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Films mentioned or discussed during the lecture and Q&A

- ^*The Blood of Jesus.* Dir. Spencer Williams, 1941, U.S.A. 57mins. Production Co.: Amegro Films / Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- *Harlem Rides the Range*. Dir. Richard C. Kahn, 1939, U.S.A. 56 mins. Production Co.: Hollywood Pictures Corporation.
- **The Bronze Buckaroo**. Dir. Richard C. Kahn, 1939, U.S.A. 58 mins. Production Co.: Hollywood Pictures Corporation.
- ^*The Girl in Room 20*. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1946, U.S.A. 63 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterpises.
- **Steamboat Bill, Jr.** Dirs. Charles Reisner and Buster Keaton, 1928, U.S.A. 70 mins. Production Co.: Buster Keaton Productions / Joseph M. Schenck Productions.
- **Dirty Gertie from Harlem U.S.A** . Dir. Spencer Williams, 1946, U.S.A. 65 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- **The Color Purple.** Dir. Steven Spielberg, 1985, U.S.A. 154 mins. Production Co.: Amblin Entertainment / The Guber-Peters Company / Warner Bros. Pictures.
- *Within Our Gates*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1920, U.S.A. 79 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Book and Film Company.
- ^Broken Earth. Dir. Roman Freulich, 1936, U.S.A. 11 mins. Production Co.: unknown.



- **Super Fly.** Dir. Gordon Parks Jr., 1972, U.S.A. 93 mins. Production Co.: Sig Shore Productions / Warner Bros. Pictures / Superfly Ltd.
- **Shaft**. Dir. Gordon Parks, 1971, U.S.A. 100 mins. Production Co.: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer / Shaft Productions Ltd.
- Medea's Family Reunion. Dir. Tyler Perry, 2006, U.S.A. 107 mins. Production Co.: Lions Gate Films.
- **Gone With the Wind**. Dirs. Victor Fleming, George Cukor and Sam Wood, 1939, U.S.A. 238 mins. Production Co.: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer / Selznick International Pictures.
- **The Wizard of Oz**. Dirs. Victor Flemming and King Vidor, 1939, U.S.A. 101 mins. Production Co.: MGM / Loew's.
- *The Amos 'n Andy Show* (1951-1953). 4 seasons, 78 episodes. Creators: Freeman F. Gosden and Charles J. Correll, U.S.A. Originally aired on CBS. Production Co.: CBS Television Network.
- **The Symbol of the Unconquered**. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1920, U.S.A. 54 mins. Productino Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- Hellbound Train. Dir. James Gist, 1930, U.S.A. 60 mins. Production Co.: unknown.
- Verdict Not Guilty. Dir. Eloyce Gist, 1933, Runtime unknown. Production Co.: unknown.
- Killer of Sheep. Dir. Charles Burnett, 1979, U.S.A. 83 mins. Production Co.: unknown.
- *Illusions*. Dir. Julie Dash, 1982, U.S.A. 34 mins. Production Co.: unknown.
- **Daughters of the Dust**. Dir. Julie Dash, 1991, U.S.A. 112 mins. Production Co.: American Playhouse / Geechee Girls / WMG Film.
- Bush Mama. Dir. Haile Gerima, 1979, U.S.A. 97 mins. Production Co.: unknown.
- Sankofa. Dir. Haile Gerima, 1993, U.S.A., Ghana, Burkina Faso, U.K., and Germany. 124 mins. Production Co.: Channel Four Films / Diproci / Ghana National Commission on Culture / Mypheduh Films / Negod-Gwad Productions / Norddeutscher Rundfunk / Westdeutscher Rundfunk.



