

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**LATIN AMERICAN MIGRATION AND RELIGION IN THE NEW**  
**IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCES**  
**(RLG 5106 Cross listed with REL 4105 & LAH 5937)**  
**FALL 2014**

**Syllabus**

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**Description:**

The course will analyze the main ways in which the complex phenomenon of migration overlaps with religion. This area of study necessarily demands an interdisciplinary approach to the subject. We have identified important relationships that have been developed within the fields of History, Theology, Pastoral Studies, Sociology and Anthropology; our course will present a panorama of these approaches, taking into account a gender perspective. The course will focus on the historical migration process in different places and times in the Americas. There will be a balance between conceptual, methodological aspects and a retrospective overview of the reality of migration and religion as it has been experienced historically since the formation of the Americas to the present. The course will also analyze how religions are reconfigured via the immigration process focusing on different religious experiences among immigrants to South Florida. Special attention will be paid to recent studies on Latino immigration to the United State, particularly to the Miami Area. This semester the seminar work and students' papers and reports will focus on the Humanitarian Crisis with the Centro American Children at the US border.

**Goals:**

**A)** Students must develop an understanding of the following:

1) The history of migration within the project of nation building in the Americas and specifically the place of Latinos/as in the United States historical process. 2) Theories and concepts presented by the combined study of migration and religion, including: assimilation, the melting pot, transnationalism, and religious reconfiguration. 3) The reasons for children to cross border without adults and legal support. 4) The feminization of recent migration processes and gender relations among migrants will be analyzed; as well the gender perspectives and perceptions in both: the countries of origin and receiving countries.

**B)** Students will observe and analyze firsthand a chosen religious community in South Florida. The aim is to develop an understanding of how theories and concepts learned in class help to

interpret, or not, the reactions of these religious groups facing the humanitarian crisis of the Centro American children in the US border. Their founding will be discussed in class and will be the focus of final the research paper

**Methodology:** The course will be taught in a seminar format therefore active student participation is expected.

**Requirements:**

All students will be asked to do *at least* one presentation of the assigned readings. This presentation is **not** a summary of the reading; rather, the students must analyze the author's perspective and conclude by proposing questions related to the author's central ideas or assumptions, which will be discussed in the class according to the week's topic.

**Graduate** students must develop a final paper based on the analysis of a field research with a chosen religious group in South Florida.

**First paper:** Due on September 16 (This paper must present the topic to be developed into a final paper, with main research question, potential bibliography and sources to be analyzed later)

**Second paper:** Due on October 7 (a continuation of the first, with a deeper analysis of the sources, of the bibliography, and further development toward the final paper)

**Final paper:** Due on December 2 Oral Presentation on December 9.

**Requirements for all written work:**

All written work must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12 point font (written work submitted in *large* font will not be acceptable); and any citations should follow MLA format. These papers must be submitted by the deadline. Late work will result in the reduction of half a letter grade per day, unless arrangements with professor were made prior to deadline.

**Final course grade**

Participation : 2 x 20 % =	40%
3-page paper:	10 %
10-page paper:	20 %
20-page paper:	30 %
Final grade:	100 %

**Grading criteria**

A/A- = Outstanding/Exceptional in terms of content (grasp of concepts, depth of analysis and comprehension) and expression.

B+/B = Above average to Very Good.

B-/C+ = Good to above average.

C/C- = Achieving minimum standards.

D+/D = Passing but barely meeting minimum standards.

F = Not meeting minimum or acceptable standards.

**Attendance/participation policy**

Attendance and participation are very important to this course. Students are expected to read assignments and participate in class discussions. Attendance will be taken and I expect students to inform me of any prior commitments or emergencies that prevent them from attending. Students may be absent up to three times. A fourth absence will result in a loss of 15% from their attendance grade.

**Intellectual and academic behavior**

As members of the academic community, students are expected to recognize and uphold standards of intellectual and academy integrity. Plagiarism is presenting another person’s work as one’s own. Plagiarism includes submitting another student’s work as one’s own.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

1. -BADILLO A. D. *Latinos and the new migrant Church*. The John Hopkins University Press-Baltimore, 2006
2. -GUTIERREZ DAVID Editor – *The Columbia History of Latinos In the United States since 1960/* Columbia University Press, New York, 2004.
3. LAZO DE LA VEGA SANDRA AND TIMOTHY J.STEIGENGA *Against the Tide. Immigrants, day Laborers, and community in Jupiter, Florida*. University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, 2013
4. STEPICK A., REY T. MALHER S. *Churches and Charity in the immigrant City*, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2009.
5. WOODARD COLIN, *American Nations. A history of the eleven Rival Regional cultures of North America*, Penguin Books, 2011.
6. CAMAYD –FREIXAS ERIK *US Immigration Reform and Its Global Impact*, Palgrave-McMillan, New York, 2013 (online- on reserve)

