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PROGRAM SYLLABUS -- SUMMER 2009

*“Religion in the US: Pluralism and Public Presence”
University of California, Santa Barbara*

Day 1, Saturday, June 20: Participants Arrive in Santa Barbara

6:00 pm: Dinner will be delivered to the kitchen/lounge on the 2nd floor of Pendola. (If you arrive after 8:00pm, you will have a salad waiting for you in the refrigerator.)

Day 2, Sunday, June 21: Relax

8:00 am: Breakfast will be delivered to 2nd floor Pendola

Noon: Lunch delivered to Pendola

1:00 pm: Meet in lounge on 2nd floor of Pendola.

- Short orientation to housing/dining
- Walk to UCEN to get ACCESS cards
- Walking tour of Isla Vista (optional)

5:30 pm: First dinner at campus dining hall. See dining hall schedule in your folder for location/time.

8:00 pm: *Optional Film: Inherit the Wind*

Description: A teacher in a small Tennessee town is brought to trial for teaching Darwinism.

***There will be a dvd player hooked up to the tv in the lounge and a selection of movies (some relevant to religious pluralism and others just for fun). You can also rent movies in Isla Vista. Watch movies at your leisure. Recommendations on schedule will suggest movies relevant to seminar topics and discussions. Purpose of movies is entertainment, greater context, and some you might find relevant for the courses you teach.

PART I. GENERAL ORIENTATION

Day 3, Monday, June 22: Welcome and Orientation to UCSB & Santa Barbara

9:00 am: Meet in front of Pendola to walk to Religious Studies Dept.
*** Bring your passports, J-1 visas, and DS 2019, and I-94 entry cards***

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- Introductions & general information about the US, UCSB, faculty, and resources with the Academic Director.
- Assessment of the participants' goals and expectations.

10:30 am: Campus Tour

1:00 pm: Meet outside DLG after lunch to go to the bank.
*** Bring your passports and ACCESS cards***
After the bank, one van will return to UCSB and the other will be available for those who need to run errands.

Day 4, Tuesday, June 23: Academic Orientation to Program

9:00 am: Overview of Program - *Religious Pluralism and Public Presence in the US* - Academic Director

Reading:

Albanese, *America: Religions and Religion*, Introd.
Eck, *New Religious America*, Chapters 1 & 2
Pew Forum - US Religious Landscape [online]

1:00 pm: Research Project & Library Orientation

- Profiling research interests of participants and introduction to the research project
- Library orientation with UCSB librarian

PART II. CONCEPTUALIZING AND STUDYING RELIGION

Day 5, Wednesday, June 24: Thinking about "Religion"

9:00 am: Defining the Phenomenon with Academic Director
Religious Features of the United States: Voluntarism, Pluralism, Privatization, Organizational Innovation

- Discussion on How Participants Perceive the US and its Religion

Readings:

Eck, *A New Religious America*, chapter 7
Nancy Ammerman, "Congregations" ®
All readings with ® are found in Reader

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1:00 pm: *Religious Studies as a Discipline* - Academic Director

Readings:

Richard Hecht, "Religious Studies" ®

4:00 pm: *Welcome Reception* - HSSB 3041. Refreshments and light snack provided. Invitations sent out to those in SB community interested in meeting scholars.

PART III. HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF AMERICAN RELIGION

Day 6, Thursday, June 25: History of American Religion

9:00 am: *Telling the Story (How the History Gets Narrated)* - Professor Catherine Albanese

1:00 pm: *Old and New in America* – Prof. Catherine Albanese

Reading:

Albanese, *America*, Part 1, A & B

4:00 pm: One van available for errands. Meet in Pendola Pick-up Circle.

8:00 pm: *Optional Movie: Gentleman's Agreement*
Description: A journalist writing an article on anti-Semitism decides to pose as a Jew. He is quite surprised by the intolerance he meets.

Day 7, Friday, June 26: American Religion Continued

9:00 am: *Twentieth Century and Beyond* – Prof. Catherine Albanese

Reading:

Albanese, *America: Religions and Religion*, Part 2

12:45 pm: Group trip to Goleta Community Center for [Friday Prayer](#) and meeting with community leaders.

