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DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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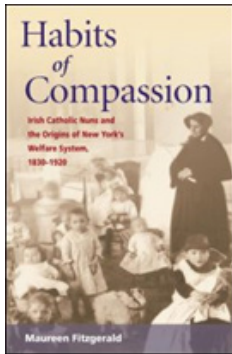
2018 brought Religious Studies a new department administrator and a new faculty member, both filling holes created by the retirements of department institutions. Tammy Cooper retired at the end of 2017; you may have noticed the earth wobbling on its axis last December. Before the Department fell apart entirely, Samantha Frizzell stepped in to Tammy's office. Samantha had served as one of three administrators in William & Mary's Modern Languages & Literatures Department and, prior to that, was a graduate of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, majoring in Studio Art. Samantha has done a terrific job getting up to speed in Religious Studies. In addition to taking care of us, she has continued her art work and has even opened an online business. We are all grateful to have her.

Andrew Tobolowsky joins us after teaching for two years in William & Mary's Classical Studies Department. He brings a pan-Mediterranean perspective to the study of the Hebrew Bible and ancient Israel, after Julie Galambush so admirably taught in this field for some twenty-five years. Read more about Andrew in our longer profile inside.

The *yang* of our new Department members, alas, is balanced by the *yin* of Marc Lee Raphael's impending retirement. Marc came to William & Mary thirty years ago, after already establishing an international reputation in Judaic Studies during his tenure at Ohio State University. Through his teaching, scholarship, and fundraising, Marc built our Program in Judaic Studies, which will remain among his lasting legacies. In his decade chairing Religious Studies, Marc developed the global approach we now take to the study of religion, extending our strengths in the history of Christianity and American religions to include the study of all major religious traditions. His deep learning has driven a prolific publishing career; among his highlights are *Judaism in America* (2003), *The Columbia History of Jews and Judaism in America* (2009), and *The Synagogue in America* (2011). We could say that he wrote the book on American Judaism, if we could point to only one book! Marc will leave behind a long history of teaching and mentoring generations of William & Mary students, whom he led through the close reading of a wide variety of Jewish literature, from the Bible, to Midrash, to Leonard Cohen. This fall, he is teaching his final class, a new course on "Jewish Mysticism." He is innovative until the end.

Religious Studies will host a retirement celebration of Marc's career on April 10, 2019 in Wren's Great Hall.

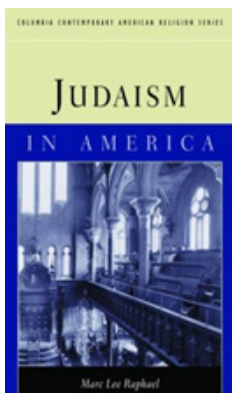
Kevin Vose
Chair, Religious Studies Department



FACULTY NEWS

Alexander Angelov

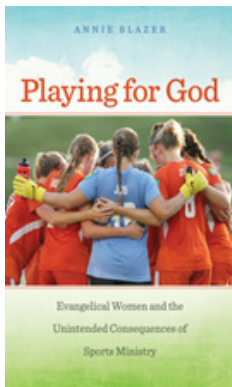
This past year, Alexander Angelov taught “Introduction to the History of Christianity,” “Theory of Religion,” and “Christian Reformation, Protestant Denominations and Modern Religious Politics,” a class he taught and developed with student major Brittany Acors. Acors was admitted to graduate programs at Oxford University, Harvard University, and the University of Virginia, where she now attends. Since this past year, Angelov has also been working with student major Kathryn Eckler as she researches Iranian refugees.



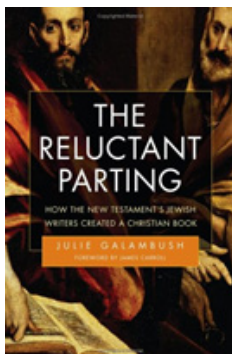
In the spring, Angelov also presented at a series of lectures and seminars at the Bruton Parish Episcopal Church. These lectures focused on the modern consequences of the Protestant Reformation and the trend of Christians towards humanism. In fall 2018, he was invited to Munich, Bahn, and Cologne to present on Christian development in the Middle Ages and its consequences for contemporary European identities. This summer, Angelov was also featured on a CBS interview.

His book, *Christ in the East* is set to be published soon, and he will be on sabbatical spring 2019 as he prepares for his next book which will look at Christ in the Soviet Union. To do so, he will travel to Moscow, Paris, and Sofia.