**THE SCHEDULE COULD BE CHANGED TO ATTEND AN INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLOQUIUM ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS WITH THE CENTRO AMERICAN CHILDREN AT THE US BORDER (One first colloquium at the second or third week of the semester, with experts on the issue and a second colloquium at the end of the semester with Religious leaders who have been working with the children’s situation)**

**CALENDAR**

Dates	Topics	Readings for Undergraduates & Graduates	Documents to be discuss in the Graduate seminar	Requirement
Week 1 08/26	<i>Introduction to the course, Assessments and Research Paper.</i>  <i>Origins &amp; development of multiethnic societies in the Americas and the Caribbean</i>	Pellegrino A. “Trends in the international migration in Latin America and the Caribbean”.  Colin Woodard Introduction pp. 1-19	Latino Religious Trend Pew Report  CAMAYD – FREIXAS ERIK <i>US Immigration Reform and Its Global Impact,</i>	
Week 2 09/02	<i>Methods, Sources and Concepts to</i>	Percy Hintzen: <i>Introduction Methodologies.</i> (on line)	<i>Manuel Vazquez</i> “Toward a new agenda for the	

	<p><i>study Latinos/as immigration “me’ doing research. Etic and Emic Research</i></p> <p><i>Transnational religions, migration and inter-cultural dialogue</i></p>	<p>Stepick, Rey and Mahler; Part I chap 2 pp. 41-71</p>	<p>study of religion in the Americas”. JISWA vol 41. 4 1999</p> <p><i>Stepic, Alex.</i> “God is Apparently not Dead: The obvious, the Emergent, and the Still Unknown in Immigration and Religion.</p>	
<p>Week 3 09/09</p>	<p><b>NO CLASS</b> <b>FIRST FIELD WORK WEEK TO IDENTIFY A RELIGIOUS GROUP</b></p>	<p><b>NO CLASS</b> <b>FIRST FIELD WORK WEEK TO IDENTIFY A RELIGIOUS GROUP</b></p>		<p><b>Selecting a research topic to be developed through the semester</b></p>
<p>Week 4 09/16</p>	<p><i>The formation of new states, migrations, migration policies and the role of religions in the formation of the Americas societies</i></p>	<p>- Colin Woodard Part I Origins: 1590-1769 pp.23-111</p> <p><i>David Badillo</i> pp. 1-22</p>	<p><i>Glick-Schiller N &amp; Levitt P.</i> “Conceptualizing simultaneity: A transnational social field perspective on society” <i>Stepick, Rey and Mahler;</i> Religion, immigration and Civic Engagement <i>pp.1-38</i></p>	
<p>Week 5 09/23</p>	<p><i>Focusing on South Florida -</i></p> <p><i>Historical Contexts of a multicultural and religiously diverse society</i></p>	<p>P.S Gorge <i>Miami : one hundred years of History (on line) South Florida History</i>, Volume 24, No 2, Summer 1996. Anthony Maingot <i>Immigration from the Caribbean Basin (online)</i> Marvin Dunn &amp; A.Stepik <i>Black in Miami (on line)</i></p>	<p>Ebaugh Helen Rose “<i>Calling Upon the sacred: migrants’ use of Religion in migration Process. IMR March 31, 2003 Vol 37 Issue:4 pp1145-1162</i></p>	<p><b>First Paper DUE</b></p>
<p>Week 6 09/30</p>	<p><i>1) Religions among Caribbean Latinos in the History of</i></p>	<p>Lisandro Perez: <i>Cuban Catholicis in the United States</i> -Gutierrez pp. 146 -186</p>	<p>Stepick, Rey and Mahler; pp. 41-71</p>	

