

# GRADUATE EXIT SEMINAR

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## Race, Religion, and Environmental Concern Among Black and White Americans

The topic of religion and environment has been widely discussed among scholars for several decades following Lynn White's pivotal thesis, "The Historical Roots of our Ecologic Crisis". Many studies have concluded that religion and environmentalism are negatively correlated. However, these works have not adequately addressed the role that race may play in shaping or moderating religious people's views and support of environmental issues. This paper serves to explore the intersection of race, environmentalism, and religion and to answer the question of whether Black religious fundamentalists have less environmental concern than White religious fundamentalists. An analysis of General Social Survey data from 1972-2018 shows that by many measures, Black fundamentalists are more likely to express environmental concern than White fundamentalists.

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**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020**  
**1:00 P.M.**

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