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RELIGIOUS STUDIES 84: Sophomore Seminar

This course is intended for students who are considering a major in Religious Studies.

Instructor Steven Justice, Wed 4-5 224 Wheeler, 1 unit Pass/Fail

Topic: Apocalypse Then and Now

This course will consider how the apocalypse--the sudden and often violent curtailment of the world of present experience--has been understood and imagined in the history of western Christianity. A sampling from two thousand years of learned and popular writing on the topic, from the New Testament through the late twentieth century, will help us think about the forms such belief has taken and the functions it has served, and to speculate on the sources of its persistent attractions.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77603

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90B: Introduction to Religious Studies

Topic: Models of spiritual authority in Early and Medieval Christianity.

Instructors: Susanna Elm and Bill Dohar, TuTh 2-3:30 4 Le Conte, 4 units.

This course will introduce students to different types of spiritual leadership (prophets, visionaries, saints, scholars, both male and female) and various interpretations of apostolic life in early (1st - 7th) and later (11-15th century) Christianity. Examples will come from regions as diverse as Syria, Asia Minor, India, Afghanistan, China, Italy, Ireland, Britain and France: Paul, the Apostle Thomas, the "Shepherd of Hermas," Montanus and Priscilla, Mani, Melania, Simeon the Stylite, Radegund, Gregory, Patrick, Lanfranc & Anselm at Bec & Canterbury, Bernard and Ailred, Francis & the Franciscans & the University, Wyclif and lay holy people.

Students who have completed, or are currently enrolled in, Religious Studies 90A are eligible to declare the Religious Studies major.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77606

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C104: Babylonian Religion

Also cross listed as Near Eastern Studies C104

Instructor: Niek Veldhuis, MWF 3-4 11 Dwinelle, 3 units

A survey of Babylonian religious beliefs and practices based on indigenous texts and monuments.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77627

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 120B: Origins of Christianity

Instructor: Christopher Ocker, TuTh 9:30-11 3 Evans, 4 units.

This course will study the development of Christianity from the third century to the middle of the eighth century. What began as an obscure Jewish sect became, in this period, a religion with a rather consistent, if contested, set of core rituals, beliefs, and structures of authority spreading in all directions beyond the Mediterranean world. The course will study the main features of that history: the competition of Christianity with traditional Roman religions and Judaism, the displacement of tribal religions to the north, and the

emergence of heresies and new religions that bear some relationship to Jewish and Christian teaching, like Manichaeism and Islam.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77630

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C124: The Renaissance and the Reformation

Also cross listed as History C157

Instructor: Thomas Dandele, MWF 3-4 11 Moffitt, 4 units

European history from the fourteenth to the middle of the seventeenth century. Political, social, and economic developments during this transitional period will be examined, together with the rise of Renaissance culture, and the religious upheavals of the sixteenth century.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77633

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C 133: Judaism in Late Antiquity

Instructor: Yair Zakovitch,, MWF 3-4, 219 Dwinelle, 4 units.

Also cross listed as Near Eastern Studies C133, and UGIS C153

Three hours of lecture per week. His class will examine the emergence and development of classical Judaism, its piety, institutions, thought, and literature.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77639

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C 166: India's Great Epics

Also cross listed as South Asian C 142

Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MWF 11-12, 101 LSA, 4 units.

The course entails substantial selected readings from the great Sanskrit epic poems—the Mahabharata and the Ramayana in translation, selected readings from the corpus of secondary literature on Indian epic studies as well as lectures on salient issues in both. Discussion will focus on a variety of historical and theoretical approaches to the study of the poems and their extraordinary influence on Indian culture. Readings will be supplemented with selected showings of popular cinematic and television versions of the epics.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77642

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C 182: Sociology of Religions

Also cross listed as Sociology C112

Instructor: Dawne Moon, MWF 1-2, 101 Moffitt, 4 units

The course will locate the place of religious consciousness in human action and then survey comparatively and historically the role that religion has played in human society. It will include a general theory of the nature of religious experience, religious symbolism, and the basis of religious community.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77644

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C 183: Geography of Religions

