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**Chaminade University of Honolulu
Fall Evening Program
October 6 - December 16, 1999
Camp Smith**

COURSE: Religion 35080 Women and Religion

TIME: Thursdays 17:30 - 21:40

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TEXTBOOKS: Carmody, Denise, 2nd. 1989, **WOMEN AND WORLD RELIGIONS**, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Stone, Merlin, 1976, **WHEN GOD WAS A WOMAN**, San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION:

Women have significant roles in major social institutions such as family and religion. This class will explore the interrelation between women's place in society and in religion from the comparative, global and cross cultural perspectives. The analysis will focus on religion as the impetus of changes in women's roles in different societies. This course also examines and celebrates the women whose lives illustrate choices and commitment based on faith.

CLASS OBJECTIVE:

- *to survey different roles of women in major religions cross culturally.
- *to critically review the affect of religion on cultural and social change.
- *to understand and apply different approaches to the study of issues involved in social institutions and women's roles.
- *to analyze factors related to problems and issues in women's status and choices of fulfilling their religious belief.
- *to examine various alternatives and possibilities that women may empower themselves through religious doctrines.

CLASS FORMAT:

This class will be an interactive, cooperative learning experience for the students and the instructor. The format integrates lectures, small group discussions, student presentations, role plays, and debates. Students are encouraged and expected to actively participate in class activities. They are required to come to class with intensive reading to contribute to extensive discussion of the basic textbook and relevant videos.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Students are required to be open minded in class discussion and to participate regularly in class activities. Each student is expected to carefully read the assigned chapter in the textbook and be prepared to discuss it for the class period of the assignment.

The grading will be based on

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| 1. class attendance and participation | 10 pts. |
| 2. book chapter reports (written and oral) | 20 pts. |
| 3. interview report | 20 pts. |
| 4. mid-term exam | 25 pts. |
| 5. final exam | 25 pts. |

90-100 =A, 80-89 =B, 70-79 =C, 60-69 =D, 59 AND BELOW=F

SCHEDULE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u> (Chapter)
OCTOBER		
7	Orientation and Introduction	
14	Women from different belief systems	Carmody ch.2,3,4
21	Women from different cultures	Carmody 5,6,7
28	Women and GOD	Carmody 8,9,10
NOVEMBER		
4	Women oppressed by tradition	Stone 1,2,3
11	Holiday NO CLASS	
18	Interview for report	
25	HOLIDAY NO CLASS	
DECEMBER		
2	Women and the past	Stone 4,5,6,7
9	Women in charge	Stone 8,9,10
16	Final Presentation	