

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Wednesday  
9:30-12:00pm

Prof. Jacoby



## FEMINIST THEORY & THE STUDY OF RELIGION (RSG)



This course aims to put feminist theory and religious studies into conversation with each other in order to examine the resulting intersections, points of mutual illumination, and aporias. It will investigate the history of feminist approaches to religious studies as well as new directions in current scholarship including feminist and womanist theologies, goddess feminism, secular and post-secular feminisms, as well as postcolonial and transnational feminisms. We will consider the following questions, among others: What does it mean to apply a gender studies lens to the study of religion? How do feminist conceptions of “liberation” reinforce or reject religious conceptions of “liberation”? What are the implications of the “return of religion” currently invoked in some feminist discourses?