This course focuses on the modern history of Ethiopian Jews and explores more broadly the ways in which social boundaries are constructed. Moments of contestation over group belonging along religious and racial boundaries—and the social context and relations such moments are embedded in—from the 19th century through the migration to Israel and present-day experience of Black political subjectivity in contemporary Israel will be examined. The contingent nature of social categories such as Blackness and Jewishness across different cultural, temporal, and national contexts will be explored. Cross-listed with AFRA, SOCI, and CLCS. Three credits