

21A.211
First Writing Assignment

Due in class September 18

Write a short essay of two pages length (normal font and margins, double-spaced, no extra spaces between paragraphs) on some aspect or aspects of the snake-handling Pentacostalist churches as we have been exposed to them in “The Holy Ghost People” and *Salvation on Sand Mountain*. Within the very limited space available, try to make your paper a coherent essay on your chosen topic, rather than a book report. Consider your sources critically. For possible topics, consult the study questions on the book and the film.

Be specific in your references. To cite *Sand Mountain*, use the following form, with author’s last name, date of publication, colon, and pages, all within parenthesis: (Covington 1995:73-84).