

UW Field Course in Religious Studies – Summer 2018



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RELI 4961.01 Heart Mountain as Icon of American Landscape June 13-20, 2018

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(Readings and assessments available online May 21-June 12;
Field course activities in Cody June 13-20)

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This field study course takes place in and near Cody, Wyoming and provides students with an interdisciplinary study of the significance of Heart Mountain, a prominent landmark on the cultural landscape of four communities: American Indians (8,000 CE – present), Japanese American Internees (1942-1945), GI and other homesteaders (1945-present), and Nature Conservancy (1999-present). Students will visit the Plenty Coups Museum in Montana, participate in Pipe Ceremony and seminar with Apsáalooke (Crow) elder Grant Bulltail, hike Heart Mountain, visit the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, and the Homesteader Museum in Powell, and produce a final three-minute digital story (accompanied by seven-page interpretive essay). The course is designed to build skills for intercultural engagement and storytelling in the digital age.

Expenses: \$200 course fee covers entrance to museums, group fuel costs, and two group dinners. \$50 deposit due to the RS office to register, with remaining \$150 due by May 20 to access the online course readings. Students will complete assessments on readings prior to June 13 and should plan time for readings and quizzes from May 21-June 12. Arrangements have been made for camping-out in the parish hall of the Episcopal church (kitchen, showers, and wi-fi available). Students choosing this option will be providing their own daily food. Those who live in the area can travel to and from their homes for daily classes and activities. Those wishing motel, campground cabin (Ponderosa Campground or KOA), or other accommodations are free to arrange and cover that expense. Upon completion of a health survey regarding ability to complete high altitude hiking, students will have access to course readings in Wyocourses. Contact mkeller@uwyo.edu for inquiries and to receive the health survey required for registration. Keller will facilitate car-pooling among students.