Also cross listed as Geography C107

Instructor: Jorjan Sarich, TuTh 9:30-11, 9 McCone, 4 units

Three hours of lecture per week. Formerly 183. Impact of belief systems on landscapes and environments; distribution of religions, sacred places, and spaces; pilgrimages; religious influences on popular dynamics; holy cities; religion and political geography.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77645

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies

section 1: The New Testament: Issues in Interpretation

Instructor: Steven Justice, MW 12-2, 130 Wheeler, 3 units

The aim of this course is not only to introduce the collection of early Christian writings known as the New Testament, but to consider the large problems of interpretation, historical and otherwise, that it poses. We will be working closely with the text of the New Testament, but also will be reading widely (and critically) in the rich, exciting, and sometimes problematic scholarship of the last century or so.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77648

section 2: Archaeology and Religion: Neolithic Symbolism and Ritual in the Mediterranean

Instructor: Chris Hayden, TuTh 3:30-5 , 122 Wheeler, 3 units.

Megalithic temples and tombs, monumental statue-menhirs and delicate "mother-goddess" figurines, cult caves and mountain-top rock art: these are some of the spectacular and intriguing kinds of evidence which have lain at the heart of debates about Neolithic religion in the Mediterranean. The ideas of Megalithic Missionaries and Mother Goddesses which this evidence once inspired have been increasingly clearly challenged by more recent research, and archaeologists have been forced to develop new approaches in their attempts to understand Stone Age religion in the Mediterranean. In this course we will examine why these old ideas have been rejected and examine some of the new approaches, often inspired by cultural anthropology, which may replace them. Our two central themes will be symbolism and context. Under the heading of symbolism we will consider ways in which we may interpret anthropomorphic and zoomorphic imagery. What was the significance of the small female figurines, modeled delicately in clay (the supposed Mother Goddesses), and why were they superseded by monumental stone statue-menhirs depicting armed men? Why were animals, especially cattle, so widely adopted as symbols? Equally important will be our analysis of the contexts of religious activity involving both the living and the dead. Why was ritual centered in houses or temples in some places, but carried out deep in hidden caves, or on high mountain peaks in others? What changes in the significance of the dead lead to the construction of such elaborate megalithic and rock-cut tombs?

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77651

Courses approved for the METHODOLOGICAL REQUIREMENT of the Religious Studies Major:

Religious Studies 190, section, 1: The New Testament: Issues in Interpretation

Instructor: Steven Justice, MW 12-2, 130 Wheeler, 3 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77648

Geography C107: Geography of Religions

Also cross listed as Religious Studies C183.

Instructor: Jorjan Sarich, TuTh 9:30-11 9 McCone, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 36463

Sociology C112: Sociology of Religion

Also cross listed as Religious Studies C182.

Instructor: Dawne Moon, MWF 1-2, 101 Mofitt, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 81753

Courses approved for the THEMATIC REQUIREMENT of the Religious Studies Major:

Religious Studies 190, section, 2: Archaeology and Religion: Neolithic Symbolism and Ritual in the Mediterranean

Instructor: Chris Hayden, TuTh 3:30-5, 122 Wheeler, 3 units.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77651

Comparative Literature 165: Myth and Literature

Instructor: Annalee Rejhon, TuTh 11-12:30 , 220 Wheeler, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 16696

Courses approved for the HINDUISM EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:

South Asian C142: India's Great Epics

Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MWF 11-12 , TBA, 4 units.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84015

Courses approved for the BUDDHIST EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:

South and Southeast Asian Studies 120, section 3: Buddhism in Southeast Asia
 Instructor: Ashley Thompson, MWF 11-12, 209 Dwinelle, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 83127

Courses approved for the JUDAISM EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:

Near Eastern Studies C133: Judaism in Late Antiquity
 Instructor:: Yair Zakovitch,, MWF 3-4, 219 Dwinelle, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61545

Near Eastern Studies 136: History and Historiography in the Hebrew Bible
 Instructor: Norman Gottwald, TuTh 2-3:30, 350D Moffitt, 3 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61548

Courses approved for the ISLAM EMPHASIS of the RELIGIOUS STUDIES Major:

Near Eastern Studies 144: Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam
 Instructor Hamid Algar, TuTh 11-12:30, 287 Dwinelle, 3 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61551

