

American Sacred Space
RELST 206 / WES 200

Presentation on Sacred Space

- Assignment (from the class Website):

On the dates specified, you will present the basics of your “Sacred Space” project to the class, using the elements developed in steps #1-3 (above), as well as the feedback provided to you on your returned drafts. Presentations may include hand-outs; however, the use of presentation software (PowerPoint, Prezi) will not be permitted.

[The limitation on presentation software has been modified. Presentation software may be used for the presentation of *images (and related captions) only.*]

- Strategies

> *BEFORE YOU START YOUR PRESENTATION:*

- Organize your thoughts
 - Make an outline with a beginning (introduction), middle (details), and end (conclusion)
- Use images to illustrate your point
- Keep text / captions short – you don’t want people reading while you’re talking
- Practice

> *DURING YOUR PRESENTATION:*

- Stick to your plan:
 - Limit digressions or distractions
- Make eye contact with members of the audience;
- Speak clearly, and a bit slower than you might ordinarily:
 - The room is large, so you may have to speak a bit more loudly than usual.
- Be comfortable, but try to stand still
 - Don’t fidget
- If you use slides or handouts, don’t read from them
 - There should be as little text associated with them as possible, so you shouldn’t have to read anything.

- Starting Prompt: “My nominee for sacred space is _____ and here’s why:”