A Message from the Outgoing Chair of the Department

For 2011-12 the Religion Department is delighted to be able to offer an exciting and diverse range of courses. In addition to courses and instructors that will be familiar from years past, you will also find an offering from the newest member of our department, Professor Brian Hatcher, who is an expert in Hinduism. Professor Hatcher joined us last Fall (2010) and will be taking over as the Chair of the Department in the Fall of 2011. We hope you will take a minute to stop by and meet him. And think about taking his course this Fall, which explores the interplay between text and practice in Asian religious traditions. We are delighted to welcome him to the department. We feature in this edition of the course booklet two images taken during Professor Hatcher’s research work in India.

Kevin Dunn, Associate Professor

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Courses Co-Listed with Religion

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| REL 15/115  | Japanese Architecture                      | C-LST FAH 15/115      |
| REL 23/123  | Early Islamic Art                          | C-LST FAH 21/121      |
| REL 68      | Martin Luther: The Man & the Era           | C-LST GERM 68/HIST 116|
| REL 73      | Aspects of Sephardic Tradition             | C-LST JS 73           |
| REL 84      | Sources of Jewish Tradition                | C-LST JS 84           |
| REL 120     | Armenian Art, Architecture & Politics      | C-LST FAH 120         |
| REL 132     | Book of Genesis                            | C-LST JS 132          |
| REL 134     | Myth, Ritual, and Symbol                   | C-LST ANTH 132        |
| REL 143     | Sociology of Religion                      | C-LST SOC 143         |
| REL 157     | Theories of Spiritual Development          | C-LST 157             |
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Catholicism, International Relations & Religions, Medical & Theological Ethics, World Religions, Inter-faith and Inter-religious Dialogue
REQUIREMENTS

The Religion Major

Ten courses distributed as follows:

• Foundation Requirement
  After taking two courses in the department, students must take REL 99 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion.

• Diversity Requirement (four courses)
  Students should have exposure to at least four different religions traditions through classes in which four different traditions are taught, or through four courses, each focused on a different religious tradition, or through some combination thereof.

• Depth Requirement (three courses)
  Students must choose a religious tradition, the traditions of a geographical region, or a religious textual tradition and take at least three classes in that specialty. One of the three courses must be in the doctrinal (theological or philosophical) aspects of religion and two must be 100-level courses.

• Two Additional Courses
  The two courses can be listed or cross-listed within the department.

The Religion Minor

Five courses distributed as follows:

• Foundation Requirement
  After taking two courses in the department, students must take REL 99 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion.

• Diversity Requirement (three courses)
  Students should have exposure to at least three different religions traditions through classes in which three different traditions are taught, or through three courses, each focused on a different religious tradition, or through some combination thereof.

• Upper-division Requirement
  One other course at the 100-level that does not count for any of the above requirements.
An introduction to the field of religion to give students an understanding of the basic elements of the subject: the major characteristics, the form and expressions, and the contributions of man’s personal and social orientation. Also, brief overviews of five of the world’s spiritual/faith traditions; Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This course meets the Humanities distribution requirement.

An introduction to contemporary Christian thought and its criticism, the course will focus on religious thinkers’ responses to a range of intellectual, political, and cultural challenges to traditional beliefs. By focusing on questions raised by oppression, secularization, and environmental issues, the course will explore how post-WW II Christian thinkers and their critics have re-imagined the meaning of “God.” In particular, we will consider contemporary ideas about God’s power/agency and about God’s relationship to humanity and nature.
REL 35  Introduction to Christianity  
Heather Curtis  E+  MW  10:30-11:45 AM  
C-LST: HIST 52

This course surveys the development of Christianity from the first century to the present. We will study the key figures, events and issues that helped shape the Christian tradition in a variety of cultural, social and historical contexts. In addition to exploring the major ideas, institutions and practices associated with Christianity, we will pay close attention to the diverse forms and expressions that Christian faith and life have taken in different time periods and among a range of communities.  
*This course meets the Humanities distribution requirement.*
REL 42  Religion & American Politics, 1600-Present  
Heather Curtis  G+  MW  1:30-2:45 PM  C-LST: HIST 126, AMER 180-02  

