

Religious Landscapes of LA

Exploring and Teaching about Religious Diversity Through Civic Engagement

WEEK ONE

Monday, July 9, 2018

Religious Landscapes of Los Angeles: Orientation Day

- First Amendment Center, Teacher's Guide to Religion in the Public Schools (2001) American Academy of Religion, *Guidelines for Teaching About Religion in K-12 Public Schools in the United States* (2010)
- John Winthrop, *A Model of Christian Charity*, selection (1630)
- Roger Williams, *The Bloody Tenent of Persecution for Cause of Conscience*, summary (1644)
The Flushing Remonstrance (1657)
- Moses Seixas, *Letter to President George Washington* (1790)
George Washington, *Letter to the Jews of Newport* (1790)
- U.S. Supreme Court, *Abington v. Schempp* (1963)
- Warren Nord and Charles Haynes, *Taking Religion Seriously Across the Curriculum*, selections (ASCD and First Amendment Center, 1998), Intro., chapters 1, 2, & 3.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Religious Diversity in America and Service Learning; and Service Learning Experience (Part 1)

- Carol Bakhos, "Introduction," *The Family of Abraham: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Interpretations* (Harvard University Press, 2014).
- Diana Eck, "From Diversity to Pluralism," Pluralism Project, Harvard University (<http://pluralism.org/encounter/todays-challenges/from-diversity-to-pluralism/>).
- Stephen Prothero, "Introduction," *God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World*.
- Robert Wuthnow, *America and the Challenges of Religious Diversity*, Chapter 10: "How Pluralistic Should We Be?"

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Christian Traditions

- Catherine Albanese, "Understanding Christian Diversity in America," in *American Christianities: A History of Dominance and Diversity*, eds. Catherine Brekus and W. Clark Gilpin (University of North Carolina Press, 2011), pp. 29-58.

- Andrew M. Greeley and Paul Murray, "The Catholics in the World and in America," Chapter 4 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, pp. 73-86.
- Martin E. Marty, "Protestant Christianity in the World and in America," Chapter 2 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, pp. 29-54.

Suggested Readings

- Justo L. Gonzalez and Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, "The Religious World of Latino/a-Hispanic Americans," Chapter 5 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, pp. 87-104.
- Danny L. Jorgensen, "The Latter-day Saint (Mormon) Religion in America and the World," Chapter 18 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, pp. 333-352.
- Jaroslav Pelikan and John McGuckin, "Orthodox Christianity in the World and in America," Chapter 6 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, pp. 105-122.

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Jewish Traditions

- Jacob Neusner, "Judaism in the World and in America," Chapter 7 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, 123-142.
- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, *Future Tense: Jews, Judaism, and Israel in the 21st Century*, chapter 2, "Is there still a Jewish People?," 25-48.

Friday, July 13, 2018

Islamic Traditions

- John L. Esposito, "Islam in the World and in America," Chapter 8 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, 143-158.
- Diana Eck, "American Muslims: Cousins and Strangers," Chapter Five, in Eck, *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*, pp. 222-293.

WEEK TWO

Monday, July 16, 2018

Hindu Traditions

- Gerald James Larson, "Hinduism in India and in America," Chapter 10 in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, 179-198.
- Diana L. Eck, "American Hindus: The Ganges and the Mississippi," Chapter Three, in Eck, *A New Religious America: How a Christian Country Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*, pp.80-141.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Buddhist Traditions

- Malcolm David Eckel, "Buddhism in the World and in America," Chapter 11 in Eck, *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*, pp. 199-212.
- Diana L. Eck, "American Buddhists: Enlightenment and Encounter," Chapter Four, in Eck, *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*, pp. 142-221.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Other Religions and Spiritualities on the LA Landscape: Sikhism, Baha'i, and New Religious Movements

- Gurinder Singh Mann, "Sikhism in the United States of America," Chapter 12 in Harold Coward, et al., *The South Asian Religious Diaspora in Britain, Canada, and the United States*.
- Mike McMullen, "The Baha'i Faith in the World and in America," in Neusner, ed., *World Religions in America*, 159-178.
- J. Gordon Melton, "An Introduction to New Religions," Chapter 1 in James R. Lewis, *The Oxford Handbook of New Religious Movements* (Oxford University Press, 2004).