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‘Ghetto Schools’ in the Public Imagination

Ethnic Studies 87: Fresh Seminar, Winter 2009

Wednesdays 1 – 2:50 p.m. Social Sciences Building 103

Seminar will meet January 14, 21, 28; February 4.

This seminar examines discourses of “ghetto schools” in media, science, politics, and education, and their impact on social policy, economic and social outcomes, and pedagogy.

Requirements

Attendance: Perfect attendance is mandatory for passing this class.

Class participation: Participate respectfully in all class discussions. Engage the theories studied in the class, and apply these analytical frameworks in your comments. Try to distinguish between personal values/experiences and broader social problems/patterns.

Class requirements:

- 5 pages of handwritten Cornell notes – or equivalent – per class meeting (15 pages total). Due on the 3rd class meeting (January 28th).
- Survey of UCSD freshmen – due 4th class meeting (February 4th).
- In-class writing prompts.

Course Outline

January 14

Week 1: The history of the U.S. ghetto.

Political economy, urban planning, racial anxieties, and the formation of inner-city ghettos

January 21

Week 2: How did our schools get so ‘ghetto’?

The case of California: Serrano v. Priest, Proposition 13, and recent policy.

January 28

Week 3: Separate and Unequal ain’t just history: New constructions of old inequalities

Contemporary school reform and the role of accountability in creating inequality.

February 4

Week 4: Heroes and hero-myths: Pedagogy

What can we do? The problems and possibilities of teaching.

Majoring or Minor in Ethnic Studies at UCSD

Many students take an ethnic studies course because the topic is of great interest or because of a need to fulfill a social science, non-contiguous, or other college requirement. Often students have taken three or four classes out of “interest” yet have no information about the major or minor and don’t realize how close they are to a major, a minor, or even a double major. An ethnic studies major is excellent preparation for a career in law, public policy, government and politics, journalism, education, public health, social work, international relations, and many other careers. If you would like information about the ethnic studies major or minor at UCSD, please contact Yolanda Escamilla, Ethnic Studies Department Undergraduate Advisor, at 858-534-3277 or yescamilla@ucsd.edu.