

Islam in the Americas
Religion 4393/Section 1535
African American Studies 4931/Section 09G9
Undergraduate Section
Fall 2018
COURSE OUTLINE

- Tues. 8/28 Film Viewing: Inside Islam with Discussion
- Thur. 8/30 Film Viewing: Inside Islam & Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think?
- Tue. 9/4 Readings from *ISLAM: History, Religion, and Politics*, Chapters 1 & 2, pp.1x-70
- Thur. 9/6 Readings from *ISLAM: History, Religion, and Politics*, Chapters 3, 4 & 5.pp.71-194.

Sign Up for the 4 Reaction Papers you will write
& the first and 2nd choices for leading the class discussion on one of your 4 dates

- Tues.9/11 Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Introduction, "American Islam, Muslim Americans, and the American Experiment," pp.1-14, & Chapters 1, "The Study of American Muslims: A History," pp.15-27 & Chapter 2, "African Muslim Slaves and Islam in Antebellum America," pp.28-44.
- Thur. 9/13 Film Viewing, *Prince Among Slaves*. Readings from *Black Crescent: The Experience and Legacy of African Muslims in the Americas*, Part One – Chapter 1, "Ladinos, Gelofes, & Mandingos," pp. 3-46. (*This reading will be placed on the Course Canvas site and sent as a pdf via our Course Listserve.*)
- Tues. 9/18 Readings from *Black Crescent: The Experience and Legacy of African Muslims in the Americas*, Part One – Chapter 2, "The Caribbean Crescent, pp.47-90 & Readings from *African Muslims in Antebellum America: Transatlantic Stories and Spiritual Troubles*, Chapter 1, "There Are Good Men in America, but All Are Very Ignorant of Africa and its Muslims," pp. 3-29. (*This reading will be placed on the Course Canvas site and sent as a pdf via our Course Listserve.*)
- Thur. 9/20 Readings from *Black Crescent: The Experience and Legacy of African Muslims in the Americas*, Part One – Chapter 3, "Brazilian Sambas," pp.91-127 (*This reading will be placed on the Course Canvas site and sent as a pdf via our Course*

Listserve.) & *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 3. “Laying the Groundwork for American Muslim Histories,” pp. 45-64

Small Group Formation &/Or Select Topic for Research Project

- Tues. 9/25 Readings from our required book, *Crescent Over Another Horizon: Islam in Latin America, the Caribbean, And Latino USA*, Introduction, “Latino America in the UMMA/The UMMA in Latino America,” pp. 1-21 & Reconsidering History: Chapter 1, “De Los Prohibidos”: Muslims and Moriscos in Colonial Spanish America,” pp. 27-45 & Chapter 2, “Africa Rebellion And Refuge On The Edge of Empire,” pp. 46-62
- Thur. 9/27 Readings from *Crescent Over Another Horizon: Islam in Latin America, the Caribbean, And Latino USA*, Chapter 3, Ethnic and Religious Identification Among Muslim East Indians in Suriname (1898-1954),” pp. pp.63-81. Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 4, “American Muslims in the Contemporary World 1965 to the Present,” pp. 65-82 & Chapter 5, “Converts and Conversions,” pp. 83-97.
- Tues. 10/2 Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 6, “Demographics. Political Participation and Representation,” pp. 98-118 & Chapter 7, “American Muslims and the Media,” pp.119 – 138.
- Thur. 10/4 Readings from *Crescent Over Another Horizon: Islam in Latin America, the Caribbean, And Latino USA*, Chapter 4, “Institutionalizing Islam In Argentina: Comparing Community And Identity Configurations,” pp.85-106 & Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 8, “Muslims in the American Legal System,” pp. 139-155 & Chapter 9, “Religious Pluralism, Secularism, and Interfaith Endeavors,” pp. 156-169.

