COURSE DESCRIPTION: This graduate seminar introduces students to a growing body of scholarship on the transnational interactions between the Civil Rights movements in the American South and the colonized areas of Africa and the Caribbean in the decades after WWII. We will study and discuss the ways resistance to the politics and economics of the segregated South came to influence social movements in colonial Africa, and vice-versa; how African-Americans and Africans came to grips with the challenge of white supremacy; and how trans-Atlantic political and religious exchanges shaped Pan-Africanism and influenced the emerging Civil Rights movement on one side and decolonization movements on the other. We will also focus on trips to Africa and Europe by African-Americans such as Richard Wright, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X; on the role played by Africans in the United States, France, and Britain (NKrumah, Kenyatta, Senghor), and on the transnational history of the Black Panthers Party.

AREA OF CONCENTRATION: Global

TEACHING METHOD: Seminar

EVALUATION METHOD: Short essays and a final paper

GRADING BASIS: ANC

TENTATIVE READING LIST:

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: Pap Ndiaye is Roberta Buffett Visiting Professor of International Studies at Northwestern University for the Fall Quarter. His permanent position is at Sciences Po in Paris, France. He has recently published books on the history and social condition of French Blacks (La condition noire, Gallimard 2009), on the history of Chicago (Histoire de Chicago, Fayard 2013), and in 2018 will be publishing a Global History of the Civil Rights Movement. Ndiaye writes regularly for French newspapers including Le Monde and Libération.