

ONLINE WORLD RELIGIONS
Starr King School for the Ministry / Spring 2009

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SYLLABUS

Unit 1	Feb 2-8	Introduction Primal Religions	Tawna Cooley, Starr King School for the Ministry
Unit 2	Feb 9-15	Judaism	Deena Aranoff, GTU Center for Jewish Studies
Unit 3	Feb 16-22	Judaism	Deena Aranoff, CJS
Unit 4	Feb 23-Mar 1	Judaism	Deena Aranoff, CJS
Unit 5	March 2-8	Islam	Nayer Taheri, Starr King
Unit 6	March 9-15	Islam	Nayer Taheri, Starr King
Unit 7	March 16-22	Islam	Nayer Taheri, Starr King

March 20: One-page Summaries of Final Paper Topic Due

READING WEEK - MARCH 23-29

Unit 8	Mar 30-Apr 5	Daoism Confucianism Shinto	Jeff Wilson, Renison College, University of Waterloo
Unit 9	April 6-12	Buddhism	Jeff Wilson, Renison
Unit 10	April 13-19	Buddhism	Jeff Wilson, Renison
Unit 11	April 20-26	Buddhism	Jeff Wilson, Renison
Unit 12	April 27-May 3	Hinduism	Kristi Wiley, University of California, Berkeley
Unit 13	May 4-10	Hinduism	Kristi Wiley, UC Berkeley
Unit 14	May 11-17	Hinduism Jain Sikhism	Kristi Wiley, UC Berkeley
Unit 15	May 18-21	Conclusion	Tawna Cooley, Starr King

May 18: Final Papers Due

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS
Class weeks run from Monday to Sunday

Due by midnight Wednesday, every week: Post a one-page reflection paper.

Any time during each week: Respond to at least two reflections of your peers.

Friday, March 20: One page summary of your final paper topic, emailed to professor.

Monday, May 18: Final research paper (10-12 pages), submitted to professor by either: a) emailing as an attachment; or b) postmarked no later than this date.

Note: On-time weekly participation is important in this class, because guest teachers are only with the class during the time period they teach their respective religions.

BOOKLIST

To be obtained by students through libraries or booksellers:

Fishbane, Michael A. *Judaism*. Harper San Francisco, 1987.

Huyler, Stephen P. *Meeting God: Elements of Hindu Devotion*. Yale University Press, 2002.

Keown, Damien. *Buddhism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Mittal, Sushil and Gene Thursby, ed. *Religions of South Asia*. Routledge, 2006.

Unno, Taitetsu. *River of Fire, River of Water*. Doubleday, 1998.

All other readings will be posted online.