Content Type

*Tutorials* are brief videos that target core concepts in a particular discipline. For example, in a race and ethnicity course, a tutorial video will provide an overview of race relations by highlighting key vocabulary and fundamental concepts.


In this *Tutorial*, Dr. Leslie Baker-Kimmons, Associate Professor of Sociology at Chicago State University, discusses the social construction of race and the role race continues to occupy in contemporary United States. She also discusses race as both a myth and a reality; why race is socially constructed; and the cycle of stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination.

**Suggested Courses or Topics**

This tutorial can be used broadly among the behavioral and social sciences where students are learning about diversity and complexities of race and race relations. Course examples might include:

- anthropology,
- cultural studies,
- ethnic studies,
- African American studies,
- psychology,
- gender studies, and more.

**Classroom Clips**

Listed below are a few examples of clips that focus on key concepts:

- This clip discusses the social construction of race. *Clip 1:30 – 2:59.*
- This clip discusses theories that explain why people are prejudiced. *Clip 4:22 – 5:38.*
- This clip demonstrates the intersection of stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination creating a vicious cycle which is almost impossible to disrupt. *Clip 6:24 – 7:03.*

**Research Assignment**

See below for an example assignment that you might use for students.

Dr. Baker-Kimmons discusses race as a socially constructed concept. Identify two other diverse cultures and compare and contrast how their racial groups have been socially constructed.

**Classroom Discussion**

Here is an example question which might be used for in-class discussion.

Dr. Baker-Kimmons discusses the existence of a vicious cycle (*Clip 6:25 – 7:03*). What is meaning of this vicious cycle? What social forces perpetuate this cycle? How might you go about disrupting this cycle?