2:15 pm: *Jews in the US* - Rabbi Gross-Schaefer

Readings: Hecht, "Jewish Identity"

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7:00 pm: The group has been invited by the Santa Barbara Muslim community to their new mosque. Meet at Pendola Circle.

Day 8, Saturday, June 27: Free Time

10:00 am: *Optional:* Trip to downtown Santa Barbara for shopping & site-seeing.

Meet outside Pendola. We will take the bus as a group to help introduce you to the public transportation options in Santa Barbara. The bus is \$1.75 each way. You must have exact fare.

2:00 pm: Return by bus whenever you like. Or meet at drop-off place to return with the group.

Day 9, Sunday, June 28: [Calvary Chapel](#) Mega-Church

9:00 am: Meet at Pendola circle for 9:30 am service

Reading:

Steward Hoover, "Mega-Church" ®
David Machacek, "Prosperity Theology," ®

8:00 pm: *Optional Movie: Jesus Camp*
Description: Documentary about a summer camp for evangelical Christian youth where they are taught to become soldiers in "God's army" and "take back America for Christ."

Day 10, Monday, June 29: Diversity versus Pluralism in Religion

9:00 am: *Demography and Sociology of American Religion* – Academic Director

Reading:

W.C Roof and Nathalie Caron, "Shifting Boundaries: Religion in the United States" ®

1:00 pm: *Church-State Relations* -- Prof. Kathleen Moore

Reading:

Feldman, *Divided by God*
Stark, *What Americans Really Believe*
Pew Forum "[Hein, One Year Later...](#)" [online]

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Day 11, Tuesday, June 30:

9:00 am: *New Religious Movements* – Dr. J. Gordon Melton

Reading:

Gordon Melton, “Another Look at New Religions” ®
Bromley & Melton, “Reconceptualizing Types of Religious Organization” ®

1:00 pm: *Varieties of Religious Pluralism* -Participants’ Reaction to Global Perspective. Discussion of Religious Situation in participants’ own countries with Academic Director and librarian.

Day 12, Wednesday, July 1:

9:00 am: Participants Work on Research Projects. Appointments with Academic Director and librarians

1:00 pm: *Civil Religion, Culture Wars, & Presidential Politics in the US* - Academic Director and graduate student Aaron Sokoll

Readings:

Robert Bellah, “Civil Religion in America” ®
Wimberly/Swatos, "Civil Religion" ®

4:00 pm: Van available for errands. Meet @ Pendola Pick-up Circle.

PART IV. MAJOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Day 13, Thursday, July 2:

9:00 am: *Buddhists in the US* - Prof. Greg Hillis

Readings:

Seager, "American Buddhist Landscape" ®
Eck, *New Religious America*, Chapter 4

1:00 pm: *African American Religions* - Prof. Hymon Johnson

Readings:

Milmon Harrison, "African-American Religions" ®

7:30 pm: *American Life* - evening panel and discussion at Loma Pelona - the small building next to Pendola as you walk towards HSSB.

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Panelists will include firefighter, taxi driver, lawyer, and others.
Coffee/tea and dessert provided.

Day 14, Friday, July 3:

9:00 am: *Muslims in the US* – Prof. Juan Campo

Readings:

Jane Smith, *Islam in America*

(See Also Eck, chapter 5, if interested)

1:00 pm: Transportation available to Friday Prayer upon request (any one may attend)

2:15 pm: *Overview of Christian Diversity*– Academic Director and viewing of film "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Readings:

William McKinney, "Mainline Protestantism," ®

Day 15, Saturday, July 4: American Independence Day

We will provide a handout with details about events in Santa Barbara and Goleta.
Transportation will be available based on group interest.

Day 16, Sunday, July 5: Buddhism in California

Morning: Free Time.

See website for optional churches within walking distance or an easy bus ride from campus.

12:45pm: Meet outside DLG dining hall for trip to the Ventura [An-Lac Buddhist Center](#) and Bodhi Path Buddhist Center in Santa Barbara.

