

Religion and Secularism in American Culture

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Graduate-level Independent Study Course, Spring 2015

Reading List

- > January 14: Theories of Religion and American Culture
Sacvan Bercovitch, *Puritan Origins of the American Self*

- > January 21: Theories of Religion and American Culture
Christopher Lasch, *Culture of Narcissism*, 3-99, 218-250
Christopher Lasch, *True and Only Heaven*, 40-81, 226-295

- > January 28: Orientation to American Studies
Russ Castronovo and Susan Gillman (eds), *States of Emergency*
Donald Pease, "The United States of Fantasy"

- > February 4: Orientation to American Religious History
Thomas Tweed (ed.), *Retelling US Religious History*
Courtney Bender and Pamela Klassen, "Habits of Pluralism"

- > February 11: Charismatic Figures I
Leigh Schmidt, *Heaven's Bride*

- > February 18: Charismatic Figures II
Kathryn Lofton, *Oprah*

- > February 25: Critique of Charisma
Erica Edwards, *Charisma and the Fictions of Black Leadership*

- > March 4: Pluralism and Secularism I
Tracy Fessenden, *Culture and Redemption*

- > March 18: Pluralism and Secularism II
John Lardas Modern, *Secularism in Antebellum America*

- > March 25: Pluralism and Secularism III
Isaac Weiner, *Religion Out Loud*

- > April 1: Pluralism and Secularism IV
Joshua Dubler, *Down in the Chapel*

- > April 8: Religion and Law
Sarah Gordon, *Spirit of the Law*

> April 15: Religion and Capital
Bethany Moreton, *To Serve God and Wal-Mart*

> April 22: Spirituality and Religion
Courtney Bender, *New Metaphysicals*