



HNRS 2020: Magic, Religion & American Culture

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MWF: 9:30am – 10:20am (in person!!)

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The questions with which we begin...

1. What, exactly, is magic, and how does it differ from religion and science?
2. Is American culture truly “awash in the magical” as some scholars suggest?
3. If so, what would this mean, and how does our reading American culture through the lens of the magical help us to better understand the society all around us?