed self-determination and international protection from imperialism, black colonial subjects, were excluded. As Briggs ironically concluded, "the League for Some Nations. By January of , Briggs was attempting to imagine what a "radical revision of the concept of black self-determination, combining the preexisting ideal of racial sovereignty with a revolutionary vision of a communist society" could look like. At this meeting, which included Claude McKay, recently returned to America from [End Page] England and editor of the white radical journal *The Liberator*, the members of the ABB strategized on how to take their program aboveground to the mass community. The Federation Plan is one that later generations of Caribbean American intellectuals would return to when they sought both political and metaphoric ways of imagining black sovereignty. For while both Briggs and Garvey represented somewhat different creative responses to the situation produced from imperial war and social revolution, Garvey was as fundamentally shaped by the general international realities and imperialist national projects emerging from World War I as Briggs. Garvey began his career actually more interested in the question of diaspora than in self-determination. As he would describe in his biographical writings, one of his first impressions upon leaving Jamaica in his travels around the world was the great need for steamship communication "among the different branches of the Negro race scattered in Africa, the Americas, and the West Indies": Having traveled extensively throughout the world and seriously studying the economical, commercial and industrial needs of our people, I found out that the quickest and easiest way to reach them was by steamship communication. So immediately after I succeeded in forming the Universal Negro Improvement Association in America, I launched the idea of floating ships under the direction of Negroes. In essays with titles like "Nothing Must Kill the Empire Urge," Garvey asserted the dominance of Empire as a model for black self-determined identity. For Garvey the black diaspora was itself the product of African imperialism rather than European colonialism. He reconstructed an African homeland which transcended the nation by spreading the blood and culture of the race throughout ancient Europe in imperial conquest. His convention was explicitly understood to be the black counter to the League of Nations. They arrived wearing their own national costumes and representing an eclectic assortment of nationally-imagined communities, including individual contingents from American cities such as Detroit and Philadelphia. Like Briggs, Garvey recognized that the question of the age, the need for new models of state-construction and political self-governance, required dramatic and spectacular imagination. In the very act of imagining Black Empire, Garvey was taking a dramatic and oppositional [End Page] leap away from the "colonial mentality" which he had learned as a child. His philosophy had a powerful international appeal for the delegates to his conference who could find in this counter-vision of black Empire political protection from the divide and conquer strategy embedded in the European nation model. The real historical strength and power of his movement was the transnational network he constructed beyond the reach of the Western national order being constructed during the First World War and exemplified in the League of Nations. Of all three figures he had the greatest understanding of what the coming together of the ABB and the UNIA would have meant for a

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radical vision and a movement of black self-determination. There he proposed a Communist definition of self-determined blackness which would affix black nationalist sentiment to actual geographic territory in America by identifying the southern black belt of the United States as an oppressed nation. Unlike Briggs and Garvey, McKay became disillusioned with both nationalism and internationalism. His imagination stifled by the political realities around him, McKay turned to fiction as a way of doing what [End Page] Bourne had also attempted; imagining the transnational nation. This is precisely what McKay constructed in his novel *Banjo: The Story without a Plot*. This less well known sequel to *Home to Harlem* used the same main character of the West Indian intellectual, Ray, as a guide to take us through a world of denationalized black colonial migrants in the French seaport of Marseilles. This community of aliens used their marginalization in Europe and their very exclusion from the League of Nations as the basis for a transnationally imagined black community. This colonial migrant, officially barred from European territory by the categorization "Nationality Doubtful," loses the protection of the imperial nation but gains the freedom to cross borders and the ability to form alliances and friendships with other colonial drifters on grounds other than those of the nation. Rather, it also provides a sharp sense of the political exclusions created by western imperialism. The exclusion of black subjects from the originating political conceptions of modernity--nationhood, self-determination, democracy--forced Caribbean intellectuals in the United States in two interdependent directions. On the one hand, this exclusion afforded them a keen critical insight into the [End Page] nature of modern imperialism. Their "transnationalism" involved their ability to link questions of ethnicity and national identity to American international relations and empire formation. The debates around the meaning of the national at the beginning of this century also represented attempts on the part of some European empires to delimit the power and reach of others.

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Chapter 5 : Transnationalism

The renewed interest in diaspora studies, interdisciplinarity, and transnationalism has long been a feature of African American, Africana, and Black studies.

