

ENGL 495BSA: Blank Spaces in the Archives



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Mondays 1-2:15

EU 132 or on Zoom | Hybrid Hyflex

Students can choose to attend in person or in real time over Zoom!

Counts as a senior seminar + a community-based learning course.

Available for graduate credit.

How do we learn through, from, with, and despite the information around us? How do the processes of collecting, categorizing, preserving, and forgetting influence the way we understand the world? How can we remediate the many blank spaces in literature and archives that ignore or forget the lived experiences of people of color and other historically marginalized groups?

Through an analysis of literature and archival holdings at CSUN's University Library, along with learning hands-on techniques like transcription, paleography, and antiracist metadata creation, we will create our own theory and working methodology of the archives and make documents accessible to the public.

Check out a draft syllabus here -->

