

Lecture Schedule
REL 3098/ANT 3930 – Religion, Medicine, and Healing
Course Schedule – Summer B 2015

Date	Module	Topic	Readings	Assignment Due Date
06/29	Introduction	Introduction to Course: Religion, Medicine, and Healing (Welcome from Instructor) <i>Syllabus, online textbook, online assignments, mechanics of course and website management</i>	Introduction to Anthology (on website Home Page)	
06/30		Lecture 1. Key terms, Definitions <i>Contributions of med. anthro., cultural relativism, theory of performance, history of healing traditions in the world. What is holistic medicine?</i>	Kleinman (1997) "What is Specific to Western Medicine?"	
07/01		Lecture 2. Cross-cultural Notions of Pain: Four Case Studies <i>Cultural definitions of health, illness, suffering, and pain. Especially, chronic and inexplicable pain. What is emphasized in healing or medicinal traditions as ways of treating pain issues?</i>	Jackson (2011): Pain and Bodies	
07/02		Lecture 3. Religious specialists <i>Healing traditions throughout the world, including contemporary revitalizations; training to be a healer; bodily and spiritual transformations; shamanisms, their relations to herbalists, priests/-esses, sorcerers, other health specialists</i>	Wright, R. M. (2013) Religious Specialists	Quiz 1 (by midnight)
07/03			Film: "The Living Matrix", Greg Becker (Amazon Instant Video, \$2.99 rental; or, try: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=m9lz-0MiM6g)	Extra Credit Option 1 available

07/06	2. Shamanic Traditions, old and new	Introduction to Module 2; 2.1. Northwest Amazonian Shamans <i>Focusing on healing processes by indigenous jaguar shamans of the Northwest Amazon, relations to the cosmos, the spirit-‘keeper of sicknesses’, soul and body, soul-loss and recovery, points of concentrated sickness in the body.</i>	Wright (2013) “The Making of a Jaguar Shaman”; Wright (2013) “The Making of a Jaguar Shaman’s House of Knowledge and Power”; Rec.: “Chamanes jaguares del Yurupary...” Videos: “Searching for Parika” (video); “Baniwa Shamanic Rev.”(video)	
07/07		2.2. Amazonian ayahuasca shamans and churches. <i>“ayahuasca & healing”: indigenous use in healing; the main churches and their healing rites; its potential, limitations and risks</i>	Langdon (2014) “Symbolic Efficacy of Rituals” Taylor (2013) “La Medicina...” Rittner (2007) “Sound – Trance – Healing”	Quiz 2 (by midnight)
07/08		(cont.)Sound, Trance and Healing	Study: Comparative table Watch Film: “Vine of the Soul”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmj14mn10R	
07/09		Lecture, “Bon Shamanism of Nepal and Tibet”	Desjarlais, (1996) “Presence”(website link); Peters (2000) “The Man Chinni Rite...”	
07/10			Films: “Fate of the Lhapa” & “Between Two Worlds: The Hmong Shaman in America” (Instructions on Module page)	Reflection Paper 1 (due by midnight July 13)
07/13		Lecture, “Performance, Music and Healing: The Temiars of Malaysia”	Laderman (1996) “Poetics of Healing...”	
07/14		Lecture, “Healing Sounds from Malaysian Rainforest”		
07/15		Lecture, “Neo-shamanism and Core Shamanism.” <i>Differentiation among core shamanism, neo-shamanisms, and traditional shamanisms of indigenous peoples; the growth of core shamanism</i>	Townsend (1999) “Core Shamanism and Neo-shamanism”, pp. 49-57; Study: Comp. Table; Recommended Film: http://www.shamanism.org/media/michael-harner-honored.php	Quiz 3 (by midnight)

07/16		Lecture, Traditional Mayan healing life-force	Garcia, "Wind in the Blood" - Introduction;	
07/17		Review for Mid-Term		MID-TERM EXAM Opens 07/17 at 8 a.m. and closes at Midnight 07/17

