

**WELCOME TO:
SHAMANS, WITCHES AND MAGIC ANTH 350-80
Fall 2011 Online**

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Welcome to the Fall, 2011 online session of Shamans, Witches and Magic, ANTH 350-80. This will hopefully be a very interesting and enlightening course for us all. We will examine non-western belief systems and the anthropological theories that help explain how these systems originate, what they mean to the cultures that originated them, and what they mean for humankind, in general. You will be exposed to various esoteric religions, myths, beliefs and rituals using a cross-cultural perspective, and an open mind. The class will meet online a few times a week. You are required to be at one per week. This will be negotiated on the first online chat meeting, when classes start, Thursday, September 1 at 5:00 and 7:00 PM. Just go to “Tools” then “Collaboration” and then hit “Join” to join the “Virtual Classroom Chat”. Watch for announcements in the announcement section about specifics that day. It’s recommended you try Virtual Class BEFORE class time to see if you have the necessary software. NOTE: Virtual Class does not work well with MAC’s.

TEXT: Moro, P.E; Myers, J.E. “Magic, Witchcraft and Religion, A Reader in the Anthropology of Religion”, McGraw Hill, 2010.

In addition to the textbook, there will also be many readings, documents and external links posted on the course website. Virtual classroom discussions, exams and the paper will be based on all of these types of resources. For further information on the course requirements, objectives, expectations, grading policy and suggested further readings, please see the course syllabus, posted in the syllabus section.

I look forward to speaking with you soon! Until then...

Professor *Kenneth Lumpkin*