	<p>US:</p> <p>A) <i>Cubans</i> a) <i>Catholics</i></p> <p>B) <i>Cubans afro religions diaspora</i></p>	<p>- Badillo pp. 92-119 Prieto Yolanda Saint Augustine Parrish and Cuban adaptation. Pp. 85-112 A. Fernandez (online)</p>	<p>- K.Hansing in <i>Stepick, Rey and Mahler</i>; pp119 -132</p>		
Week 7 10/7	<p><i>Religions among Immigrants Haitians</i> A) <i>Catholics</i> B) <i>Voodoo Communities</i></p>	<p><i>Stepick, Rey and Mahler</i>; Refugee Catholicism in Little Haiti pp72-92</p> <p>McAlister and Richman in Alba; Catholic, Voodoo, and Protestant: Being Haitian, Becoming American pp. 319-352</p>	<p>Karen M. Brown, <i>Mama Lola: A Voodoo Priestess in Brooklyn</i> (Los Angeles: University of California, 2001)</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paper Due	
Week 8 10/14	<p><i>Catholic Diversity, and the rise of Latino Community. Latino Protestantism and Pentecostalism</i></p>	<p>David Badillo, pp. 66-91 - P.Levitt in Gutierrez pp. 229-255.</p>	<p>CAMAYD – FREIXAS ERIK <i>US Immigration Reform and Its Global Impact</i>,</p>		
Week 9 10/21	<p><i>Involvement of the Churches in the integral human promotion of migrants and Civic Engagement</i></p>	<p>-Stepick, Rey, Mahler pp1-38 -Gutierrez pp302-354 -Badillo, pp. 182-220</p>	<p>Mexico &amp; US Bishops Conferences “<b>Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope</b>” A Pastoral Letter</p> <p>David Lopez in Alba: <i>Wither the Flock</i> 71-98</p>		
Week 10 10/28	<p><i>Jewish immigration to South America and from South America to South Florida</i></p> <p><i>Latinos Muslims in Miami</i></p>	<p>Calvin Goldsheider: “Immigration and the Transformation of the American Jews” Chap 7 in Alba, Raboteau &amp; Wind</p> <p><b>STEPHANIE LONDONO <i>Immigrant Latinas and their Shahadah in Miami</i></b> <a href="http://lacc.fiu.edu/research/publications/commissioned-paper-londono.pdf">http://lacc.fiu.edu/research/publications/commissioned-paper-londono.pdf</a></p>			
Week 11 11/04	<p>RESEARCH WEEK</p>	<p>NO CLASS RESEARCH WEEK</p>	<p>NO CLASS</p>		

Week12 11/11	Veterans Day			
Week13 11/18	The role of Religion in the integration of a Maya immigrant community in south Florida	Sandra Lasso de la Vega <i>Against the Tide</i>  Jacqueline Hagan "Religion &the process of migration A Maya Transnational Community	Williams, Steigenga Vasquez "A Place to Be" chap. 7 pp. 151-169 "Living Illegal" pp. 204-224	
Week 14 11/25	Migrant women and Gender relationships	Gutierrez chap 7 pp281 -302	Sandra Lasso de la Vega Chisme Across Border .in Migraciones Internacionales.	
Week15 12/2	Migration as a new theological place in Christianity  Political and Academic controversial positions	Maduro Otto. Religion under imperial duress: Postcolonial Reflections and Proposals  Phan Peter pp. 143- 169 in Campese G.& Cialella -Espinosa Gastón: "Today we vote ,tomorrow we act." AAPSS – Vol. 612, 2007- Latinos Religion and Poltics in 2008 election. <a href="http://LACC.FIU.EDU">HTTP://LACC.FIU.EDU</a>	Huntigton Samuel <a href="#">The Hispanic Challenge</a> Foreing Policy March 2004// CAMAYD – FREIXAS ERIK <i>US Immigration Reform and Its Global Impact</i> , -Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People <i>The love of Christ towards migrants</i> - Vatican, 2004 -Jose Casanova : Globalizing Catholicism and the return to a "Universal" church, Chap 5 in Hoeber Rudolph S. & Piscatori J.	

Week 16 12/9	<b>Conclusions &amp; Final Papers Presentations</b>	<b>Final Papers</b>	<b>Final Papers</b>	<b>Final Papers Presentations FINAL DUE</b>
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**Articles and materials to be downloaded (some of these sources can also be found in the library)**

