Religious Studies Student Organization
2016 Undergraduate Research Conference
Religion In Society: Past and Present

Schedule (See the opposite side for presenters and titles)

8:30AM – 9:00AM  Registration
9:00AM – 9:30AM  Breakfast and Welcome
9:45AM – 10:45AM Panel I
11:00AM – 12:00PM Panel II
12:00PM – 12:30PM Lunch
12:30PM – 1:00PM  Guest Speaker

Dr. Anika Wilson, Associate Professor of Africology, University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

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# Research Presentations

## Panel I
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Moderator: Dr. Robert Smith |
| Umalkhayr Abdi  
"Somali Women: Gatekeepers to Peace in Somalia" | Colleen Cotter  
"Adrastus: Greek Law and Order" |
| Emily Antonneau  
"Marriage Rituals: Ritualistic Conditioning of Slavic Women" | Devin Gatton  
"A Theological Conglomerate: The Framers' Intent for Religious Freedom in Early America" |
| Kali Daugherty  
"Hidden Heartbreak: The Secret Pain of Miscarriage in the Jewish Community" | Madeline O'Malley  
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| Mahum Jawaid  
"Burial and the Afterlife: An Examination of Buddhist and Slavic Beliefs" | Carolynn Chennery  
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