Religious Studies Newsletter
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Special Announcements

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Break!
- The Department of Religious Studies wishes you all a safe and rejuvenating Thanksgiving Break!
- Classes will resume on November 29, 2021 (Monday).

Apply for Internships in RELS
- RELS 3400 - Internships is being offered to Religious Studies majors/minors for Spring 2022.
- Internships in the Department of Religious Studies provide an opportunity for majors and minors to transfer the skills and knowledge they have learned in the classroom to professional settings.
- In order to receive academic credit for your internship, you must complete an ePortfolio that compiles information about the organization, your responsibilities (amounting to 120 hours), evaluations, and a reflection on the work you completed.
- You will need to contact the organization’s supervisor, arrange an interview, and secure your placement before you can register for RELS 3400.
- **The Department of Religious Studies has placements available for internships**, such as Pierre Law, International House, and SHARE.
- Contact Celia Sinclair (cbsincla@uncc.edu) or Saad Jalisi (sjalisi@uncc.edu) with questions.
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

Bridging the Gap: A Graduate Research Symposium

- The English Graduate Student Association and the Religious Studies Graduate Association are excited to present Bridging the Gap: A Graduate Research Symposium.
- This virtual symposium welcomes papers and artistic expressions that celebrate intertextuality, pastiche, and the interdisciplinary nature of academic research.
- The symposium will be held virtually on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- If you are interested in participating in this symposium, you must submit an abstract (about 250 words) for your paper and/or performance to egsa@uncc.edu by Monday, December 20, 2021.
Women of Color Conversations

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

Sex Week UNCC

- Sex Week UNCC is looking for students to participate in their February 2022 drag show.
- If you are interested, please reach out to Sex Week through an Instagram DM (@sexweekuncc) or email (sexweekuncc@gmail.com).
- People of all genders can participate!

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. Visits are first come, first serve. No appointment necessary and the wait time is usually brief.
- 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
University Career Center Drop Ins Cancelled

- Drop ins are cancelled from November 24th to November 26th due to Thanksgiving Break.
- Drop ins will resume on November 29th.

Department Events

Jamil Niner Student Pantry Donations

- The Department of Religious Studies is participating in a canned-food drive for the Jamil Niner Student Pantry.
- The Religious Studies Graduate Organization will earn 1 volunteer hour for every 10 cans donated.
- The volunteer hours will be used towards credit for the Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG).
- There is a bin in the Religious Studies front office for your donations!

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=UF0b3J2L21veWR3WkNJQ0lkVlIiUT09.
- If you have any questions, you can contact David at dflaher1@uncc.edu.

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.