Annie Blazer



This past August, Annie Blazer presented new research at the meeting of the International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture in Boulder, Colorado. Her research presentation was entitled “Religion, Media, and Racial Reconciliation in Richmond, Virginia,” and detailed research findings from Blazer’s ongoing anthropological research on the effects of rapid gentrification on historic black churches. The paper focused on East End Fellowship, a racially integrated evangelical group in Richmond, and highlighted the role of social and new media in their promotion of racial reconciliation. Blazer argued that the group’s use of media, and particularly song-writing, has allowed them to bridge white evangelical and black evangelical approaches to worship, community, and race relations. This case study matters because it stands in stark contrast to most congregations in the U.S. that either do not prioritize racial integration or have not been able to racially integrate.



Blazer is continuing anthropological research on this topic and has been accepted to present at the Ninth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society at the University of Granada, Spain in April 2019. In the Religious Studies Department, Blazer is team teaching a new course with associate professor Jaime Settle in the government department entitled, “Two Americas: Polarization in Religion and Politics.” The course asks students to conduct both anthropological and political science research on contemporary religious and political behavior and to think through the benefits and drawbacks of different methodologies. Settle and Blazer developed this course as part of their Taylor Reveley III Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellowship and will be teaching the course for a second time in spring 2020.

FACULTY CHANGES

On Leave Academic Year 2017-2018

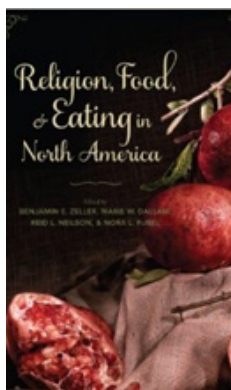
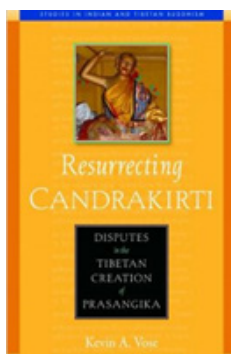
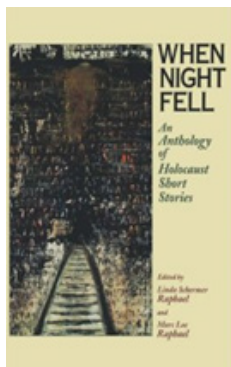
Annie Blazer (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Patton Burchett (Spring 2018)

Faraz Sheikh (Spring 2018)

Visiting Faculty, 2017-2018

Robin McCall: Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary; teaching History and Religion of Ancient Israel (F'17, S'18), Elementary Biblical Hebrew (F'17, S'18)



Patton Burchett

This past year, his third at William & Mary, Patton Burchett taught “Introduction to Hinduism” and “Magic, Science, & Religion” in Fall '17 — also traveling to give paper presentations at two major conferences — and was on Research Leave in Spring '18. During his leave, Patton put the finishing touches on his first book, *A Genealogy of Devotion: Bhakti, Tantra, Yoga, and Sufism in North India*, which will be published by Columbia University Press in the spring of 2019. The book traces devotional Hinduism’s (bhakti) understudied historical relationships with tantra, yoga, and Sufism, focusing especially on the complex historical factors at play in the growth of bhakti in Sultanate and Mughal India, through its pivotal interactions with Indic and Persianate traditions of asceticism, monasticism, politics, and literature.

Over the summer, he guided one of our student majors (Florence Glynn) in crafting the syllabus for a new course, to be taught in Spring 2019, called “Spiritual, Not Religious.” This new course will examine the historical development of modern-day conceptions of “spirituality” and investigate spirituality’s complex relationships with “religion,” secularism, scientism, and consumer capitalism, seeking to understand, in particular, the phenomenon of a rapidly increasing number of Americans who identify as “spiritual, but not religious.”

Michael Daise

This past year, Michael Daise solidified a sequence of courses: “Judaism Before the Rabbis” and “Rabbis and Fathers” that explores the history of Judaism and the emergence of rabbis. Both are COLL 200-designated courses. In addition to this sequence, Daise taught “Christian Origins” in the fall semester.

During summer 2017 he organized a conference with the University of Naples L’Orientale that focused on the reception of Jewish scripture in early Judaism and Christianity. Scholars from Italy, Germany, Spain, Israel, Canada, and the United States were in attendance. Daise is now working on edits to the volume of papers that were submitted after the conference. He is also looking forward to attending a conference on Christian origins this fall.

