

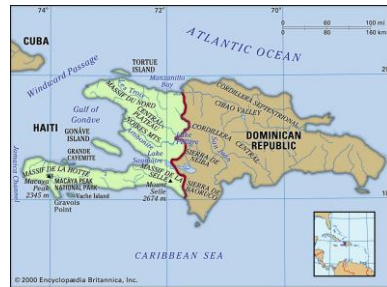


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DR. KAREN RICHMAN

HAITIAN VODOU SPIRITUALITIES



Haiti, a [country](#) in the [Caribbean Sea](#) includes the western third of the island of [Hispaniola](#). The capital is [Port-au-Prince](#). Haiti's population is almost entirely descended from African slaves, and won independence from [France](#) in 1804, making it the second colony in the Americas, after the [United States](#), to free itself from colonial rule. Haiti's official religions are [Roman Catholicism](#), Protestantism and [Vodou](#).

The Haitian spiritual practice of Vodou probably conjures up an image of a shamanistic figure sticking pins in "voodoo dolls." **Dr. Karen Richman, a professor at Notre Dame, is a scholar on Haitian Vodou religion and its migration to the U.S. She defines Vodou as a religion and practice deeply rooted in Haitian morality, economy and society.**

In her landmark book, *Migration and Vodou*, Dr. Richman explores how misinformation about Haitian culture is deeply rooted in imperial reactions to the slave revolution, the overthrow of French colonialism and the creation of an independent, black nation-state. In the 20th century, racist myths about Haitian exceptionalism intensified with the spread of U.S. imperialism in the region and the long military occupation of Haiti by the U.S. between 1915-1934.

Date and Time: Friday, March 12, 2021

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Format: Virtual using Zoom

Cost: Free, but **registration** is required to receive a link for the meeting

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