

## AMST 498

(10444)

# Senior Seminar in American Studies and Ethnicity

**Taught By  
Professor  
Wendy Cheng**

**Wednesday  
2:00-4:50 PM  
Location TBA**

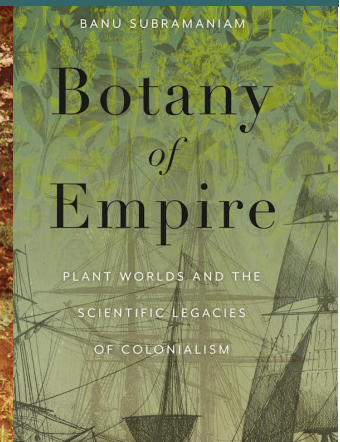
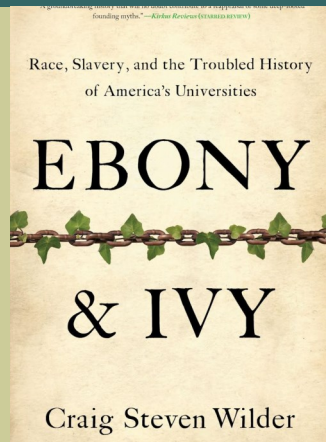
**This course is open  
to non-majors.**

**\*Course also fulfills  
core requirements for the  
majors in:**

- American Studies and Ethnicity
- African American Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Chicano/Latino Studies
- American Popular Culture

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This course integrates approaches from the arts, the humanities and the social sciences to address questions of power and difference in U.S. society. (De)colonial relationships to land and more-than-human life will be a central focus. Key

concepts include: settler colonialism, property, racial capitalism, and “land as pedagogy.” Students will gain a critical understanding of how power operates in and through everyday landscapes and sites including archives, herbaria, museums, gardens, and universities, and build from course concepts to create an “oppositional landscape history” of their own choosing. Through multiple registers, students will gain a complex understanding of the workings of knowledge and power in the U.S. and beyond.



*For all ASE majors, AMST 200 is a pre-requisite to take this course. Non-majors interested in taking this course can request to have the pre-requisite requirement removed by emailing to [aseinfo@usc.edu](mailto:aseinfo@usc.edu) or calling to (213)740-2426.*