

Crafting History: The Construction of a Course on South Africa

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For this project, I created a college course on South Africa entitled HIS 300: Building the Rainbow Nation.

Course objectives:

- To develop understanding of the historical trends that make SA what it is today
- To expand understanding of race relations and group identities in SA
- To develop the skills of a historian
- To develop the ability to apply knowledge of other cultures to one's own cultural context



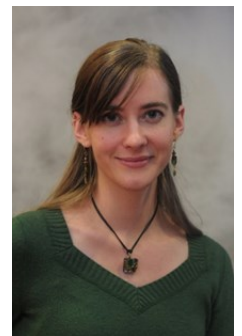
Major themes of the course:

Intercultural encounters and their impact on identity formation

The interaction between cultures in the context of the nation

"We know it well that none of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as a united people, for national reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world."

— Nelson Mandela at his inauguration



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This project is inspired by my twin loves of history and higher education and by my identity as a "missionary kid" from South Africa.



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