Daise is also anticipating the publication of his book *Quotations in John: Studies on Jewish Scripture in the Fourth Gospel*. This book, published through Bloomsburg Press, should be available in June 2019.

Stay Connected on Social Media

Keep up with Religious Studies news all year long! Like us on Facebook to see faculty and student accomplishments, departmental events and more!

Maggie Fraser Kirsh

This past year, Maggie Kirsh has increasingly focused her work on the plight of child survivors of the Holocaust and its relevance today. In October 2017, she participated in a workshop titled “Children in Crisis”, which was supported by the EVZ Foundation and the UNHCR. This event at University College London provided a unique opportunity for social workers dealing with the current refugee crisis and historians of the post-World War II refugee crisis to meet and reflect on the ways in which they can learn from each other.

Maggie’s work was recently published in the International Tracing Service’s *Life in the Aftermath: Displaced Persons and Child Survivors on the Move*. Her chapter, titled “ ‘Shattered by Mental and Physical Strain’: The Treatment and Assimilation of ‘Defective’ Child Survivors”, uses the case study of Great Britain to explore the ways in which middle class values and economic conditions shaped rehabilitation programs.

Most recently she presented a paper, “Publicity, Privacy, and Protection: The Ethics of ‘Advertising’ Child Survivors” at the conference *Beyond Camps and Forced Labour: Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution*.

Maggie has loved teaching two new classes: *Modern European Jewish History* (cross-listed with the History Department) and *Voices from the Holocaust: Testimony and Memory, 1933-Present (COLL 150)*. In addition, she has overseen several independent studies: *Holocaust Landscapes*, *Jewish Family Histories from the Soviet Union*, and *Jewish Traces in Poland Today*.

Robin McCall

This past year, Robin McCall taught the cycle of courses in the Hebrew language as well as “Torah,” “History of the Israelite Religion,” and “Sympathy for the Devil.” She is making a career change, and will soon be searching for a job as an academic librarian. McCall was recently accepted to a master’s program in library and information sciences at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She will be completing coursework online while teaching during the spring 2019 semester.

Department Sweatshirts

The Department of Religious Studies has sweatshirts! You too can look smart in this cozy hoodie. For sale to alums for \$25, plus shipping. Please contact Samantha Frizzell at sfrizzell@wm.edu if you are interested.



Inside Look:

Professor Oludamini Ogunnaike has some photos to share from this past year. Look below for his trip to Indonesia, materials from his new class, and photos with his COLL 300 guest speaker!



Mark McLaughlin

This past year, Mark McLaughlin was promoted to Senior Lecturer. He also received the Flourishing Faculty Teaching Award, which is given to a William & Mary faculty member who has effectively modeled the principles of flourishing and integrative wellness both in the classroom and as a mentor. Last spring, William & Mary students ranked Dr. McLaughlin #4 in an online article for *College Magazine*, “Ten of the Best Professors at William & Mary.” In early 2018, he was elevated from member to chair of the Academic Advisory Council for the Muktabodha Indological Research Institute (MIRI). The mission of MIRI is to digitally preserve endangered Sanskrit texts from the religious and philosophical traditions of classical India and make them accessible for study and scholarship worldwide through MIRI’s online digital library. In his capacity as chair, Mark will give a series of talks in London in early March on the work of Muktabodha. Over this past year, Mark has presented papers on his research at the University of Hawaii, the Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion in Denver, and the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, where he put together a 1-day symposium on tombs, shrines, samadhis, and relics. He was also invited to speak at Emory University last spring on his pioneering the use of VR technology in the classroom to teach about sacred space. Dr. McLaughlin continues to teach his freshman seminars “Meditation and the Mind” and “Temples, Tombs, and Topography,” as well as “Introduction to Hinduism” and a number of upper level seminars on South Asian religions. This summer, Dr. McLaughlin will be the Director of William & Mary’s abroad program in Goa, India where he will lead 15 students through a 5-week exploration of Indian culture, society, and religion in the face of globalization. Following this program, he will spend the rest of the summer conducting fieldwork in Maharashtra related to his book project on Hindu *samādhī* shrines (tomb-shrines for revered gurus), as well as capturing still and video VR content of the sacred spaces he works on, in order to bring them back into the classroom for William & Mary students.