Contact Review of *The Pursuit of Happiness*: Duke University Press, Review of *The Pursuit of Happiness*: June 11, Written by: I was reminded of how international travel offers an opportunity to fully immerse oneself in another environment. Despite being in Lisbon for work, I felt free and unencumbered. I was able to enjoy a temporary respite from the headlines of school shootings and police violence against unarmed black people that seem to occur every other day in the U. This book makes an important and timely intervention by centering the often-overlooked experiences of happiness, pleasure, and leisure in the lives of middle-aged African American women. The chapters in the book are interspersed with captivating interludes that provide personal insights about her interactions in Jamaica, and teachable moments about the nature of ethnographic research. Written in an accessible and engaging way, this book can appeal to a broad and general audience of tourists, travelers, and globe-trotters, but particularly for black women and women of color from all walk of life who have particular racialized and gendered experiences while traveling. Moreover, this book is also well-suited for students and scholars of anthropology, African Diaspora Studies, and Women and Gender Studies. There is a great deal that we can learn from this book about the practices and politics of ethnographic research. For 22 months between and , she used methods of participant observation in group activities and interviews in Jamaica and the U. Rather than embed herself in one location, Williams embarked on a multi-sited project in which she immersed herself in the Girlfriend Tours community, following its members on their vacations in Negril and Ocho Rios to their hometowns in Atlanta, Washington, DC, Memphis, Ft. She combined this with four years of virtual fieldwork on the www. Some of these strategies included opting to stay in locally owned hotels and patronizing locally-owned businesses. While Jamaicans often assumed they were wealthy, Girlfriends were actually lower middle-class women who made great sacrifices to be able to afford their trips. There were lots of crossed signals between Jamaicans and African American women. While African American women traveled in search of diasporic kinship and belonging, they lamented their inability to connect with Jamaican women. They did not realize that Jamaican women of a similar age and class status rarely entered tourist sectors. Chapter 3 describes how African American women saw Jamaica as a black paradise that was close to the United States “familiar yet foreign. This chapter encourages scholars to apply theories of transnationalism to tourism, which is an under-studied subject in anthropology. Questions of sexual agency and autonomy are also central to this project, and they come to the fore in Chapter 4, which explores the emotional entanglements of romance tourism. While some GFT members had established long term, long-distance partnerships with Jamaican men, others went to Jamaica with the intention of having short-term liaisons. Williams is to be commended for the nuanced way that she treats this topic “one that is often dealt with in a sensationalistic way. *The Pursuit of Happiness* makes a significant contribution to scholarship on the sexual and intimate economies of tourism. Williams makes a significant contribution to the study of race and the Internet, as well as to theorizing virtual media and its role in the construction of racialized subjectivities. In the Epilogue, Williams reflects on the lessons of fieldwork, which included the challenges of being seen as an insider-outsider, the importance of relationship-building, the emotional labor of ethnography, the complicated nature of extricating oneself from the field, particularly when it involves digital technologies, and what happens when participants return the ethnographic gaze. Simply reading this book felt like an act of self-care for me “a breath of fresh air. I look forward to teaching it to Spelman College students in my first-year colloquium course, *Going Global: From Travelogues to Black Travel Blogs*. She earned her Ph. Her research has focused on the cultural and sexual politics of the transnational tourism industry, and Afro-Brazilian feminist activism in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. This account is used to upload posts by guest contributors to the blog.

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Chapter 6 : Stephens - Black Transnationalism and the Politics of National Identity

Global Matters. Global Matters provides a concise, informative overview of theoretical, critical, and curricular issues driving the transnational turn in literary studies and how these issues have come to dominate contemporary global fiction as well.

