



James Baldwin: Literature and the Long Civil Rights Movement

A Presidential Dream Course – Spring 2017

ENGL 4013-002: Major Authors

Professor James Zeigler

This course will examine the writing, activism, courage, and enduring relevance of James Baldwin. He was the most renowned and influential literary author involved with the Civil Rights Movement during the 1950s and 1960s. Renewed popular and critical attention to his work in recent years has addressed the election of President Barack Obama, resurgent anti-black racism in U.S. public culture, and the efforts of Black Lives Matter to pursue the unfinished aspirations of the Civil Rights Movement.

With the support of the Dream Course program, distinguished scholars and writers will visit the class and give public lectures:

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