Race Films

- **Sleepy Sam, the Sleuth.** Dir. unknown, 1915, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- Wrong All Around. Dir. unknown, 1917, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Ebony Film Company.
- A Black Sherlock Holmes. Dir. R.W. Phillips, 1918, U.S.A. 12 mins. Production Co.: Ebony Film Company.
- Spying the Spy. Dir. R.W. Phillips, 1918, U.S.A. 10 mins. Production Co.: Ebony Film Company.
- The Porters. Dir. R.W. Phillips, 1918, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Ebony Film Company.
- *Are Working Girls Safe.* Dir. unknown, 1918, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Ebony Film Company.
- **The Green-Eyed Monster.** Dir. unknown, 1919, U.S.A. 50 mins. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- **The Love Bug.** Dir. Richard E. Norman, 1919, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- **The Bull-Dogger**. Dir. Richard E. Norman, 1921, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- By Right of Birth. Dir. Harry A. Grant, 1921, U.S.A. Production Co.: Lincoln Motion Picture Company.
- **The Crimson Skull**. Dir. Richard E. Norman, 1922, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- **The Flying Ace.** Dir. Richard E. Norman, 1926, U.S.A. 65 mins. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- **Black Gold.** Dir. Richard E. Norman, 1928, U.S.A. 62 mins. Production Co.: Norman Film Manufacturing Company.
- The Black King. Dir. Bud Pollard, 1932, U.S.A. 72 mins. Production Co.: Southland Pictures.



Harlem is Heaven. Dir. Irwin Franklyn, 1932, U.S.A. 69 mins. Production Co.: Herald Pictures / Lincoln Motion Picture Company / Sack Amusement Enterprises.

^Broken Earth. Dir. Roman Freulich, 1936, U.S.A. 11 mins. Production Co.: unknown.

Dark Manhattan. Dirs. Harry L. Fraser and Ralph Cooper, 1937, U.S.A. 70 mins. Production Co.: Randal-Cooper Productions / Rinaldo Films.

Harlem on the Prairie. Dir. Sam Newfield, 1937, U.S.A. 57 mins. Production Co.: Associated Features.

Gone Harlem. Dir. Irwin Franklyn, 1938, U.S.A. 65 mins. Production Co.: Creative Cinema Corporation.

Two-Gun Man from Harlem. Dir. Richard Kahn, 1938, U.S.A. 65 mins. Production Co.: Merit Pictures Inc.

Moon Over Harlem. Dir. Edgar G. Ulmer, 1939, U.S.A. 69 mins. Production Co.: Meteor Productions / Million Dollar Pictures.

One Dark Night. Dir. Leo C. Popkin, 1939, U.S.A. 81 mins. Production Co.: Million Dollar Productions.

^*Midnight Shadow*. Dir. George Randol, 1939, U.S.A. 54 mins. Production Co.: George Randol Productions.

Sunday Sinners. Dir. Arthur Dreifuss, 1940, U.S.A. 65 mins. Production Co.: Goldberg Productions.

Son of Ingagi. Dir. Richard C. Kahn, 1940, U.S.A. 70 mins. Production Co.: Hollywood Pictures Corporation.

Mr. Washington Goes to Town. Dirs. Jed Buell and William Beaudine, 1941, U.S.A. 64 mins. Production Co.: Dixie National Pictures Inc.

Lucky Ghost. Dir. William Beaudine, 1942, U.S.A. 61 mins. Production Co.: Dixie National Pictures Inc.

Beware. Dir. Bud Pollard, 1946, U.S.A. 54 mins. Production Co.: Astor Pictures Corporation.

Junction 88. Dir. George P. Quigley, 1947, U.S.A. 60 mins. Production Co.: Century Theatrical Production.

^*Miracle in Harlem*. Dir. Jack Kemp, 1948, U.S.A. 71 mins. Production Co.: Herald Pictures.



^Souls of Sin. Dir. Powell Lindsay, 1949, U.S.A. 64 mins. Production Co.: Alexander Productions.

