WELCOME! In Introduction to the Afro-American Experience, we will examine the history, politics, economy, and social issues impacting the lives of Afro-Americans. Specifically, what is the history of Afro-Americans and how has this history impacted the lives of Afro-Americans throughout the centuries into today? To investigate these and other topics, students will be exposed to a variety of readings, online lectures, online discussions, online videos, and writing responses.

Here are some of the questions we will be exploring throughout the semester.

1) What is Afro-American Studies and why is it relevant to you?
2) What is the brief history of Africa and why does it relate to African American today?
3) What is the legacy of slavery?
4) What social customs and laws have impacted African Americans over other ethnic groups in the United States?
5) What is lynching? What is a legal lynching? What is the history of violence upon black bodies?
6) What were the causes of the Civil Rights Movement? What strategies were used? What were the outcomes?
7) Why did Hurricane Katrina disproportionately impact African Americans?
8) Has the election of President Obama really signaled a change in race relations?