DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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RELI 248
Introduction to American Islam

This course provides an introduction to the presence of Muslims in the United States through both historical and thematic inquiry. We start with a historical survey spanning African Muslim slaves brought to the Americas in the antebellum period to the ongoing marginalization of Muslims after the 2016 elections. We then explore American Muslim communal and demographic diversity, political and civic organizations, political participation, religious practices as well as family, education, knowledge production and cultural diversity. Special attention will be paid to questions of gender, race, and citizenship, as well as to issues of religious authority and authenticity. The course engages diverse materials within the contexts of both American religious history and Islam as a global religious tradition.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays
12:30PM-1:45PM

General Education Requirements: SS, US