07/20	3. Traditional Mayan Healing and Life-force/ Traditional Chinese Medicine	Lecture: “Sastun. Mayan Divination and Acupuncture”	H. Garcia et al. (1999) pp. 1-65 Film: “Sastun” (follow instructions on website); Film: “Ix Chel Farms”	Extra Credit Paper Option 2 available
07/21		Lecture, “Chinese Taoist Qi + Mayan O’ol”	Film: “The Mystery of <i>Chi</i> ”	
07/22		Lecture, “Qi and Healing”		Quiz 4 (by midnight)
07/23	4. Tibetan Buddhism	Lecture, “Tibetan Buddhist Medical traditions: the <i>Gyu-dzsch</i> (4 Tantras), and interpretations in <i>Padma</i> ”	Film: “The Knowledge of Healing” (Amazon Instant video, \$2.99)	
07/24		Lecture, “Plurality in Tibetan Medicine”	Salick (2006) pp. 227-53	Reflection Paper 2 (due by midnight 07/27)
07/27	5. Hinduism: Ayurvedic medicine	Hindu Ayurvedic medicine Lecture 1, “The tridosha system for determining health; kinds of treatment”; AND Lecture 2, “ <i>Globalization of Ayurveda</i> ”	“Indian Medicine”, Dominik Wujastyk, (1997); “Modern Practice of Ayurveda and Its Globalization”, Michala Lee	Quiz 5 (by midnight)
07/28			Film: “Ayurveda: The Art of Being”	
07/29	6. Christianities (Pentecostalism & Charismatic Catholicism)	Lecture, “Healing in Christianity”	T. Csordas, “Imaginal Performance and Memory in Ritual Healing.” “Personal Healing Testimonials from a Charismatic Healing retreat” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLqNE3dxIXM (esp. 2 nd half)	

07/30	7. The Qawalli Healing Tradition in Sufism of Islam	Lecture, "Islamic Sufi Qawalli Tradition" Notes for Lecture , "A Musical View of Health and Healing", in RMH anthology ;	Chishti (1991), link on Module page; Newell, "Unseen Power: Aesthetic Dimensions of Symbolic Healing in Qawalli" in RMH reader;	
07/31	8. Naturopathy	Lecture, "Naturopathy and its relation to Modern Medicine" <i>Antiquity of naturopathic medicine --- hydrotherapy, herbal remedies, acupuncture, nutrition, massage, & others. Generally considered forms of "holistic medicine"</i>	"Naturopathy"; "Feeding the Spirit"; "The Amazing Health Benefit; (links on website) "The multiple religious uses of cannabis for healing purposes" (in RMH reader)	Reflection Paper 3: (due by midnight 08/04).
08/03		(cont.)"Alternative Medicines and Therapies" (see Lecture Notes in RMH anthology, latter half of Naturopathy Lecture)	Film: "Numen. The Nature of Plants."	Quiz 6 (by midnight) Extra Credit Option 3 available : "The Gerson Miracle"
08/04	9. Healing the Planet and its peoples	Lecture, "Traditions of Nature Religions." And "Voices of Green Fire" <i>Nature religions have had a significant influence in history of North America;</i>	Albanese; Fisher; De Pater; McGoldrick ;	
08/05		Dark Green Religions are re-empowering the oppressed, recovering destroyed ecosystems, towards a planetary sacred narrative;	Videos: "A Voyage to Health," "Healing Totem Journey" (links in RMH anthology); watch 6 video clips under "Planetary Narrative" on course website	Take Course Survey
08/06	10. Traditional Healing Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights	Lecture, "Indigenous Knowledge & Property Rights" <i>Discussion of indigenous peoples' intellectual property rights vis-a-vis the pharmaceutical industry's powers; international agreements to protect indigenous peoples rights to land, resources, medicinal herbs; violations.</i>	Sapp 2006;	All Extra Credit papers Due

08/07	REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM	FINAL EXAM: OPENS AT 8:00 AM ON AUGUST 07, 2015 AND CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT ON AUGUST 07, 2015		
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