

RELI 247

Uncertain Truths: Conspiracy Theories,
Aliens, and Secret Societies in America

This course explores the social dynamics of power, secrecy, paranoia, and suspicion, in order to lay bare the multiple relations between conspiracism, religious/magical thinking, and the social construction of truth. In addition to investigating the social and historical contexts that give rise to conspiracy thinking and the various shapes conspiracism takes in the modern world, students will consider conspiratorial lore as an important mode of political participation and contestation.

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11:00AM - 12:15PM

General Education Requirements: SS, NA

