

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

Date	Module	Topic	Readings	Assignment Due Date
05/12	<b>1. Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to Religion and Healing</li> </ul> <i>Syllabus, online textbook, online assignments, mechanics of course and website management</i>	—	
05/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key terms, definitions, theoretical perspectives, and methodologies (ppt. 1)</li> </ul> <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"> <li>▪ Kleinman (1997)</li> </ul>	
05/14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Religious specialists; acquiring the knowledge and power to heal (ppt.2)</li> </ul> <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"> <li>▪ Wright, R. M. (2013)</li> </ul>	
05/15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Medical Science and Traditional Healing... what is pain?</li> </ul> <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"> <li>▪ Jackson (2011)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Quiz 1 (By Midnight)</b></li> </ul>
05/16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Film:</b> “The Science of Healing”.</li> </ul> <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	<b>2. Shamanic Traditions, old and new</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaguar Shamans of the NW Amazon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Powerpoints:</b> "Blood of the Ancestors" 1 &amp; 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"> <li>Wright (2013)</li> <li>Wright (2013)</li> </ul>	
05/20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Comparative table PART 1</b></li> <li>Amazonian ayahuasca shamans and churches</li> </ul> <p><i>"ayahuasca &amp; 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"> <li>Langdon (2014)</li> <li>Taylor (2013)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Quiz 2 (by midnight)</b></li> </ul>
05/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bon Shamanism of Nepal and Tibet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desjarlais (1996) pp. 143-164</li> <li>Peters (2000)</li> </ul>	
05/22		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bon Shamanism of Nepal and Tibet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desjarlais (1996) pp. 143-164</li> <li>Peters (2000)</li> </ul>	
05/23		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Film:</b> "Fate of the Lhapa"</li> </ul>		
05/26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healing through Musical Performance: Temiar of Malaysia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laderman (1996) pp. 115-142</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reflection Paper 1 (on "Fate...") (By Midnight)</b></li> </ul>
05/27		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temiar Mediumship, Music, and Healing Laderman CD</li> </ul> <p><i>"Dream songs and healing sounds in the Rainforests of Malaysia"</i></p>		
05/28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core and Neo-shamanism 1</li> </ul> <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"> <li>Townsend (1999) pp. 49-57</li> <li><b>Comparative table</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Quiz 3 (By Midnight)</b></li> </ul>
05/29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core and Neo-shamanism 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Townsend (1999)</li> </ul>	

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

06/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Film:</b> “The Knowledge of Healing”</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Reflection Paper 2 on “The Art of Being” (By Midnight)</b></li> </ul>
06/13	<b>6. Charismatic Catholicism &amp; Pentecostal Protestantism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healing Rites in Renovation Catholicism 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Csordas (1996) pp. 99-114</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Personal Healing Testimonials from a Charismatic Healing retreat”</li> </ul>		
06/16	<b>7. Naturopathy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is Naturopathy and its relation to Modern Medicine <i>Antiquity of naturopathic medicine - hydrotherapy, herbal remedies, acupuncture, nutrition, massage, &amp; others. Generally considered forms of “holistic medicine”</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Naturopathy</li> <li>▪ Feeding the Spirit</li> <li>▪ The Gersen Therapy</li> <li>▪ The multiple religious uses of cannabis for healing purposes</li> </ul>	
06/17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Film:</b> “Numen. The Nature of Plants”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Revitalization of Naturopathic medicine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Quiz 5 (by midnight)</b></li> </ul>
06/18	<b>8. Nature Religions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Albanese</li> <li>▪ O’Brien</li> <li>▪ Fisher</li> <li>▪ Pather</li> </ul>	
06/19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healing the Planet <i>re-empowering the oppressed, recovering destroyed ecosystems, towards a planetary sacred narrative;</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “A Voyage to Health,” produced by the National Institute of Health. <a href="http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/avoyage-to-health/education/higher-education.html">http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/avoyage-to-health/education/higher-education.html</a></li> </ul>	
06/20	<b>9. Issues and Debates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anderson 2010;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Reflection Paper 3 on “Numen” (By Midnight).</b></li> </ul>

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