Oludamini Ogunnaike

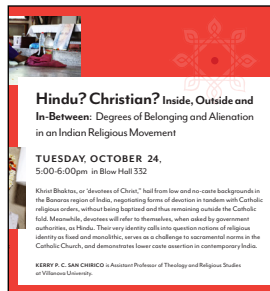
Oludamini Ogunnaike taught a new class last year, “Introduction to Yoruba Religions,” in which the Araba of Modakeke, a chief priest of Ifa (a traditional African religion) visited campus from Nigeria to speak with students in several classes about his tradition, training, and religious practice, as a part of the COLL 300 program.

Professor Ogunnaike taught another new class entitled, “Introduction to Islam through the Arts,” in which students learned about the Islamic traditions of the continent through their Qur’anic recitation, calligraphy, architecture, poetry, music, clothing and literature, producing their own works of art, which were displayed in an exhibit at the end of the year.

This summer, supported by the Reves Faculty Fellowship, Professor Ogunnaike traveled with department major, Divya Dureja, to Indonesia to study the practice of Sufism and Islamic philosophy in a contemporary community in Jakarta. In addition to lectures and presentations at numerous colleges and conferences – including a talk on Post-Colonial Education at the annual John Harvard dinner at Cambridge University, a public lecture on “Islamic Art at Zaytuna College,” and lectures on Sufi Poetry at UCLA and Harvard – Professor Ogunnaike published articles in the *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, *African Arts*, and the *Journal of Africana Religions*. He also traveled to the Hauge to advise the International Baccalaureate program on integrating non-western philosophical traditions into their Philosophy course.

Speaker Series

This past year, the department hosted four lunch events and three outside speakers.

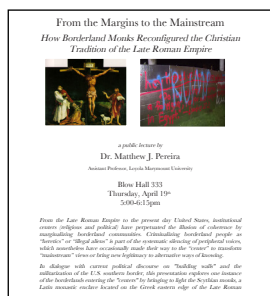


Hindu? Christian? Inside, Outside and In-Between: Degrees of Belonging and Alienation in an Indian Religious Movement

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24,
5:00-6:00pm in Blaw Hall 332

Khan Bhaloo, or "Messiah of Christ," had from low and no caste backgrounds in the Bombay region of India, requesting forms of devotion in tandem with Catholic religious orders, without being baptized and thus remaining outside the Catholic fold. Meanwhile, devotion with other characteristics, when asked by government authorities, as Hindu. These very identity calls into question concepts of religious identity on hand and monolithic, serves as a challenge to sacramental norms in the Catholic Church, and demonstrates how caste may be the "crucial" or significant "background" view of being very religious in alternative ways of thinking.

KEENE & C. SAN CHEMICO is Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University.

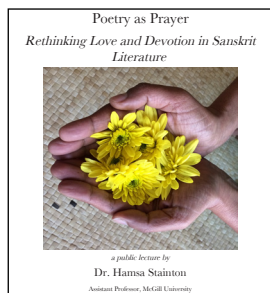


From the Margins to the Mainstream
How Borderland Monks Reconfigured the Christian Tradition of the Late Roman Empire


a public lecture by
Dr. Matthew J. Frezza
Assistant Professor, Marquette University
Blaw Hall 333
Thursday, April 19th
5:00-6:00pm

From the Late Roman Empire to the present, the United States, institutional racism and political bias have prevented the Muslim of color from participating in the "borderland" conversation. Organizational, institutional, and political "borderland" is part of the economic, cultural, and political reality, which necessitates how we think about the "borderland" or "borderland" "borderland" view of being very religious in alternative ways of thinking.

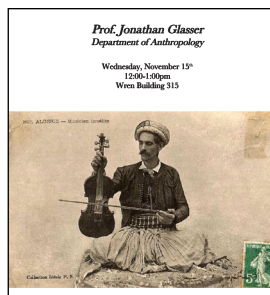
In dialogue with current political discourse on "borderland" and the institutionalization of the U.S. under the hood, this presentation explores the impact of borderland on the "borderland" to thinking in light of the American tradition, a Latin American scholar based on the Greek eastern edge of the Late Roman