Titles for Book Review are Due Today

- Tues.10/9 Readings from *Crescent Over Another Horizon*, Chapter 5, “Conversion, Revivalism, And Tradition: The Religious Dynamics of Muslim Communities in Brazil,” pp.108-143 & Chapter 6, “Guests of Islam: Conversion And The Institutionalization of Islam in Mexico,” pp.144-189.
- Thur, 10/11 Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 10, “Organizing Communities, Institutions, Networks, Groups,” pp.170-189 & Chapter 11, “Negotiating Boundaries: American Sufis, 190-207 & Chapter 12, “Religious Normativity and Praxis among American Muslims,” pp.208-227.
- Tues. 10/16 Readings from *Crescent Over Another Horizon*, Chapter 7, “Cubans Searching For A New Faith in a New Context,” pp. 190-205, Chapter 8, “Muslims In Martinique,” pp.206-224 & Chapter 9, “Forming Islamic Religious Identity Among Trinidadians In The Age Of Social Networks,” pp. 225-251.
- Thur. 10/18 Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 14, “Islamic Education in the United States: Debates, Practices and Institutions,”

pp.246-264 & Chapter 15, “Muslim Public Intellectuals and Global Muslim Thought,” & Chapter 16, pp. 265-278 & “Cultural and Literary Production of Muslim America,” pp. 279-298.

Small Group Meetings Today – Students will update one another on Their efforts on their projects or describe their individual research project.

- Tues. 10/23 Readings from *Crescent Over Another Horizon*, Chapter 10, “Discovering A Historical Consciousness: The Creation Of A US Latina/O Muslim Identity,” pp.255-275 & “Mapping Muslim Communities In “Hispancized” South Florida,” pp. 276 – 303.
- Thur. 10/25 Readings from *Crescent Over Another Horizon*, Chapter 12, “Double-Edged Marginality And Agency: Latina Conversion to Islam,” pp. 304-324, Conclusion, pp.325-329 & Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 18, “Sexual Identity, Marriage, and Family, pp 312 -329, Chapter 19, “Studying American Muslim Women, Gender, Feminism, and Islam, pp. 330-344.
- Tues. 10/30 Readings from *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, Chapter 17, “Muslim Youth Cultures,” pp. 299-311, & Chapter 13, Muslim Spaces and Mosque Architecture,” pp. 228-245.

Small Group Brief Initial Reports –Oral Only- 2-3 mins. Each.

- Thur. 11/1 Readings from *Islam In AMERICA*, Chapter 5, “The Shock of 9/11: Crisis and Confidence for Muslim Americans,” pp. 50-62, & Chapter 6, “The Diversity of American Muslims: A Religious, Ethnic and Cultural Profile,” pp.63-81, & Chapter 7, “Who’s Who In Muslim America,” pp. 82-102. (*These readings will be placed on the Course Canvas site and sent as a pdf via our Course Listserve.*)

Book Reports are Due Today

Book Report Presentations Begin Today

- Tues. 11/6 Readings from *Islam In AMERICA*, Chapter 8, Gender and Religion: How Feminist Islam Has Taken Root and Flourished in America,” pp. 103-117 & Readings from *The Promise of Patriarchy: Women and the Nation of Islam*, Introduction, pp.1-6, & Chapter 6, “Flexing a New WomanHood,” pp.74-103. (*These readings will be placed on the Course Canvas site and sent as a pdf via our Course Listserve.*) **Book Report Presentations Cont’d**
- Thur. 11/8 Readings from *The Promise of Patriarchy*, Chapter 7, Nation of Islam Womanhood 1960-1975,” pp.103-124, & Readings from *Women Embracing Islam: Gender and Conversion in the West*, Chapter 1, “The Quest for Peace in Submission: Reflections on the Journey of American Women Converts to Islam,” pp.19-47, Chapter 7, African American Islam as an Expression of Converts’ Religious Faith and Nationalist Dreams and Ambitions,” pp.172-191. (*These*

readings will be placed on the Course Canvas site and sent as a pdf via our Course Listserve.) **Book Report Presentations Cont'd**

Tues. 11/13 GUEST LECTURER/SCHOLAR ON ISLAM IN PUERTO RICO

Thurs. 11/15 GUEST LECTURER TOPIC TBA

Tues. 11/20 Readings TBA – **Book Report Presentations Cont'd**

Thanksgiving Break

November 21st – 25th

ENJOY WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Tues. 11/27 Film & Discussion – Title TBA

Thur. 11/29 Reports on Research Projects

Tues, 12/4 LAST DAY OF CLASS – CLASS PARTY

FINAL RESEARCH PAPERS DUE IN MY OFFICE TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

BY 5:00 PM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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