REL469: BLACK RELIGION IN AMERICA

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Explore the historical development of African American religion from the faith systems adapted and created in the Middle Passage of trans-Atlantic slavery through the multiple evolutions of religious practice and culture to the present day. Consider how African diasporic religions have held America to its democratic promises, offered alternative modes of being and relating, and oriented Black people’s conceptions of liberation, belonging, and citizenship. In this interdisciplinary course we will examine these questions of religion and identity through history, anthropology, literature, and film.