Focusing on political and social history, this course surveys African-American history from Emancipation to the present. The class examines the post-Reconstruction “Nadir” of black life; the mass black insurgency against structural racism before and after World War II; and the Post-Reform Age that arose in the wake of the dismantling of legal segregation. The course will familiarize students with the basic themes of African-American life and experience and equip them to grasp concepts of political economy; class formation; and the intersection of race, class and gender.