

Welcome to Expos 20: Religious Pluralism in the United States!
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Whether you're religiously devout, not religious at all, or somewhere in between, this class will have something for you! This course isn't so much concerned with ascertaining religious truth, but rather with examining the different roles religion plays in American society. Religion, and its sometimes-countervailing force, secularism, surround us all the time—even in your own lives here at Harvard. Seemingly mundane and overlooked aspects of campus life often have a religious dimension. For example, why aren't there classes on Saturday and Sunday? Why does the Harvard semester end in late December? Which foods are served at Annenberg Hall? The list goes on. This course explores the fascinating and unexpected places religion appears in our daily lives. And we'll do a bit of writing, too!

I look forward to meeting you. If you'd like an idea of my research, here are several of my publications:

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781442248731/The-Lively-Experiment-Religious-Toleration-in-America-from-Roger-Williams-to-the-Present>

<https://uncpress.org/book/9781469621203/why-you-cant-teach-united-states-history-without-american-indians/>