During this time period the nation experienced great social unrest, as citizens challenged the social order in radical ways. Many movements took place in the United States during this time period, including: Police asked Weinberg to produce his ID to confirm that he was a student, but he refused to do so and was therefore arrested. In support of Weinberg 3, students surrounded the police vehicle, and even used the car as a podium from where they spoke about their right to engage in political protest on campus. Two months later students at UC Berkeley organized sit-in at the Sproul Hall Administration building to protest an unfair rule which prohibited all political clubs from fundraising, excluding the democrat and republican clubs. Educational conferences like that of SDS forced the university to take some measures to correct the most obvious racial issue on campus—the sparse black student population. As the minority student population increased tension between activists clubs and minorities rose, because minority wanted the reigns of the movement that affected them directly. We demand to be educated realistically and that no form of education which attempts to lie to us, or otherwise miss-educate us will be accepted. At University of California, Santa Barbara , similarly, student activism led to the establishment of a Black Studies department, amidst great targeting and discrimination of student leaders of color on the University of California campuses. In the fall of , black students from UCSB joined the national civil rights movement to end racial segregation and exclusion of Black history and studies from college campuses. Triggered by the insensitivity of the administration and general campus life, they occupied North Hall and presented the administration with a set of demands. Such efforts led to the eventual creation of the Black Studies department and the Center for Black Studies. At Yale University , a committee headed by political scientist Robert Dahl recommended establishing an undergraduate major in African-American culture, one of the first such at an American university. Inspired by the Davis win, civil rights movement and nationwide student activism, in Black and White students led by the Student African American Society SAS at Syracuse University marched in front of the building at Newhouse and demanded Black studies be taught at Syracuse. Because the budget allocated to Black Studies is limited some faculty are jointly appointed therefore, causing faculty to leave their home disciplines to teach a discipline of which they may not be familiar. Budgetary issues make it difficult for Black Studies Programs and departments to function, and promote themselves. In many instances black students also called for the increased enrollment of black students and offer financial assistance to these students. On many campuses directors of black studies have little to no autonomy—they do not have the power to hire or grant tenure to faculty. On many campuses an overall lack of respect for the discipline has caused instability for the students and for the program. In the past thirty years there has been a steady decline of Black studies scholars. This line of research dates back to W. Dubois in his analysis of black male training in his book Souls of Black Folk. Though African-American studies as its own discipline has been in decline, its perpetuation as a sub-discipline in various social science fields e. Since the early s increasing interest in Black males among scholars and policy makers has resulted in a marked rise in the sub-discipline Black Male Studies. Today, numerous books, research articles, conferences, [21] foundations, [22] research centers [23] [24] and institutes, [25] academic journals, [26] initiatives, [27] [28] [29] and scholarly collectives [30] emphasize or focus entirely on the status of Black boys and men in society. Universities and colleges with African-American Studies departments incomplete [edit].

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Chapter 7 : Course Syllabus

Wendy Walter's At Home in Diaspora is one among several important studies on black internationalism published over the last decade. Novel: A Forum on Fiction Provides rich, intergenerational scholarly dialogues, as well as historically and theoretically informed readings of black cultural practices in the African Diaspora.

Slave Route Trans-nationalism The concept of trans-nationalism refers to multiple ties and interactions linking people and institutions across the borders of nation-states¹. Trans-national activities can be defined as: Such activities may be conducted by relatively powerful actors, such as representatives of national governments and multinational corporations, or may be initiated by more modest individuals, such as immigrants and their home country kin and relations. These activities are not limited to economic enterprises, but include political, cultural and religious initiatives as well. At the same time, the concept suggest that boundaries between nation-states are becoming less distinct. Trans-national communities are one aspect of trans-nationalism. Trans-national communities are groups whose identity is not primarily based on attachment to a specific territory. The notion of a trans-national community puts the emphasis on human agency: Together with globalisation, the sharp increase of trans-national communities undermines the means of controlling difference founded on territoriality. Trans-national communities represent a powerful challenge to the traditional ideas of nation-state belonging. In the context of globalisation, trans-nationalism can extend previous face-to-face communities based on kinship, neighbourhoods or workplaces into remote virtual communities, which communicate at a distance. Trans-national communities do not necessarily refer only to migrants, since cross-border groups with common cultural, sporting, political or other interests might also consider themselves a community. However, in practical terms, groups arising from migrations are the most significant type, and most research on trans-national communities refers to these. Clearly, migrants have always lived in more than one setting, maintaining links with a real or imagined community in the state of origin. The new is the context of globalisation and economic uncertainty that facilitates the construction of social relations transcending national borders. The increase in mobility and the development of communication have contributed to such relations, and has created a transnational space of economic, cultural and political participation. Comparative Perspectives, Singapore August, Settlement, transnational communities and citizenship. International Social Science Journal. Vol , September

Chapter 8 : Transnationalism and Globalism – Postcolonial Studies

Black Studies Class taught by Cheryl Jones Walker. The purpose of the Black Studies Program is: Introduce students to the history, culture and society, and political and economic conditions of Black people in Africa, the Americas, and elsewhere in the world.

Chapter 9 : Transnationalism - Wikipedia

Ethnic Studies texts that take up the keywords transnationalism, borderlands, diaspora, and globalization. We will focus especially on Ethnic Studies texts that.