

American Studies 339:

Religions in America

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Lectures MW 9:30-10:20 MSB 114

Discussion Sections:

Section 1 – CRN 88486: F 11:30 Mo 328

Section 2 – CRN 88487: F 9:30 Sak B308

Section 3 – CRN 88492: F 10:30 Kell 313

Course Description:

Beginning with the contemporary landscape and moving backwards, this course builds the historical knowledge, intercultural understanding, and political principles needed today by citizens of a multi-religious America. The treatment of religions will be guided by a distinctively American combination of principles: unity in diversity, religious liberty, and the non-establishment of religion.

Course Requirements:

Mid-term and Final exams; Religious Site Visit; Presentations in discussion sections.

N.b., As an O Focus Course, 40% of the grade will be based on Oral presentations.

No Prerequisites

Text(s):

Catherine Albanese, *America: Religions and Religion*

R. Marie Griffiths, ed., *American Religions: A Documentary History*

Thomas Tweed & Stephen Prothero, eds., *Asian Religions in America: A Documentary History*

