Religions of the Caribbean
REL 499/599 - 4 credit hours.
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This course examines the rich tapestry of religions that currently exist in the Caribbean from theological, philosophical, and anthropological points of view. The Caribbean, particularly Jamaica, provides a meeting ground for various religious forms from Africa and Europe. Students will explore processes of cultural fusion and resistance in Protestant Christianity, Catholicism, Rastafarianism, Vodoun, Obeah, and folk Jamaican beliefs. The variety of religious traditions alone allows much room for students to pursue their own interests. Lectures, readings, films, class projects, field trips, and interactions with Jamaicans offer students unique insight into the diverse religious worlds of the Caribbean.