RELI 340
Liberal Tradition in American Religion

What does it mean for people of different religious traditions to “coexist”? Why has that been so difficult to maintain, even though we have religious freedom? How did “religious” come to mean “conservative,” and why is that important?

This class is a history of the relationship between religion and politics in the United States, focused on the achievements and limitations of the First Amendment’s guarantees of religious freedom.

No religious background is assumed or necessary, only a willingness to think critically and to make connections between past and present.