Race Films Directed by Spencer Williams

- **Tenderfeet**. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1928, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Midnight Productions.
- **The Blood of Jesus.** Dir. Spencer Williams, 1941, U.S.A. 57mins. Production Co.: Amegro Films / Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- **Brother Martin**. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1942, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Jenkins and Bourgeois / Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- ^*Marching On!* Dir. Spencer Williams, 1943, U.S.A. 83 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- *Of On Blood.* Dir. Spencer Williams, 1944, U.S.A. 64 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- Go Down, Death. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1944, U.S.A. 56 mins. Production Co.: Harlemwood Studios.
- Harlem Hotshots. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1945, U.S.A. 20 mins. Production Co.: Metropolitan Films.
- ^*The Girl in Room 20.* Dir. Spencer Williams, 1946, U.S.A. 63 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterpises.
- **Dirty Gertie from Harlem U.S.A** . Dir. Spencer Williams, 1946, U.S.A. 65 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- ^ Juke Joint. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1946, U.S.A. 68 mins. Production Co.: Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- *Jivin' in Be-Bop*. Dirs. Leonard Anderson and Spencer Williams, 1946, U.S.A. 59 mins. Production Co.: Alexander Productions.
- **Beale Street Mama**. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1947, U.S.A. 60 mins. Production Co.: Hollywood Pictures Corporation.



Rhapsody of Negro Life. Dir. Spencer Williams, 1949, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: William Spencer Company.

Race Films Directed by Oscar Micheaux

- **The Homesteader**. Dirs. Oscar Micheaux and Jerry Mills, 1919, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Book and Film Company / Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *The Brute*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1920, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *Within Our Gates*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1920, U.S.A. 79 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Book and Film Company.
- *The Symbol of the Unconquered*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1920, U.S.A. 54 mins. Productino Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *The Gunsaulus Mystery.* Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1921, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.
- The Dungeon. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1922, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.
- Deceit. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1923, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Films.
- A Son of Satan. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1924, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Films.
- Birthright. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1924, U.S.A. 100 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- Body and Soul. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1925, U.S.A. 102 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- **The Broken Violin.** Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1927, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *When Men Betray.* Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1928, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.



- *Wages of Sin*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1929, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- **A Daughter of the Congo.** Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1930, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- Darktown Revue. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1931, U.S.A. 18 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.
- The Exile. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1931, U.S.A. 93 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.
- **The Girl from Chicago**. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1932, U.S.A. 70 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *Veiled Aristocrats*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1932, U.S.A. 48 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *Ten Minutes to Live*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1932, U.S.A. 58 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- **Phantom of Kenwood**. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1933, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- *Harlem After Midnight*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1934, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- ^*Murder in Harlem*. Dirs. Oscar Micheaux and Clarence Williams, 1935, U.S.A. 102 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- **Temptation.** Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1935, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- **Underworld.** Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1937, U.S.A. 95 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film / Sack Amusement Enterprises.
- *God's Step Children*. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1938, U.S.A. 105 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation.
- Swing!. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1938, U.S.A. 69 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.



Birthright. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1939, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.

Lying Lips. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1939, U.S.A. 80 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film.

The Notorious Elinor Lee. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1940, U.S.A. 107 mins. Production Co.: Micheaux Film Corporation / Sack Amusement Enterprises.

The Betrayal. Dir. Oscar Micheaux, 1948, U.S.A. 183 mins. Production Co.: Astor Pictures Corporation.

Representation of African-Americans in Hollywood Film

The Birth of a Nation. Dir. D.W. Griffith, 1915, U.S.A. 190 mins. Production Co.: David W. Griffith Corp. / Epoch Producing Corporation.

The Jazz Singer. Dir. Alan Crosland, 1927, 88 mins. Production Co.: Warner Bros. Pictures.

Hearts of Dixie. Dir. Paul Sloane, 1929, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: Fox Film Corporation.

The Emperor Jones. Dir. Dudley Murphy, 1933, U.S.A. 72 mins. Production Co.: John Krimsky and Gifford Cochran Inc.

Imitation of Life. Dir. John M. Stahl, 1934, U.S.A. 111 mins. Production Co.: Universal Pictures.

Show Boat. Dir. James Whale, 1936, U.S.A. 113 mins. Production Co.: Universal Pictures.

Gone With the Wind. Dirs. Victor Fleming, George Cukor and Sam Wood, 1939, U.S.A. 238 mins. Production Co.: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer / Selznick International Pictures.

