

EXPLORING RELIGIOUS CULTURES

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library announces the next round of discussions for *Exploring Religious Cultures*, a new series that explores the diverse array of beliefs and cultures that can be found in our area. The series will be held in the Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu Auditorium at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. Each lecture in *Exploring Religious Cultures* will feature a different religion or practice, presented by an expert in the field.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 4:00pm *Hinduism* with K.C. Patel

This lecture will include the general beliefs, practices, truths and myths about Hinduism, as well as a question and answer session. "I am not a scholar, priest or preacher of Hinduism," Patel said, "But as an individual who has practiced and lived with Hinduism, I love this opportunity to explain the beliefs of Hinduism. I grew up in India and can share my experiences growing up in that culture and religion".

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 12:00pm: *Socrates and Religion* with Dr. Nils Rauhut

During this lecture audiences will explore the role religion played in Socrates' life. "We will start by exploring the life of Socrates in general and then highlight the various ways in which religion played a role in shaping his life and death," Rauhut said. "At the end, we will discuss whether Socrates' religious perspective has significance for our life today."

Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 4:00pm: *The Principles of Islam* with Samih Baalbaki

Baalbaki explains that the lecture will "cover a brief history of Islam, Islam today, population, geography, cultural influence on the practices of Islam around the world, and the fundamental tenets of Islam." The talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

Other topics to be featured in coming months include Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism and more. To reserve a seat or for more information, email sbremner@gtcounty.org.