Day 17, Monday, July 6: Native Americans

9:00 am: *Issues in the Study of Native Americans* – Prof. Ines Talamantez

Readings:

Deloria, *Waterlily*

Wenger, "We are Guaranteed Freedom" - loose in ®

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1:00 pm: Meet vans outside of DLG for a special tour of the [Santa Barbara Mission](#).

8:00 pm: *Optional Movie: Powwow Highway*
Description: When Buddy's sister is framed and jailed in New Mexico, he and Philbert take off in a rusty '64 Buick "war pony" on a road trip. Also recommended: *Smoke Signals*

Day 18, Tuesday, July 7:

9:00 am: *Chicano-Catholic History and Traditions*- Prof. Mario Garcia

Readings: Garcia, *Catholicos: Resistance/Affirmation*, introduction (loose in reader), Chapters 3 & 5 ®

1:00 pm: *Coverage of Religion in the Media* - Jerry Roberts, Journalist

Reading:
Sieb, "News Media and Clash of Civilizations" ®

Day 19, Wednesday, July 8:

9:00 am: *Curriculum Workshop/Panel* on Teaching Religion in the US - with Professors Roof, Talamantez, Campo.

1:00 pm: *Religion in Los Angeles* and special discussion on *Interfaith Marriages in LA* with Academic Director and graduate student Sara Kamari

Reading:
Takim, "From Conversion to Conversation: Interfaith Dialogue Post 9/11 America" ®

2:30 pm: Overview of Study Tour in Los Angeles – Academic Director and Program Director

3:30 pm: Van available for errands. Leave directly from HSSB.

PART V: STUDY TOUR IN LOS ANGELES

Day 20, Thursday, July 9: Los Angeles

815 am: Depart from Pendola circle for LA. (Pack light).

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- 10:00 am: Visit Los Angeles [Hare Krishna Temple](#), bookstore, and vegetarian lunch buffet (you will need to pay for yourself: \$7). Also, you may want to read *Eck, Chapter 3*.
- 12:30 pm: Depart for the Museum of Tolerance
- 1:00 pm: [Museum of Tolerance](#)
- 2:45 pm: Meet outside museum
- 3:00 pm: Check-in @ hotel
- Evening: Suggested Activity: Walking tour of Westwood - see handouts for additional information of things to do in Los Angeles.

Day 21, Friday, July 10: Los Angeles

- 12:30pm: Tour/introduction at [Islamic Center of Southern California](#)
- 1:00 pm: Friday Prayer
- 145 pm: Discussion and lunch with Maher Hathout
- 6:45 pm: Depart from hotel for [Friday Night Live Shabbat](#) service at Sinai Temple, followed by Q&A session

Day 22, Saturday, July 11: Los Angeles

- 10:00 am: *Optional:* [Trip to Westwood Cemetery](#) - short walking distance from the hotel. Final resting place of Marilyn Monroe and various other Hollywood celebrities.
- 7:00 pm: *Optional:* Trip to [Los Angeles Farmer's Market](#) (shopping, but mostly great food stalls in lively environment). Meet in hotel lobby.

Day 23, Sunday, July 12: Los Angeles

- Morning:** [Our Lady of the Angels](#) service at Catholic Cathedral.
- Lunch: [Japanese American Museum](#) and Little Tokyo for lunch. (You may want to read Williams, "Camp Dharma" in ®)
- 2:00 pm: Meet at vans to return to Santa Barbara

Day 24, Monday, July 13:

- Morning: Free Time
- 1:00 pm: Reflection on Los Angeles tour – Academic Director
- 8:00 pm: *Optional Movie:* *Elmer Gantry*

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Description: Traveling salesman Elmer Gantry stumbles into a revival meeting and discovers he can hustle money in a tent-show. When an old friend shows up, he has to confront long-buried secrets that will make his "saintly" life a veritable Hell on Earth.