Sullivan's Travels. Dir. Preston Sturges, 1941, U.S.A. 90 mins. Production Co.: Paramount Pictures.

Cabin in the Sky. Dirs. Vincent Minnelli and Busby Berkeley, 1943, U.S.A. 98 mins. Production Co.: MGM.

Stormy Weather. Dir. Andrew L. Stone, 1943, U.S.A. 78 mins. Production Co.: Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation.



- **Song of the South.** Dirs. Harve Foster and Wilfred Jackson, 1946, U.S.A. 94 mins. Production Co.: Walt Disney Productions.
- Pinky. Dir. Elia Kazan, 1949, U.S.A. 102 mins. Production Co.: Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation.
- **Lost Boundaries**. Dir. Alfred L. Werker, 1949, U.S.A. 99 mins. Production Co.: RD-DR Productions / Louis De Rochemont Associates.
- Carmen Jones. Dir. Otto Preminger, 1954, U.S.A. 105 mins. Production Co.: Carlyle Productions.
- *Imitation of Life*. Dir. Douglas Sirk, 1959, U.S.A. 125 mins. Production Co.: Universal International Pictures.
- **Porgy and Bess.** Dirs. Otto Preminger and Rouben Mamoulian, 1959, U.S.A. 138 mins. Production Co.: The Samuel Goldwyn Company.
- **The Defiant Ones.** Dir. Stanley Kramer, 1958, U.S.A. 96 mins. Production Co.: Curtleigh Productions / Stanley Kramer Productions.
- **A Raisin in the Sun**. Dir. Daniel Petrie, 1961, U.S.A. 128 mins. Production Co.: Columbia Pictures Corporation.
- **Paris Blues.** Dir. Martin Ritt, 1961, U.S.A. 98 mins. Production Co.: Pennebaker Productions / Diane Productions / Jason Films / Monica Corp. / Monmouth.
- A Man Called Adam. Dir. Leo Penn, 1966, U.S.A. 99 mins. Production Co.: Trace-Mark Productions.
- *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.* Dir. Stanley Kramer, 1967, U.S.A. 108 mins. Production Co.: Columbia Pictures Corporation.
- *In the Heat of the Night.* Dir. Norman Jewison, 1967, U.S.A. 109 mins. Production Co.: The Mirisch Corporation.
- **The Color Purple.** Dir. Steven Spielberg, 1985, U.S.A. 154 mins. Production Co.: Amblin Entertainment / The Guber-Peters Company / Warner Bros. Pictures.
- **Driving Miss Daisy**. Dir. Bruce Beresford, 1989, U.S.A. 99 mins. Production Co.: The Zanuck Company / Majestic Films International.



Documentaries on Race Films and African-Americans in Hollywood

- *In the Shadow of Hollywood: Race Movies and the Birth of Black Cinema*. Dir. Brad Osborne, 2007, U.S.A. Runtime unknown. Production Co.: AMS Production Group.
- *Midnight Ramble: Oscar Micheaux and the Story of Race Movies*. Dirs. Pearl Bowser and Bestor Cram, 1994, U.S.A. 60 mins. Production Co.: American Experience / PBS.
- **That's Black Entertainment, Part I: Celebrating Legendary Black Actors.** Dirs. William Greaves and G. William Jones, 1990, U.S.A. 60 mins. Production Co.: Skyline Entertainment Partners.
- **Black Shadows on the Silver Screen** (1975). Television Documentary. Dir. Steven York, U.S.A. 52 mins. Originally aired on PBS. Production Co.: Post-Week Television.

Documentaries on Film Preservation

- **These Amazing Shadows.** Dirs. Paul Mariano and Kurt Norton, 2011, U.S.A. 88 mins. Production Co.: Gravitas Docufilms.
- Treasures of the Academy: Guardians of History (2008). Television Documentary. Dir. Mark McLaughlin, U.S.A. 28 mins. Originally aired on Documentary Channel. Production Co.: Documentary Channel.
- *Keepers of the Frame.* Dir. Mark McLaughlin, 1999, U.S.A. 70 mins. Production Co.: Mount Pilot Productions.