



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

The Religious Studies Student Organization would like to express its sincere gratitude to:

Dr. Rodney Swain, Dean of the College of Letters & Science; Dr. Johannes Britz, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Judith Beall, Interim Director of the Religious Studies Program; Dr. David DiValerio; Dr. Anika Wilson; Dr. Meghan Murphy-Lee; Dr. Robert Smith; Dr. Katherine Milco; Dr. Demetrius Williams; Mr. William James, Religious Studies Program Assistant

Research Presentations

Panel I 9:45 AM- 10:45 AM
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Room A <i>Envisioning Womanhood</i> Moderator: Dr. Meghan Murphy-Lee	Room B <i>The Political Life of Religion</i> 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 "Oracles In Ancient Paganism"

Panel II 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM
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Room A <i>Traditions and Practices</i> Moderator: Dr. Katherine Milco	Room B <i>Interpretations of Identity in World Religions</i> Moderator: Dr. Demetrius Williams
Samantha Cook "Ancient Egyptian Burial Practices & Connection to the Gods"	Thomas Baas III "‘For Every Shepherd is an Abomination unto the Egyptians’: Re-examining the Hebrew-Hyksos Connection"
Mahum Jawaid "Burial and the Afterlife: An Examination of Buddhist and Slavic Beliefs"	Carolynn Chennery "Transgenderism in Buddhism"
Mary Kellison "Early Christianity and Saints: Transition of Religious Power from Paganism to Christianity"	Mack Tubirdy "The Werewolf: From Damned Degradation to Romantic Reversion"