

OLLI at DU Central Syllabus –Fall 2024

The Evolution of Systemic Racism - Subject Area History and Economics

Wednesday Afternoon Online; 8 weeks

Instructor: Leanne Puglielli and Ben Kempinen

1. **SUMMARIZE YOUR COURSE**

Olli members should expect to learn the history we were not taught in schools, history that includes the systems and structures created by white people to protect our dominance. OLLI members should NOT expect to learn about other minorities (Native Americans, Chinese, Latino) We simply do not have time in 8 weeks to talk about any population other than our Black population.

Ollie members will be sent the PowerPoint presentation for each week before the class meets. There will be optional follow-up materials sent after the conclusion of each week.

Course format is primarily lecture. We invite interruptions, questions, and comments. There is time built in to each class for members to comment, tell their own stories, think about actions to take.

We start on time and we end on time. I will open the course 15 minutes before the start time to encourage all participants to log in before the start time.

2. **BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE ORGANIZED BY CLASS SESSION:**

Weekly Topics

Session 1: The Roots

Session 2: Impact of the Great Awakenings

Session 3: Dred Scott to Jim Crow

Session 4: When There Are More of “Them” than “Us”

Session 5: FDR to Beginnings of Civil Rights

Session 6: Civil Rights Movement and Lyndon Johnson

Session 7: Pushback – From Nixon to Bush

Session 8: Culture Wars and Ongoing Issues