

History of South Africa  
History 446  
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Office Hours:  
Monday 12:00-1:00  
Friday 1:00-2:00

Part I

The Origins

Week 1

W Jan. 21, F. Jan. 23.

Reading: P. Curtin, S. Feierman, L. Thompson, and J.  
Vansina, African History, chapter 9 (277-303).

Week 2

M. Jan. 26, W. Jan. 28, W. Jan. 30

Readings: Shula Marks, "Khoisan Resistance to the Dutch,"  
Journal of African History, 1972, #1, 55-80.  
Mofolo, Chaka, pp. 1-54.  
H. Callaway, Religious Traditions of the Amazulu, 1-13,  
16-21, 30-33.

Week 3

M. Feb. 2, W. Feb. 4, F. Feb. 6.

Readings: Mofolo, Chaka, pp. 54-120.  
"The Nguni Outburst," 319-352.  
H. Callaway, Religious Traditions of the Amazulu, 140-165.

Week 4

M. Feb. 9, W. Feb. 11, F. Feb. 13

Readings: H. Callaway, Religious Traditions of the Amazulu,  
375-379, 402-403.  
Mofolo, Chaka, 121-end.  
"Colonial South Africa & its Frontiers," 353-392.

Week 5

Monday February 16, EXAM

## Part II

The Era of Industrialization

W. Feb. 18, F. Feb. 20.

Readings (for after the exam): Colin Bundy, "The Emergence and Decline of a South African Peasantry," African Affairs, 1971(?)

Cambridge History of Africa vol. 6, 359-376.

Week 6

M. Feb. 23, W. Feb. 25, F. Feb. 27.

Readings: Cambridge History vol. 6, 422-438, 455-492.

Charles Van Onselen, "The World the Mine Owners Made," pp. 1-40 in Studies in the Social and Economic History of the Witwatersrand, vol. 1, New Babylon.

Week 7

M. March 2, W. March 4, F. March 6.

Readings:

D. Denoon, Southern Africa since 1800, 100-127.

Tim Keegan, "The sharecropping economy, African class formation and the Natives' Land Act of 1913," pp. 195-211 in Shula Marks and Richard Rathbone, Industrialisation and Social Change in South Africa.

Sol Plaatje, Native Life in South Africa, pp. 9-10, 58-80.

Julia Wells, "The war of degradation: black women's struggle against Orange Free State pass laws, 1913," pp. 253-270 in Banditry, Rebellion & Social Protest in Africa, ed. Donald Crummey.

Week 8

M. March 9, W. March 11, F. March 13.

Readings: Buell, The Native Problem in Africa, vol. 1, pp. 58-70.

Colin Murray, Families Divided, 1-36, 149-70.

William Beinart and Colin Bundy, "State Intervention and Rural Resistance: The Transkei, 1900-1965," pp. 271-304, in Martin Klein (ed.), Peasants in Africa.

SPRING BREAK

Week 9

M. March 23. W. March 25, F. March 27.

Readings: Tom Lodge, "Black Protest before 1950," in Lodge, Black Politics in South Africa since 1945.

"The ANC Youth League Manifesto, 1944," pp. 11-20 in Nelson Mandela, The Struggle is My Life.

Dan O'Meara, "The 1946 African Mine Workers' Strike and the Political Economy of South Africa." Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, 1975.

Wilmot James, "From Segregation to Apartheid" (UW PH.D. dissertation), pp. 76-129.

Week 10

M. March 30. EXAM.

## Part III

The Era of Apartheid

W. April 1, F. April 3

Readings (to be read after the exam): Leonard Thompson, The Political Mythology of Apartheid, pp. 189-238.

Oliver and Atmore, Africa since 1800 (3rd ed.), 291-314.

Beinart and Bundy, "State Intervention" conclusion of article.

Week 11

M. April 6, W. April 8, F. April 10

Readings: Dugmore Boetie, Familiarity is the Kingdom of the Lost.

Nelson Mandela, The Struggle is My Life, 154-175.

Week 12

M. April 13, W. April 15. To be scheduled.

Oxford History of South Africa, vol. 2, 459-476 (on African nationalism).

South Africa: Time Running Out, 80-100, 147-205.

Week 13

M. April 20, W. April 22, F. April 24.

Readings: Joseph Lelyveld, series of articles for the New York Times at the time of leaving South Africa.  
 Heinz Klug and Gay Seidman, "South Africa: Amandla Ngawethu," Socialist Review, 1985.  
 Philip Bonner, "Black Trade Unions in South Africa since World War II," pp. 174-193 in Robert Price and Carl Rosberg, The Apartheid Regime.  
 Lawrence Schlemmer, "The Stirring Giant: Observations on the Inkatha and other Black Political Movements in South Africa," pp. 99-126 in Price and Rosberg.  
 Howard Barrell, "The United Democratic Front and National Forum: Their Emergence, Composition and Trends," pp. 6-20 in South African Review Two.

Week 14

M. April 27, W. April 29, F. May 1.

Readings: Nadine Gordimer, July's People.

Week 15.

M. May 4, W. May 6, F. May 8

No assigned readings; review.

### Course Requirements

All students are required to take examinations in weeks 5 and 10, and then the final. Students who are registered for four credits must submit a paper of about 7-9 pages, typed, double-spaced, discussing the contents of one of the following books in relation to the content of the course. Papers are due Monday April 27 in class. All the books listed are on reserve in Helen White library.

Charles Van Onselen, Studies in the Social and Economic History of the Witwatersrand, vol. 1, New Babylon. Longmans, 1982.

How the growth of the gold mining industry changed life in Johannesburg at the turn of the century.

Colin Murray, Families Divided. Cambridge University Press.

A careful study of the organization of the families labor migrants left at home.

Bengt Sundkler, Bantu Prophets in South Africa. Oxford University Press.

On the history and theology of Zulu independent churches.

Cherryl Walker, Women and Resistance in South Africa. Onyx.

Leonard Thompson, The Political Mythology of Apartheid. Yale University Press.

An account of the Afrikaner vision of South African history.

John Cell, The Highest Stage of White Supremacy: The Origins of Segregation in South Africa and the American South. Cambridge University Press, 1982.

Stanley Greenberg, Race and State in Capitalist Development. Yale University Press.

Twentieth century labor history, with comparisons to the American South.

Colin Bundy, The Rise and Fall of the South African Peasantry. London: Heinemann.

How African peasants were initially affected by commercialization and industrialization.