Day 25, Tuesday, July 14:

- 9:00 am: Panel Discussion: *Theological Reflection on Pluralism* - with [Hymon Johnson](#), [Ani Zonneveld](#), [Peter Laarman](#), and [Anne Sutherland Howard](#)
- 12:45 pm: *Tour of Santa Barbara Churches.* Meet vans outside DLG for a tour of local congregations.
- 6:30 pm: *Family Dinners.* The local congregations you visited today have invited you to join them in small groups of 2-3 for a family dinner in their home. Meet at Pendola Circle.

PART VI. SPECIAL TOPICS

Day 26, Wednesday, July 15:

- 9:00 am: *Religious Education in the US and Pluralism* - Meet in Pendola. Brief overview of religious education in the US and of the Kaleidoscopes curriculum written by Colleen Windham and Kendall Busse for Marymount.
- 9:45 am: Trip to Marymount, a local Catholic elementary school, to meet with principal Debbi Davids and Marymount teachers to discuss their efforts to incorporate pluralism with their Catholic curriculum.
- 1:00 pm: *Religion and the Media* - Professor Kathleen Moore

Readings:

Pew Forum Survey Muslims in the US- online
Hoover, *Religion Mass Media Age*
(Also may be interested in Partners, "Western Perceptions of Islam/Muslims" ®)

- 4:15 pm: Van available for errands. Meet at Pendola Circle.

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Day 27, Thursday, July 16:

9:00 am: *Religion, Conflict, and Shifting Ideological Alliances* - Prof. Mark Juergensmeyer

Reading:

Juergensmeyer, *Terror in the Mind of God*

1:00 pm: Participants' Presentations of Research Projects - 7 presentations

Day 28, Friday, July 17: *Participants' Presentations of Research Projects*

9:00 am: Participants' Presentations of Research Projects - 7 presentations

1:00 pm: Transportation available to Friday Prayer upon request. All invited.

2:15 pm: Participants' Presentations of Research Projects - 4 presentations

5:30 pm: Meet at Pendola Circle for trip to [Congregation B'nai B'rith](#), Jewish synagogue for outdoor summer Shabbat service.

Day 29, Saturday, July 18: Whale-watching trip

9:30 am: Pickup at Pendola Circle for [whale-watching](#) boat tour
* Sunscreen, sunglasses/hat, camera
* Layered clothing - it gets cold/windy out there
* Flat soled shoes for comfortable walking on boat deck
* Lunch is available for purchase on the boat. Or, you may bring snacks with you.

3:00 pm: Return to Pendola.

Day 30, Sunday, July 19:

9:00 am: Meet at Pendola Circle

9:30 am: Sunday Service at [Goleta Presbyterian Church](#)
- Discussion with Members about Religion and Social Action

6:00 pm: Dinner at Kathleen Moore's home with members of GPC. Meet at Pendola Circle.

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Day 31, Monday, July 20:

9:00 am: *Looking Ahead: Social and Religious Profiles of Salt Lake City, Atlanta, and Washington D.C.- Academic Director*

- Evaluation of the Residency

10:30 am: Trip to the bank to cash second check

1:00 pm: Independent Study and Research

- Final Consultation with UCSB librarian and faculty

Day 32, Tuesday, July 21: PACK AND SHIP BOOKS HOME

10:00 am: *Packing-Party.* Tape and boxes available in 2nd floor Pendola lounge for shipping items home. Staff on hand to answer questions.

* Please return completed evaluations to the envelope in the lounge.

* Return anything you have checked-out to the library.

1:00 pm: Trip to Post-Office and errands

7:15 pm: Farewell gathering at Mojo Coffee Shop. Feel free to invite any friends you make in Santa Barbara for one last get-together. We will reserve the outdoor patio and drinks/dessert will be provided.

PART VII. STUDY TOUR

Day 33, Wednesday, July 22: Depart for Salt Lake City

10:00 am: Boxed lunch delivered to Pendola (to bring with on plane)

10:00-10:45: Check-out of Pendola. Return all keys/cables/etc to the front office. Double-check your room for any phone/computer cords and/or adapters.

10:45am: Depart for SB Airport

1:00 pm: Flight departs from SB Airport

3:56 pm: Flight arrives in Salt Lake City

7:00 pm: Evening Program: Lecture by Jan Shipps & Steve Olsen. We will have dinner brought to the meeting, but you will need to pay for it.

