



# HNRS 2020: How Religions Can Change the World

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MWF: 9:30am – 10:20am (online)

- Religious leaders and movements have been at the heart of social and cultural change for millennia and around the globe.
- How did they do it, and what would it mean for *you* to take the ideas and principles of transformative efforts to make your own impact on the world?
- This course will introduce students to religious leaders and movements who have changed their communities, and in some cases the world, in remarkably positive ways.
- In addition, the course will review principles and practices that contemporary leaders have used to guide their own personal transformative efforts.
- Finally, students will work to make meaningful change in their own community, guided by the historical and contemporary examples we study.
- Ultimately, this course is a living laboratory for social change. *I expect you to change the world* – if even in a small way – and to document how you did this and present your results to your colleagues.