Afrofuturism: Slavery & Beyond

ENGL 3325 Dr. Shelby Crosby TR 11:20-12:45

This course will examine African American literature from the founding of America to the Harlem Renaissance through the lens of Afrofuturism. As a movement, Afrofuturism seeks to unearth the missing history of people of African descent through their literary imaginations. Afrofuturism seeks to explore the imaginative and creative projects that forwarded Black culture into the future, with the understanding that these projects were resisting the power structure designed to hold them and their ancestors down. These Black authors were determined to imagine a future that did not see them and their brethren in bondage.

Tentative Course Texts:

Ring Shout—P. Delijah Clark
An Unkindness of Ghosts—Rivers Solomon
Blake; or, the Huts of America—Martin Delaney
Black No More—George Schuyler
Of One Blood—Pauline Hopkins
Dread Nation—Justina Ireland