Anthropology of Religion
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MWF 11:30-12:20, STONE 217
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Anthropological studies of the diversity of religious forms in human societies.

Theories of the origin, development, and function of human beliefs and practices about the sacred, supernatural realm.

Relationship of religious belief systems to social structures, cultural patterns, and social change.

Includes study of myth, ritual, belief systems, ethics, values, taboo, beliefs in witchcraft and sorcery, secret societies, earth-centered spiritual practices, and social movements based on religious ideas. Religious diversity in the United States and globally.

Professor Gruenbaum has done research in Sudan and Sierra Leone.