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Day 34, Thursday, July 23: Salt Lake City

- 8:15 am: Depart hotel to walk to Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg. Meet in hotel lobby.
- 8:45-9:15: *Presentation on Mormon Temples* by Jan Shipps
- 9:15-9:30: *Presentation by LDS Temple Department*
- 10:00-11:30: *Tour Oquirrh Hills Temple* with Clark Hirschi (Public Affairs)
- 12:00: Lunch on your own (see map for nearby eateries)
- 2:45 pm: Meet in the lobby of the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg.
- 3:15-4:00: Tour of *Humanitarian Center*
- 4:00-6:30: Free Time
- 6:30-8:30: Dinner hosted by Church of Latter-day Saints in the Ambassador Room of the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg, 10th floor, with speaker. Please meet in hotel lobby to walk over as a group.

Day 35, Friday, July 24: Salt Lake City

- 8:35 am: Meet in the hotel lobby to go watch the *Pioneer Day Parade*
- Afternoon: Panel: Religious Minorities (Muslims, Southern Baptists, Orthodox Christians) in Mormon Country
- Afternoon: Tour of Temple Square and the Conference Center
- Optional: Tour of Church History Museum

Day 36, Saturday, July 25: Depart for Atlanta

- Check-out of hotel
- Load shuttles and depart for airport
- 11:15 am: Flight departs for Atlanta
- 5:04 pm: Flight arrives in Atlanta

Day 37, Sunday, July 26: Atlanta

- Morning: Visit Ebenezer Baptist Church
- Afternoon: Visit Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and Museum

Day 38, Monday, July 27: Atlanta

- Morning: Lecture on Southern Religion – Prof. Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
- Afternoon: Visit to Hindu Temple and Conversation with Hindu Leaders

Day 39, Tuesday, July 28: Atlanta

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- Morning: Visit to Mosque
Lunch: Middle Eastern Restaurant near Mosque
Afternoon: Visit to Jewish Synagogue
- 8:00 pm: Theater production: *Jim Crow and the Rhythm Darlings*. The story of this live actor production centers on the members of an all female jazz band, touring through the Deep South during World War II. The musicians are all African American except for one Jewish woman, who has to disguise herself to fit in with the rest of the group, at a time when "mixed race" bands weren't tolerated anywhere in the United States. (This was also a time when women weren't commonly accepted into the all male world of jazz music.)”

Day 40, Wednesday, July 29: Atlanta

- 9:40 am: Depart hotel for Carter Center. Please pay cabs with funds given with second check.
10:00 am: Visit to Carter Center
Discussion with Associate Director about Major Initiatives of the Center
- Afternoon: Free Time. Ideas: <http://www.atlanta.net/50fun/completelist.asp>

Day 41, Thursday, July 30: Depart for Washington, D.C.

- Check out of hotel
Taxis will depart for airport
11:20 am: Flight departs for DC
1:13 pm: Flight arrives in DC
- Afternoon: Meet in hotel lobby for visit to [National Cathedral](#) and [National Shrine of Immaculate Conception](#).
- Optional: Kendall will head down to National Mall for walking tour of Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and White House. Come with and learn how to ride the Metro.

Day 42, Friday, July 31: WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Morning: Meeting with White House staff from Obama's [Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#) Office.

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Afternoon: [Mandatory] Debriefing, U.S. State Department

Day 43, Saturday, August 1: Washington, D.C.

Morning: *Optional:* Visit to [Arlington National Cemetery](#)

Afternoon: *Optional:* [National Museum of the American Indian](#)

7:30 pm: Farewell Banquet. Meet in hotel lobby.

Day 44, Sunday, August 2: Washington, D.C.

9:00 am: [National AME Church](#)

Afternoon: Free Time

Day 45, Monday, August 3: PARTICIPANTS DEPART FOR HOME

***Note: Most of you will depart from Dulles Airport (code: IAD), which is about 45 minutes from the hotel via shuttle. Please check with your airline prior to departure to confirm flight times. Institute staff will help you make shuttle arrangements. Fare for the shuttle will be provided in your second check.