



RELI 3400/AMST 4500: RELIGION IN THE AMERICAN WEST

Dr. Tammy Heise

Spring 2022

1:20-2:35 p.m.

Tuesday

and

Thursday

On-Campus

This class meets the Diversity in the US requirement.

This course explores the history of religion in the American West — especially religion’s role in the formation of U.S. empire through the nation’s westward expansion. The boundaries of “the West” have shifted over time, but this region has long been central to American national identity and purpose. We will examine mythologies of the West as “virgin” wilderness, “savage” frontier, and “heavenly” sanctuary that reflected and shaped (and continue to shape) American hopes and fears for individual settlers and for their settler nation. For more information about the class, e-mail Dr. Heise at theise2@uwyo.edu.