

The Department of Religious Studies
presents

DAMNED NATION



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Kathryn Gin Lum is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies in collaboration with the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford University. Her teaching and research focuses on the lived ramifications of religious beliefs and on the intersections between religion and race in America. In 2014 she published her first book, *Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction* (Oxford University Press, 2014).

A 2015 Pew research poll revealed that 58% of U.S. adults believe in hell. While this almost certainly represents a decline from the nineteenth century, it is nevertheless a solid majority. What explains Americans' fascination with hell? This talk goes back to the first century of U.S. nationhood to try to explain how and why hell survived enlightenment critiques and why it continues to matter in the United States.

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