Near Eastern Studies 175: History and Culture of Afghanistan
 Instructor: Wali Ahmadi, TuTh 3:30-5, 155 Donner Lab (3 units)
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61553

Courses approved for the CHRISTIANITY EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:

Comparative Literature 165: Myth and Literature
 Instructor: Annalee Rejhon, TuTh 11-12:30, 220 Wheeler, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 16696

English 110: Medieval Literature
 Instructor: Anne Middleton, TuTh 9:30-11, 103 Moffitt, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 28712

History 106B: The Roman Empire
 Instructor: Erich Gruen, MWF 11-12, 141 McCone, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39397

History 156B: Medieval Intellectual History
 Instructor: Gerard Caspary, TuTh 11-12:30, 105 Dwinelle, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39445

History C157: The Renaissance and the Reformation
 Also cross listed as Religious Studies C124
 Instructor: Thomas Dandele, MWF 3-4 11 Moffitt, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39448

Rhetoric 138: Rhetoric and Literature Under the Roman Empire
 Instructor: Caroline Humfress, TuTh 9:30-11, 106 Mofitt
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77914

OTHER RELATED COURSES:

Anthropology 161: Narrative Folklore
 Instructor: Alan Dundes, TuTh 2-3:30, 277 Cory, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 02666

Anthropology 162: Topics in Folklore
 Instructor: Vas Da, TuTh 12:30-2 , 200 Wheeler, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 02669

Legal Studies 121: Law in the Bible
 Instructor: Michael Smith, MW 4-5:30, 277 Cory, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 50821

Near Eastern Studies 103: Religion of Ancient Egypt
 Instructor: Cathleen Keller, TuTh 3:30-5, 105 Dwinelle, 3 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61529

Peace and Conflict Studies 164B: Nonviolence Today
 Instructor: Michael Nagler, TuTh 12:30-2, 3108 Etcheverry, 3 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 66724

Philosophy 125: Metaphysics
 Instructor: Barry Stroud, TuTh 2-3:30, 22 Warren, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 67259

Rhetoric 167: Advanced Topics in Law & Rhetoric
 Religious Beliefs, Magical Practices and the Rhetoric of Legal Dispute
 Instructor: Caroline Humfress, TuTh 12:30-2, 210 Wheeler, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 7793

Scandinavian 170:: Arctic Folklore and Mythology in Nordic Lands
 Instructor: John Lindow, MWF 10-11, 155 Donner Lab, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 78878

**THE FOLLOWING COURSES MAY BE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES
 MAJORS:
 (THEY WILL NOT COUNT AS UNITS THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES
 MAJOR OR MINOR.)**

Classics 28: The Classic Myths
 Instructor: Anthony Bulloch T T 1230 0200 P 2050 VLSB , 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 14730

Comparative Literature 30B: Women in the Bible or the Good Book's "Better Half"
 Instructor: Robert Kawashima, 12:30-2, 243 Dwinelle, 4 units
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 16657

Near Eastern Studies 24, sec. 1: Exploring the Archaeology of Ancient Egypt in the Hearst Museum
 Freshman Seminar. This course is limited to freshmen enrollment.
 Instructor: Carol Redmount, Th 11:00-12:00, Hearst Museum, 1 unit
 COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61515

Near Eastern Studies 24, sec. 3: Islam and Imaginative Literature: The Making of a Problematic Relation
 Freshman Seminar. This course is limited to freshmen enrollment

Instructor: Muhammad Siddiq, Tu 1:00-2:00, 233 Dwinelle , 1 unit
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61518

South Asian 98/198: Jainism in the Modern World
Faculty Sponsors: Usha Jain and Kristi Wiley ,Tue. 5-6:30, 1-2 units
If you are interested in taking this course visit the DE-Cal website, www.decal.org

THE FOLLOWING GRADUATE LEVEL COURSE MAY BE OF INTEREST TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJORS: (UNDERGRADUATES SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS WHEN CONSIDERING ENROLLMENT IN GRADUATE CLASSES.)

South and Southeast Asian Studies 250, section, 2: Islam in Southeast Asia
Instructor: Jeff Hadler, MWF 3-4, 4 units
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 83262

PLEASE NOTE: RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 WILL NOT BE TAUGHT DURING SUMMER 2002

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