Religious Studies Newsletter
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Special Announcements

Religion and Futurity: Submit Your Abstracts!

- The abstract submission deadline is on February 14th!
- All undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit an abstract (250 words).
- Please email your submissions to religiousstudies@uncc.edu.
- Learn more about our 5th annual research conference in the “Department Events” section.

Department of Religious Studies: Faculty Colloquy Series

- In February and March, the Department will be resuming its faculty colloquy series.
- On Monday, February 14, 2:30-3:45, Dr. Joyce Dalsheim from the Global, International, and Area Studies Department will be presenting her work, titled “The Trouble with Christian Time: Thinking with Jewish Sages.”
  - You can join the Zoom meeting here.
- On Monday, March 14, 2:30-3:45, Dr. Mark Pizzatto from the Theater Department will be presenting his work, titled "Churches and Temples as Neuro-Performance Sites."
  - You can join the Zoom meeting here.

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.

Department Events

Religion & Futurity: A Virtual Research Conference for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

- The Religious Studies Graduate Organization and the Department of Religious Studies is proud to announce their 5th annual student conference!
- This virtual research conference aims to bring together student-scholar-artists who explore the interstices of religion through textual, visual, and creative modes.
- Please email all abstracts (250 words) to religiousstudies@uncc.edu by February 14, 2022.
- The virtual conference will occur on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Community Spotlight: Department Pets!
Programming
Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement: Palentine’s Celebration

- Join the Office of I.E.E for food and community!
- Learn about the spectrum of sexualities and romantic attractions.
- Activities include card-making for your loved ones.
- Event occurs on February 14, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Union 252.

Sigma Tau Delta Presents: Love Poetry Slam

- Sigma Tau Delta is hosting the Love Poetry Slam on February 16, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Fretwell 122.
- This event will feature friendly ears, open hearts, and love poems from the Charlotte community!
- Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Center for Wellness Promotion: Love Your Body

- The C.W.P. is hosting Love Your Body Week at UREC from February 21st to 24th.
- This week of programming is dedicated to promoting healthy body image and body positivity.
- The week’s events include cycling, cooking classes, painting, and films.

Helpful Resources
UCAE Tutoring Schedule

- Need tutoring for your classes? Find a tutor with the University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)!
- View the course options for tutoring on the panel to the left.
- UCAE has tutoring hours throughout the semester.
- Click here for more information and the schedule!

The Hunt Institute: John M. Belk Impact Fellowship

- The Hunt Institute is accepting applications for the prestigious John M. Belk Impact Fellowship!
- The John M. Belk Impact Fellowship is a ten-month (August-May), paid program that provides hands-on experience for students currently enrolled in community college, undergraduate or graduate programs in North Carolina.
- Fellowship Includes:
  - Paid Fellowship ($15/hour).
  - Minimum of 11 hours per week.
- For more information, click here.

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.