“In God we Trust,” “One Nation Under God,” “God Bless America,”: phrases like these alert us to the on-going influence of religion in American public life. This course explores the role of religion in shaping American civic engagement and political activity from the 17th century to the present, aiming to put contemporary events in broader historical context. Key topics and themes include: the relationship between church and state in the colonial period; faith and the founders; religion and social activism in the antebellum era (especially anti-slavery and women’s rights); religion, race and civil rights; religious “outsiders” and American politics (particularly Mormons, Catholics, and Muslims); spirituality and social protest in the 20th century (pacifism; feminism; and economic reform); the rise of the religious right; religion and American politics post-9/11; and the upcoming presidential election.

REL 43  Asian Religions  
Brian Hatcher  J+  TR  3:00-4:15 PM  

A survey of the living religions of Asia from a historical point of view. Special attention is given to historical development, the major tenets of faith, and the distinctive ceremonies. Religions studied include Shintoism, Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. This course meets the Humanities and World Civilization distribution requirements and can be counted ONLY as one or the other. It also meets the East Asian Culture and Diasporas and South and Southeast Asian Culture culture options.
REL 48  Introduction to Islam
Alnoor Dhanani  L+  TR  4:30-5:45 PM

Islam in its many facets. Pre-Islamic Arabia, the Prophet, the Qur’ an, the prophetic traditions, tradition and customs, law, theology, major denominations, philosophy, and mysticism. This course meets the Humanities and World Civilization distribution requirements and can be counted ONLY as one or the other. It also meets the Middle Eastern Culture culture option.

REL 99  Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
Elizabeth Lemons  D+  TR  10:30-11:30 AM

The seminar aims to enhance students’ capacity to analyze and discuss theoretical and methodological issues in the academic study of religion. We will explore selected important modern texts that raise enduring questions about such issues as the nature of religious phenomena, their purpose in societies, and their comparability across cultures. In addition, we will consider recent work by scholars of religion that critiques earlier perspectives and/or raises new issues. Discussion of three case studies will facilitate analysis of the benefits and liabilities of various methodological and theoretical perspectives. Through analysis of significant approaches and issues, students will develop an understanding of their own presuppositions and perspectives in relation to the field of religious studies. This course meets the Humanities distribution requirement.

Prerequisites: Two Religion courses, or permission of instructor. Required course for Religion majors and minors.
REL 154 — Muhammad and the Qur’an —
Ken Garden — K+ MW 4:30-5:45 PM

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This advanced seminar will explore the full range of Islamic scripture and sacred literature. It will survey the Qur’an and Hadith, but also the Tales of the Prophets genre and the Biography of the Prophet (sira). The objective is an understanding of these genres individually as well as in their interaction in constituting Islamic scripture.

Students may not enroll in this class if they have previously received credit for REL 10-15.

REL 156 — Catholicism in Crisis —
David O’Leary — 11 T 6:30-9:00 PM

A survey of major issues of crisis in the Catholic Church today including sexual abuse scandals, women’s ordination, the authority of bishops versus the authority of theologians, and homosexuality in the priesthood. This course meets the Humanities distribution requirement.

Prerequisites: REL 01 and either REL 56 or REL 111
Eckhart, Al-Ghazali, and Teresa of Avila have anything to do with each other? If so, why? If not, why have so many thinkers grouped them together for so long? In this course, we will not attempt to define mysticism or identify who is or is not, was or was not, a "mystic." Rather, we’ll explore modern discussions about the nature of mysticism, and the social, cultural, and political circumstances in which such modern ideas made sense. In so doing, we will seek to understand how Jean Paul Sartre could equate mysticism with fascism in postwar France, even while, in America, Huston Smith and Thomas Merton could connect it to perpetual peace. Whatever “mysticism” may be, modern debates about it have never been short on racial, gender, and political distinctions. Nor, as we shall see, have they been far from debates about culture, civilization, community, and conflict.