Religious Studies Newsletter
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### Special Announcements

**Religious Studies Spring 2022 Courses Are Out Now!**

- Log into MyCharlotte.
- Select to open Banner Self Service.
- Click the Student Services/Student Accounts tab.
- Click on Registration.
- Select Look-up Classes to Add.
- Search by Spring 2022 term.
- Choose Religious Studies and view the details of the departmental Spring 2022 courses.
Pre-Registration Advising Appointments Are Now Available!

- It's time for you to schedule your appointment for Spring 2021 pre-registration.
- Have a list of courses that you plan to take next semester, even if you aren't quite sure what courses you should take. It's better to have something than nothing.
- Find your overall earned credit hours on your Unofficial Transcript or Advising Transcript in Banner Self-Service. You must earn at least 120 credit hours to graduate from UNC Charlotte.
- Follow this link to schedule your appointment: https://uncc.campus.eab.com/home.
- If you are graduating in Fall 2021, there is no need to schedule an appointment.

Graduate Students: Submit Your Website Information!

- For graduate students, if you have not already done so, please send in a photo of yourself and a short description of who you are and what you are doing in the Department of Religious Studies.
- Click here for examples of graduate students' bios.

American Academy of Religion Southeastern Regional Conference Will Be Online.

- Given ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 situation, the AAR/SBL-SE board decided the March 11-13, 2022 Regional Conference will be solely online, similar to last year’s conference.
- The Call for Papers has now been pushed to October 15, 2021.
- Please submit your paper proposals here.
- For updated information about the Regional Conference visit https://relse.org/.

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.

Alumna Spotlight
Lindsay Carroll, Religious Studies MA Graduate

- Please meet Lindsay Carroll, an alumna of our department!
- Lindsay pursued her master's degree in Religious Studies as a way to gain in-depth knowledge of Hinduism.
  - She was first introduced to Hinduism through yoga.
- As an artist, the graduate thesis process allowed her to refine her ability to commit to extended creative and scholarly endeavors.
- She learned to explore meaning and symbolism, create organized processes, and communicate ideas effectively.
- For students looking for careers outside of research, she encourages you all to take risks and branch out: "The skills that you've gained certainly won't be left behind, but instead, will be utilized in a new and creative way."

Programming

Women of Color Conversations

- The Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement is hosting Women of Color Conversations.
- These virtual chats will engage with meaning dialogue around the intersections of womanhood and being a person of color.
- These conversations will be held on October 28th, November 18th, and December 9th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.
- Register here.

University Career Center Challenge

- Register for the Niner Career Challenge for a chance to win FREE SPRING 2022 TUITION and other prizes!
- Engage in services and events that help you prepare for your future.
- Challenge closes Tuesday, November 30, 2021
- Click here for more information
Mastering a JEDI Mindset

- In this workshop, undergraduate and graduate students will understand the importance of being critical thinkers.
- You will learn about operating in a mindset centered in justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in an effort to honor the diversity that exists in the world around us.
- October 21, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
- Follow this link to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNd-Sc8wafr_vCWzpS5zg-ZJ6UXEP5M6K0cbUsVGOjil9wOA/viewform.
- Hosted by Dr. Stephanie Helms Pickett, Associate Vice Provost of Inclusive Excellence and Strategic Practice and Diversity at NC State University.

Helpful Resources

Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

- Let’s Talk is a brief, drop-in, and confidential problem-solving consultation with a CAPS team member.
  - Click Here for more information!
- Other Services Offered by CAPS:
  - Individual Counseling
  - Group Counseling
  - Relationship Therapy
  - Crisis Assistance
  - Self Help Resources- Click here for more information
- Call 704-687-0311 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for appointments or questions
- If you are in crisis, CLICK HERE for resources
Sanskrit 2022 Literary Arts Magazine

- Sanskrit is accepting arts submissions for its 2022 Literary Arts Magazine, including
  - Literary Works
  - Poetry
  - Visual Artwork
  - Film Production
  - Music Composition
  - Dance Choreography
- General requirements for submission: include a cover letter introducing yourself, containing a 30-70 word autobiographical statement written in third person.
- Include your contact information (name, address, phone number, email) word count, and title/page number on every page of the manuscript or poem.
- Entry deadline is November 5, 2021.
- Submit your work here.

Resident Advisor Application

- Resident Advisor (RA) applications are open!
- RAs are part-time paraprofessional staff members of the Department of Housing and Residence Life who live in an assigned residential hall/area.
- RAs spend significant time getting to know their residents, building relationships with and among their residents, and serving as a positive peer leader.
- RAs also must enforce community standards and University policies to maintain inclusive residential communities.
- Most importantly, RAs work hard to foster communities that are welcoming and conducive to living and learning.
- RAs are selected for their leadership potential, interpersonal abilities, positive and caring attitudes, and sense of responsibility.
- Application deadline is October 17, 2021.
- Start and submit your application here.

Department Events
Religious Studies Reading/Writing Group

- David Flaherty, a graduate MA student in Religious Studies, is hosting a reading and writing group.
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- This is a space to help each other edit papers, understand texts, work silently, collaborate on research, and foster a community!
- If you are interested, the group meets on Mondays from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM via Zoom: https://uncc.zoom.us/j/93149205675?pwd=UFob3J2L2lveWR3WkNJQ0lkVinCUT09.
- If you have any questions, you can contact David at dflaher1@uncc.edu.

Religious Studies Scavenger Hunt

- The Department of Religious Studies will be continuing its scavenger hunt!
- Each week will feature different themed challenges beginning on Mondays.
- Small prizes will be offered on Fridays with a midweek bonus.
- At the end of the semester, the person with the most challenges completed will win a Mystery Grand Prize!
- Keep your eye open for more information regarding this event, and check our Instagram page.

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.