



Tipton Visiting Professor: **Michele Dillon**

One Time Course Offering (Winter 12)

RS 126: Roman Catholicism Today:

SOCIOLOGY OF AMERICAN CATHOLICISM

This course will consider issues of institutional/historical change, the diversity of US Catholicism, particular attention to issues of sexual behavior and gender, how contemporary trends in immigration and changing spiritual practices are impacting Catholicism. The course would include a range of readings/research methods and I would have as a sub-theme the different ways in which sociologists study Catholicism/religion.