



**Ecowomanism: Mother Earth,  
Women Bodies, and Soul Care**

**LCTC-3000**

**3 Units**

**Spring 2025**

**Required Texts**

Harris, Melanie L. *Ecowomanism: African American Women and Earth- Honoring Faiths*. Maryknoll, NY: Amistad, 2017. ISBN: 97816266982017

Betancourt, Sofia. *Ecowomanism at the Panama Canal: Black Women, Labor, and Environmental Ethics (Environment and Religion in Feminist-Womanist, Queer, and Indigenous Perspectives)*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2023. ISBN-10: 1793641404

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. *Sisters of dust, sisters of spirit: womanist wordings on God and Creation*. Minneapolis, Minnesota: Fortress Press, 1998. ISBN-10: 0800630777

Butler, Octavia. *Parable of the Sower*. New York, New York: Grand Central Publishing, 1993. ISBN-10: 1538732181

**Suggested Reading:**

Maathai, Wangari. *Replenishing the Earth: Spiritual Values for Healing Ourselves and the World*. New York, New York: Doubleday, 2010.

Clark, Jahwanza, *Reclaiming Stolen Earth: African Ecology*. New York: Orbis Books, 2022.

Hazzard-Donald, Katrina. *Mojo Workin: The Old African American Hoodoo System*. Champaign, Illinois: University of Illinois, 2012.

**Course Schedule**

List the topic and assigned readings -- both required as well as optional -- for each given class/week.

Class Date	Topics and Themes	Assignments
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Creating a Classroom Community</i></p> <p><b>Required Readings:</b> bell hooks- <i>Teaching Community A Pedagogy of Hope</i>: pgs. 13-24 &amp; 41-49</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Video ~ Dr. Melanie L. Harris</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wy7iceuvDKY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wy7iceuvDKY</a></p>	<p><b>Virtual Classroom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering in the Space</li> <li>Review Syllabus</li> <li>Creating Classroom Community</li> </ul>
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Exploring Our Ecomemory</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Melanie L. Harris ~ Ecowomanism Chapter 1</p> <p>Karen Baker-Fletcher ~Sisters of the Dust- Part 1</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Sole- Daughter of the Earth Video Zora Neale Hurston Reading</p>	<p>WWE: February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm WPE: February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Oppressing Mother Earth</i></p>	<p>WWE-February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm WPE- February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>

	<p><b>Readings:</b> Melanie L. Harris ~ Ecowomanism Chapter 2</p> <p>Karen Baker-Fletcher~ Sisters of the Dust- Part 2</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Video- Sunni Patterson Readings- Audre Lorde Poetry</p>	
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Mother Earth Keepers- AfroFuturism</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Melanie L. Harris ~ Ecowomanism Chapter 3</p> <p>Karen Baker-Fletcher ~Sisters of the Dust- Part 3</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Zora Neale Hurston Readings</p>	<p>WWE- February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm WPE- February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Ecology of the Earth and Ancestors</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Melanie L. Harris ~ Ecowomanism Chapter 4</p> <p>Karen Baker-Fletcher- Sisters of the Dust- Sojourning the Healing and Wholeness, Lost World,</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Zora Neale Hurston Readings</p>	<p>WWE- February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm WPE- February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Sacred Hospitality ~ Hoodoo</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Melanie L. Harris ~ Ecowomanism Chapter 6</p> <p>Karen Baker-Fletcher- Sisters of the Dust- Natural Colors and Womanist Wear, Loves the Spirit</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Sister Riley Essay Zora Neale Hurston Readings <i>Guest Speaker</i></p>	<p>WWE- March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm WPE- March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Spring Break School Closed</b></p>	

<p>March 27th</p>	<p><i>Sacred Hospitality ~ Eco-Spirituality</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b>  Melanie L. Harris ~ Ecowomanism  Chapters 6 and 7</p> <p>Karen Baker-Fletcher- Sisters of the Dust- On Earth as It is in Heaven</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b>  June Jordan Poetry</p> <p><i>Guest Speaker</i></p>	<p>WWE- March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm  WPE- March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p> <p><b>Final Project Proposal Due</b></p>
<p>April 3<sup>d</sup></p>	<p><i>Environmental Concerns- Harming Mother Earth and Her Children</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b>  Sofia Betancourt- Ecowomanism at the Panama Canal- Chapter 1</p> <p>Octavia Butler- Parable of the Sower</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b>  Zora Neale Hurston Chapters 1-5</p> <p>Video- Cancer Alley</p> <p><i>Guest Speaker</i></p>	<p>WWE-March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm  WPE-March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
<p>April 10th</p>	<p><i>Worldwide Issues- Women's Bodies</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b>  Sofia Betancourt- Ecowomanism at the Panama Canal- Chapter 2</p> <p>Octavia Butler- Parable of the Sower- Chapters 6-10</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b>  Rachel Harding and Valadina Pinto, Afro-Brazilian Religion, Resistance, and Environmental Ethics</p> <p>Video – Brazilian Devastation</p>	<p>WWE- April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59pm  WPE- April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p> <p><b>Exploration Paper Due</b></p>
<p>April 17th</p>	<p><i>Healing Our Relationship with our Non-Human Species Kin</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b>  Sofia Betancourt- Ecowomanism at the Panama Canal- Chapter 3</p>	<p>WWE-April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm  WPE-April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>

	<p>Octavia Butler- Parable of the Sower- Chapters 11-15</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Video~Lucille Clifton</p>	
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Wholistic Living-Soul Care</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Sofia Betancourt- Ecowomanism at the Panama Canal- Chapter</p> <p>Octavia Butler- Parable of the Sower- Chapters 16-20</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Video- Meshell Ndegechello</p> <p><i>Guest Speaker</i></p>	<p>WWE-April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm WPE-April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p><i>Take Action for Earth Justice</i></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Sofia Betancourt- Ecowomanism at the Panama Canal</p> <p>Octavia Butler- Parable of the Sower- Chapters 21-25</p> <p><b><u>Populi</u></b> Video- Earth Justice</p>	<p>WWE-April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:59pm WPE-April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm</p>
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Final Presentations	

**The instructor reserves the right to modify the schedule and assigned readings to achieve course objectives.**