

Lecture Schedule
REL 3938/ANT 3930 – Religion and Healing
Course Schedule – Summer A/C 2014

Date	Module	Topic	Readings	Assignment Due Date
05/12	1. Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to Religion and Healing <i>Syllabus, online textbook, online assignments, mechanics of course and website management</i>	—	
05/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key terms, definitions, theoretical perspectives, and methodologies (ppt. 1) <i>Contributions of med. anthro., cult. relativism, theory of performance, potential of plant psychoactives, phenomenology of religious experiences, history of healing traditions in the world. What is holistic medicine?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kleinman (1997) 	
05/14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Religious specialists; acquiring the knowledge and power to heal (ppt.2) <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wright, R. M. (2013) 	
05/15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medical Science and Traditional Healing... what is pain? <i>Cultural definitions of health, illness, suffering, and pain. Especially, chronic and inexplicable pain. What is emphasized in each of the healing or medicinal traditions as ways of treating pain issues ?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jackson (2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quiz 1 (By Midnight)
05/16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: “The Science of Healing”. <i>From Bio- Medicine to “Non-conventional therapies”, traditional cosmologies and inter-relations soul-loss, dreamwork, its relevance to importance of</i>		

		<i>spiritual 'power' and wholeness life's daily struggles and pains.</i>		
05/19	2. Shamanic Traditions, old and new	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jaguar Shamans of the NW Amazon. <p><u>Powerpoints:</u> "Blood of the Ancestors" 1 & 2; "Searching for Parika" (8 min. video) <i>The Professor will present a documentary focusing on healing processes by indigenous jaguar shamans of the Northwest Amazon, relations to their cosmos, the spirit-keeper of sicknesses, the soul and body, soul-loss and recovery, the points of concentrated sickness in the body.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wright (2013) ▪ Wright (2013) 	
05/20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comparative table PART 1 ▪ Amazonian ayahuasca shamans and churches <p><i>"ayahuasca & healing" lecture: indigenous use in healing; the main churches and their healing rites; its potential, limitations and risks</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Langdon (2014) ▪ Taylor (2013) 	▪ Quiz 2 (by midnight)
05/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bon Shamanism of Nepal and Tibet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Desjarlais (1996) pp. 143-164 ▪ Peters (2000) 	
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05/23		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: "Fate of the Lhapa" 		
05/26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healing through Musical Performance: Temiar of Malaysia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laderman (1996) pp. 115-142 	▪ Reflection Paper 1 (on "Fate...") (By Midnight)
05/27		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temiar Mediumship, Music, and Healing Laderman CD <p><i>"Dream songs and healing sounds in the Rainforests of Malaysia"</i></p>		
05/28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core and Neo-shamanism 1 <p><i>Differentiation among core shamanism, neo-shamanisms, and traditional shamanisms of indigenous peoples; ways of understanding illness, pain, health, and soul journeys. the growth of core shamanism,</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Townsend (1999) pp. 49-57 ▪ Comparative table 	▪ Quiz 3 (By Midnight)
05/29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core and Neo-shamanism 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Townsend (1999) 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: http://www.shamanism.org/media/michael-harner-honored.php <i>recognizing shamanic traditions in peril. M. Harner, founder of "core shamanism" explains "non-ordinary reality", the spirit-world and access to it, spirit-guides, drumming and altered states of consciousness, consultations with spirits for healing purposes.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pp. 49-57 ▪ Comparative table 	
05/30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review for Mid-Term 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MID-TERM EXAM Opens 05/30 at 5 p.m. and closes at Midnight 06/02
06/02	3. Mayan Healing and Traditional Chinese Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mayan healing: Concept of <i>Ch'ulel</i> (life-force) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arvigo & Nadine Epstein (2001) pp. 3-40 	
06/03		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: "Sastun" 		
06/04		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept of <i>Chi</i> (or Qi, life-force) in Taoism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H. Garcia et al. (1999) pp. 1-65 	
06/05		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: "The Mystery of <i>Chi</i>" (Bob Moyers) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quiz 4 (By Midnight)
06/06	4.Hindu Ayurvedic medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hindu Ayurvedic medicine 1 <i>The tridosha system for determining health; kinds of treatment;</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Indian Medicine", Dominik Wujastyk, 1997, pp. 755-778. ▪ "Modern Practice of Ayurveda and Its Globalization" by Michala Lee 	
06/09		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hindu Ayurvedic medicine 2 <i>globalization of Ayurveda</i> 		
06/10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film:"The Art of Being" (http://www.documentarywire.com/ayurveda-art-of-being) 		
06/11	5. Tibetan Buddhism: the Gyu-dzschi tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tibetan Buddhism: the <i>Gyu-dzschi</i> (4 Tantras) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salick (2006) pp. 227-53 	

06/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: “The Knowledge of Healing” 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflection Paper 2 on “The Art of Being” (By Midnight)
06/13	6. Charismatic Catholicism & Pentecostal Protestantism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healing Rites in Renovation Catholicism 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Csordas (1996) pp. 99-114 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Personal Healing Testimonials from a Charismatic Healing retreat” 		
06/16	7. Naturopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is 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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naturopathy ▪ Feeding the Spirit ▪ The Gersen Therapy ▪ The multiple religious uses of cannabis for healing purposes 	
06/17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film: “Numen. The Nature of Plants” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revitalization of Naturopathic medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quiz 5 (by midnight)
06/18	8. Nature Religions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Traditions of Nature Religions. <i>Nature religions have had significant influence in history of North America; today, Dark Green Religions are re-forging broken links to natural world</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albanese ▪ O’Brien ▪ Fisher ▪ Pather 	
06/19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healing the Planet <i>re-empowering the oppressed, recovering destroyed ecosystems, towards a planetary sacred narrative;</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “A Voyage to Health,” produced by the National Institute of Health. http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/avoyagetohealth/education/higher--education.html 	
06/20	9. Issues and Debates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intellectual Property Rights; the pharmaceutical industry. <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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anderson 2010; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflection Paper 3 on “Numen” (By Midnight).

**FINAL EXAM: OPENS AT 8:00 AM ON JUNE 20, 2014 AND
CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 22, 2014**