

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
FALL 2007 COURSE OUTLINE**

*August 1, 2007*

Religious Studies 479 L01 - Contemporary Issues: Women and Religion  
Time and Date of Class: T 11:00 -1:45 pm  
Instructor: M. Joy  
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Office Hours: R 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. or by appointment  
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Required Texts:

1. M. Keller *The Hammer and the Flute* (2001)
2. S. Sered *Women of the Sacred Groves* (1999)
3. J. Watkins *Spirited Women* (1996)
4. One course package entitled “Women and Religion” available at the bookstore

Course Requirements:

3 Position Papers (1,000 words each)	30%
Due: September 28th, October 12th, October 26th	
1 Book Analysis (2,500 words) Due: November 23rd	30%
1 Final Essay (4,000 words) Due: December 14th	40%

**There is NO Registrar scheduled final examination in this course.**

Course Description:

This course will discuss articles that examine contemporary theoretical constructs such as gender and race and their implication for the study of women in religions. It will then examine the application of these ideas with reference to the concrete condition of women in religions. The aim of these readings will be to situate them in terms of contemporary debates as well as assess their contribution to the establishment of a constructive body of work regarding women and their status and roles in religion.

Core Competencies:

In this course the emphasis will be placed on careful analysis and comprehension of texts; on competencies in oral as well as written material; and the ability to develop theoretical insights and sustain philosophical positions.

### Readings for Class:

- Week One 1. “Gender and Religion: A Volatile Mixture” Handout
- Week Two 2. Ortner (1) (Class Pack); Ortner (4) (Class Pack)
- Week Three 3. Lamphere (Class Pack); Reeves Sanday (Class Pack)
- Week Four 4. Spelman (Class Pack); Talpade Moharty (Class Pack)
- Week Five 5. Lazreg (Class Pack); Bell (Class Pack)
- Week Six 6. Prostitutes and Buddhism; Kabilsingh (Course Pack)
- Week Seven 7. Jacobs (Class Pack); Boddy (Course Pack)
- Week Eight 8. Stacey (Class Pack); McCarthy Brown (Course Pack)
- Week Nine 9. Lloyd (Class Pack); Joy I (Class Pack)
- Week Ten 10. Joy 2 (Class Pack); Joy 3 (Class Pack)
- Week Eleven 11. Narayan (Class Pack); Roy (Class Pack)
- Week Twelve 12. Baynes and Tohidi (Course Pack)

### Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

### Academic Honesty:

***Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.***

### Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor **two weeks** before the scheduled date.

Withdrawing from courses:

Please note the information regarding withdrawals and fee refunds in the Academic Schedule of the current University Calendar.

Recording of lectures:

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