Flight of the Swans: Dharma Comes West

This course surveys the variety of ways in which Buddhism continues to influence contemporary American culture, and in turn be influenced by it. We explore the ways in which Buddhism has changed and adapted in the different American Buddhist communities, both immigrant and convert. This will include visits to various local Buddhist centers to experience their religious services in social context. Our scope includes spirituality and religion, literature, and social activism, as well as issues of pluralism, class, race, gender, and cultural appropriation. Co-requisite or prerequisite: COR113 or COR130. Cross-listed as REL 546.

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