

Summer 2017 Undergraduate Course ONLINE ONLY



History of Religions in America

REL 209-OLA, #1300, 3 credits, Prof. Gary Laderman, Tu Th 4:30-6 pm

The history of religions in the United States provides a diverse landscape to study. Immigration, missions, nation-building, music, urbanization, oppression, gender politics, civil religion, solitary seekers, social experimentation, and consumer culture - it's all there, and more. Religious lives and practices reflect a broad array of circumstances, communities, and commodities. Materials and discussions in this course will cover both so-called religious traditions in the American context (Hinduism, Judaism, Native American, and so on), and less recognized but just as vital religious cultures alive and thriving in the American context. This online course will also address conflicting definitions of "religion" at work in American history, and question lines of authority and power in making distinctions between real religion and false religion.

NOTE: Emory College Online summer courses have required synchronous sessions every week. Students must be available to sign into the course online during those times (noted as the course meeting times- all times listed are local to Atlanta). Each course will also involve at least 3-4 hours of asynchronous course content per week (this is material that you access on your own time weekly) in addition to standard amounts of readings and course assignments. Students should plan accordingly.