Religious Studies Newsletter
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Special Announcements

Happy Pride Month!
- The Department of Religious Studies wishes everyone a Happy Pride Month.
Social Media Summer Check-Ins

- If you are interested in receiving a social media spotlight, please send the following information to our Social Media Intern (Saad Jalisi, sjalisi@uncc.edu):
  - Name (first and last).
  - Department position (faculty, graduate, or undergraduate).
  - A few sentences on what you are doing this summer.
  - Two or three pictures of yourself.

Declaring the Major

How to Declare the Major in Religious Studies

- To declare the undergraduate major in Religious Studies, just fill out this form.
- The major in Religious Studies requires 30 credit hours.
- The minor in Religious Studies only requires 15 credit hours. With a few more classes, you could acquire a Bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies.

M.A. in Religious Studies

How to Apply for the M.A. in Religious Studies

- The M.A. in Religious Studies program approaches the academic study of religion and religions from a variety of critical and interdisciplinary perspectives, with an emphasis placed on the global and multicultural aspects of religion.
- The M.A. application is completely electronic via the Charlotte Graduate School website.
- Exceptional undergraduate students at Charlotte may apply for the Early Entry Program and begin work toward the graduate degree before completion of the Bachelor’s degree.
  - Check out our promotional video to understand the Early Entry Program!
- For more information regarding admission requirements or other aspects of the program please contact: Dr. Kent Brintnall - kent.brintnall@uncc.edu.

Programming

A Deep Dive Into Google Forms

- Need to create surveys, graded quizzes? Google Forms is a web-based app used to create forms for data collection purposes.
- Faculty, staff, and students can use Google Forms to make surveys, quizzes, or event registration sheets.
- This course will walk you through the process of how to create and collaborate in Google Forms.
- You can attend this virtual event from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on June 21, 2022. Register here.
International Ice Cream Hour

- Cool off, enjoy some ice cream, and join representatives from the ISSO, the Graduate School, and CAPS from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2022 for a co-sponsored, summer event.
- This is a free event and will be held on the first floor of the College of Health and Human Services.

Meal Kit Sign Up

- University Recreation and Chartwells are collaborating to provide FREE meal kits for students, faculty and staff.
- These meal kits include ALL the necessary ingredients to make this simple and healthy meal on your own.
- All meal ingredients must be picked up IN PERSON on the date and time listed in signup at University Recreation 3rd Floor Demo Kitchen, rm 313.
- Click here to reserve your meal.
- This event takes place on July 7, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- You can pick up your free meal at the University Recreation Demo Kitchen 3rd floor, 313.

News

Bank of America Invests $2.5 Million to Support Student Success and Upward Mobility

- The $2.5 million investment from the bank will expand the University’s signature bridge program for historically underrepresented students and support the creation of a Community Innovation Incubator.
- The University Transition Opportunities Program (UTOP) powered by Bank of America will expand UNC Charlotte’s signature bridge program by an additional 300 students over a five-year period.
- For the Community Innovation Incubator, local residents and community leaders will work as peers with researchers, students and experts to co-design data-driven solutions for the region.
Two UNC Charlotte Students Named 2022 Marian Drane Graham Scholars

- Avangelyne “Angel” Padilla and Jeremiah Williams have been named 2022 Marian Drane Graham Scholars by the UNC System.
- Padilla and Williams will join two other scholars from the UNC System for an eight-week immersive and experiential summer program, designed to help them develop leadership skills and gain a better understanding of key issues facing public higher education.

Helpful Resources

UREC Personal Training

- Accredited personal trainers are ready to lead you on the path to fitness!
- With an exercise plan tailored specifically to your needs, you are sure to meet your exercise goals.
- Types of training include:
  - Virtual Training
  - In-Person Training
  - Workouts to Go
- Learn more about UREC-offered personal training here.

Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- The Center for Counseling at Psychological Services (CAPS) is a department within the Division of Student Affairs at UNC Charlotte. CAPS is a component of Health and Wellbeing, an administrative unit whose primary goal is to provide comprehensive wellness-related programs and services to UNC Charlotte students.
- CAPS is conducting initial consultation appointments through Zoom, phone, and in-person.
- To schedule an initial appointment with a counselor, call 704-687-0311 during our business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

News about department events will be emailed to you as well as posted on the department website and on our Facebook page, Twitter feed, and Instagram. We will host the Loy H. Witherspoon Annual Lecture as well as the Tate Lecture in Judaic Studies this year, both virtually.