**Religion 500 – reading list**

Bitel Fall 2022

\*Indicates books that are *not* available online or in print at USC Libraries and should be acquired by purchase or borrowing elsewhere. All other readings are available online.

***How we got here***

1. \*Asad, *Genealogies of Religion,* Chap. 1

James, *Varieties of Religious Experience,* Lectures 1-3, 9-10, 16-17

Otto, *Idea of the Holy,* through Chap. 9

Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of Religious Life,* Bks. I and II

1. Asad, Chap. 2

Levi-Strauss, *Myth and Meaning,* Intro. & Chaps. 1, 2, 4

Eliade, *Cosmos and History*

4. Josephson-Storm, *The Myth of Disenchantment,* Chaps. 1-5

***Where we’re going***

1. Tweed, *Crossing and Dwelling*
2. \*Bynum, *Dissimilar Similitudes,* Introduction + chaps. 3-6
3. Mahmoud, *Politics and Piety*
4. Bitel, *Our Lady of the Rock*

***Why we do it***

1. \*Luhrmann, *When God Talks Back,* Intro., Chaps 1-5, 8, 10
2. Orsi, *History & Presence*
3. Josephson, Chaps. 6-end
4. Sutcliffe, “New Age, World Religions and Elementary Forms,” in Sutcliffe & Gilhus, *New Age Spirituality*, Chap.1

Timothy Fitzgerald, “Religious Studies as an Ideology,” in *The Ideology of Religious Studies*

Pew Research Center: Religion (https://www.pewresearch.org/topic/religion/)

1. \*Kripal, *The Flip*