Religions of Africa  
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Places to Go, Sites to See

- **Johannesburg**: Soweto, Mandela house, Apartheid Museum, sangoma market
- **Durban**: Hindu temples, Muslim mosques, Safari, Gandhi house, Dube house
- **Pietermaritzburg**: African Christian churches, sangoma healers, Hindu temples, Muslim mosques, holy mountain of Nhlangakazi, Blood River and Isandlwana battlefields
- **Zimbabwe**: sangomas and priests in rural village in Mberengwa, Matopos Mountains, shrine of the Zimbabwean Kalanga rain goddess, city of Bulawayo

Things to Learn

- This class serves both as an introduction to Southern African religions and a critical assessment of the categories of African religions and religion
- Students will learn about traditional African religions as well as African Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism in colonial and postcolonial contexts of South Africa and Zimbabwe
- Students will also reflect on critical questions of scholarship including purity and hybridity, the normativity of religion and religions, and colonial and post-colonial constructions of religion in general and African religion in particular
- Students will be paired with students from University of KwaZulu-Natal who are working on a photo-narrative project about religion in South Africa; Drake students can serve as developmental editors for the UKZN students

Tentative Dates

- 01/04/2022 – 01/21/2022

The Other Stuff

- Will meet the global/cultural AOI
- No prerequisites
- Website to apply: [https://drake-sa.terradotta.com](https://drake-sa.terradotta.com)
- Dates to apply: Applications open: March 17th; Priority deadline: April 15th
- Non-refundable deposit required to hold spot
- Cost estimate: TBD – includes all costs plus breakfasts and some lunches/dinner; does not include most lunches/dinners and $30 for visa to Zimbabwe