• History of slave trade and slavery

• Brazilian claims to be a “racial democracy”
  o Pretense
  o Practice

• Different conceptions of race in the United States and Brazil
  o Analogue vs. digital

• The ways in which race and ethnicity actually matter
  o Marriage patterns (Brazil)
  o SES
  o Access to government services
  o Social standing (expressions in Brazil, Melissa’s stories from Brazil)

• Primordialism vs. constructivism (always socially constructed)

• Genotype vs. phenotype

• Hard to organize around race?