- ESPINOSA GASTON –“Today we vote, tomorrow we act.” Latino Religions, Politics and Activism in Contemporary US civil Society. in ANNALS AAPSS, 612, 2007.
- “Latinos and Religion in 2008 Presidential Election” in *Hemisphere* Volume19, Spring 2010  
– [HTTP://LACC.FIU.EDU](http://LACC.FIU.EDU)
- FRIEDMANN MARQUARDT MARIE, WILLIAMS PH. STEIGENGA T. VASQUEZ M. Living “Illegal”
- FORNET-BETANCOURT RAUL “Philosophical Presuppositions of Intercultural Dialogue”  
<http://them.polylog.org/1/ffr-en.htm>
- HUNTINGTON SAMUEL “The Hispanic Challenge” in *Foreign Policy* March 2004.
- LEVINE DANIEL H. AND STOLL DAVID “Bridging the Gap Between Empowerment and Power in Latin America” in HOEBER RUDOLPH SUSANNE & JAMES PESCATORI *Transnational Religion & Fading States*. Perseus Book 1997
- MADURO OTTO. *Religion under imperial duress: Postcolonial Reflections and Proposals*.
- PELLEGRINO ADELA: “Trends in the international migration in Latin America and the Caribbean”  
<http://faculty.rmwc.edu/bbullock/335pdf/pellegrino.pdf#search='Adela%20Pellegrino'>
- Pontifical Council For The Pastoral Care Of Migrants And Itinerant People *The love of Christ towards migrants* – Vatican, 2004  
[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/migrants/documents/rc\\_pc\\_migrants\\_doc\\_20040514\\_erga-migrantes-caritas-christi\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/migrants/documents/rc_pc_migrants_doc_20040514_erga-migrantes-caritas-christi_en.html)
- [www.justiceformigrants.org](http://www.justiceformigrants.org)
- Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States. *Strangers No Longer: Together on Journey of hope*  
<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/stranger.shtml>
- [http://programs.ssrc.org/intmigration/working\\_groups/religion\\_and\\_migration/](http://programs.ssrc.org/intmigration/working_groups/religion_and_migration/)
- <http://www.thearda.com/Archive/browse.asp>
- UNFPA A Passage to Hope. State of World Population. Report 2006  
[http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2006/pdf/en\\_sowp06.pdf](http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2006/pdf/en_sowp06.pdf)
- UNFPA 2011 Report . chapter on Migration.  
[Foweb.unfa.org/reports/EN-SWOP2011-FINAL.Pdf](http://www.unfpa.org/reports/EN-SWOP2011-FINAL.Pdf)

**Recommended books**

7. ALBA RICHARD, ALBERT J. RABOTEAU & JOSH DEWIND, *Immigration and Religion in America*. New York University Press, New York- London, 2009.
8. BAILEY SAMUEL. & MIGUEZ EDUARDO JOSE “*Mass Migration to Modern Latin America.*” Rowman & Littlefield, 2003 – Google E- Book.

9. DANIELS ROGER *Coming to America: a history of immigration and ethnicity in American life*. Harper Collins, New York 2002
10. DANIELS ROGER *Guarding the Golden Door: American Immigration Policy and Immigrants since 1882*, New York, 2004.
11. DOLAN JAY *The immigrant church, New York's Irish and German Catholics, 1815-1865*. Notre Dame University Press, Notre Dame, 1983.
12. DOLAN JAY & VIDAL JAIME, *Puerto Rican and Cuban Catholics in the U.S.1900-1965*. University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame and London, 1994.
13. FOLEY W.MICHAEL &HOGE DEAN, *Religion and the new immigrants*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2007.
14. GARCIA MARIO. *Católicos. Resistance and Affirmation in Chicano Catholic History*. University Press of Texas, 2008.
15. GRENIER GUILLERMO AND STEPICK ALEX, *Miami Now!!* University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 1992.
16. HOEBER RUDOLPH SUSANNE &JAMES PESCATORI, *Transnational Religion & Fading States*. Perseus Book, 1997
17. LAZO DE LA VEGA AND TIMOTHY J.STEIGENGA *Immigrants, Day Laborers, and Community in Jupiter*. Florida. Univ. of Wisconsin 2013
18. LEVITT PEGGY *God Needs no passport*, New Press, New York, 2007.
19. LEVITT PEGGY, *The transnational Villagers*, California Press, Berkeley, 2001.
20. MASSEY D. and SANCHEZ M. *Brokered Boundaries. Creating Immigrant Identity in Anti- Immigrant Times*. Sage Foundation, New York 2010
21. MARTINEZ J. OSCAR, *Troublesome Border*, University of Arizona Press, 2006.
22. PRIETO YOLANDA, *The Cubans of Union city*. Temple University, 2009
23. SANDOVAL MOISES, *On the move, A history of the Hispanic Church in the United States*, Orbis Books, New York 2006.
24. WILLIAMS PH. STEIGENGA T. VASQUEZ M. *A Place to be. Brazilian, Guatemalan and Mexican Immigrants in Florida's New Destination*. Rutgers, 2009