

THET408B

Sistah Outsider: Contemporary Black Women Playwrights



In this interdisciplinary course, we will critically examine the plays of contemporary Black women playwrights, from Lorraine Hansberry's groundbreaking play, A Raisin in the Sun, to the recent works of Lynn Nottage, Katori Hall and Dani Gurira. We will engage critical essays and other mediums, such as film and music, as catalysts to look indepth at the intersections of identities: race, class, gender, and sexuality. Topics include Black Women's movements, Black feminist/womanist thought, political and social institutions, self-identity and social status, and issues related to changing social structures within the arts and the world.

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"...what is most important to me must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having It bruised and misunderstood." - Audre Lorde



