**Creole!**

 

**Louisiana Literature**

**English 439/539**

**Fall 2015: MW 12:30-1:45**

**Dr. Tom Fick**

Exploring the disputed term "Creole" through poetry, fiction, non-fiction, film, and music, we will pay particular attention to the Afro-Creole community and its intersections with Anglo, white francophone Creole, Native American, and Cajun populations. Texts will address the fascinating ethnic gumbo of Louisiana and the formative debates over racial identity that have shaped American social and political discourse.

 *Authors:* Victor Séjour Lyle Saxon

 George Washington Cable Kate Chopin

 Edward Laroque Tinker Charles Chesnutt

 Ernest Gaines Anne Rice

 Brenda Marie Osbey Tim Geautreaux

 *and* Sybil Kein

*Other topics:*

 Jelly Roll Morton Zydeco music

 the Haitian Revolution quadroon balls

 . . . *a veritable feast!*