Poetry as Prayer
Rethinking Love and Devotion in Sanskrit Literature




a public lecture by
Dr. Hamsa Stainton
Assistant Professor, McGill University

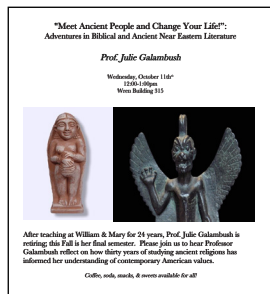


Prof. Jonathan Glasser
Department of Anthropology

Wednesday, November 15th
12:00-1:00pm
Wren Building 315



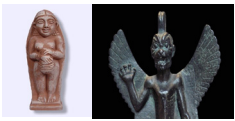
Dr. J. ALLEN — Museum of Anthropology



"Meet Ancient People and Change Your Life":
Adventures in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Literature

Prof. Julie Galambush

Wednesday, October 11th
12:00-1:00pm
Wren Building 315



After teaching at William & Mary for 24 years, Prof. Julie Galambush is retiring this Fall in her final semester. Please join us to hear Professor Galambush reflect on how thirty years of studying ancient religions has informed her understanding of contemporary American values.

Coffee, snacks, music, if events available for all

Marc Lee Raphael

The Nathan and Sophia Gumenick Professor of Judaic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies continued as Director of the Program in Judaic Studies. The highlight of his year was leading a COLL 300 Study Abroad Tour, "The Third Reich, World War II, and the Jews," to Munich, Nuremberg, Prague, Dresden and Berlin. The highlight of the tour was the courtroom of the 1945-46 Nuremberg War Crimes trial, unchanged since the War. Professor Raphael, after 50 years of teaching (20 at The Ohio State University and 30 at W&M) will retire at the end of the 2018-19 academic year.

Faraz Sheikh

This past year, Faraz Sheikh began teaching a new 300-level class on Muslim ethics. In this class, he encourages his students to discuss the diversity of Islamic positions on moral questions. Professor Sheikh spent his summer both supervising a student research project on Muslim environmental praxis in the Washington, D.C. area and travelling to Turkey and Pakistan to conduct his own research. There, he studied religious dissent and reform movements in the Islamic world. Sheikh will be using that research to write a series of articles. He is also awaiting the publication of articles in the *Journal of Religious Ethics* and recently published an article in *Comparative Islamic Studies*.

Professor Sheikh presented in the religious ethics unit at the annual American Academy of Religion conference in November 2017, and plans to present in the same unit again this year. During the 2017-2018 academic year, he was also invited to participate in a panel discussion organized by the Society for Scriptural Reasoning. The panel focused on ideas of self-reflection and judgement.

He was also elected Vice President of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics for a three-year term. SSME is the first academic association dedicated to the study of Muslim ethics and provides opportunities for scholars in that field. Since his election, he organized a conference that will be jointly held with the Society of Christian Ethics and the Society of Jewish Ethics in Louisville, Kentucky. This conference will be held early in January 2019.

Kevin Vose

After wrapping up his third year of chairing the department, Kevin Vose led a group of William & Mary students on a summer study abroad trip to Bhutan. Professor Vose and the students met in Bangkok, Thailand and flew into Paro, Bhutan. The group toured temples and dzongs in Paro, Thimphu (Bhutan's capital), and Punakha before settling into the Royal University of Bhutan's College of Language and Culture Studies in Taktse — near the geographical center of Bhutan. Professor Vose taught a course on Bhutan's Buddhist traditions, while local faculty both assisted with that course and taught a course on Gross National Happiness, Bhutan's model of economic and social development. During the final week of the program, the group toured temples in eastern Bhutan, before heading back to Paro for the flight home. The trip culminated with a climb to Tiger's Nest Monastery, Bhutan's most famous site. Professor Vose hopes to lead a second program in summer 2020.

Andrew Tobolowsky

Want to learn more about the department's newest faculty member? Here are five fun facts he thinks you should know about him!

- 1) I'm from Texas
- 2) I'm Jewish
- 3) I'm a big sports fan
- 4) I have a twin brother who works as a lawyer
- 5) I have a schnoodle named Pancake

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know Andrew Tobolowsky

Growing up in Texas, Andrew Tobolowsky found himself moving almost cross-country to pursue his education. He received his bachelor's degree in religious studies from Brown University in 2007, his master's degree in religious studies from Brown in 2011, and his Ph.D. in 2015. However, Tobolowsky credits his master's degree in literature and philosophy, which he received from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland in 2008, as what sparked his true academic interest in the Bible. Before coming to William & Mary, Tobolowsky taught at Brown, Georgetown University, and Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts.



Over the years, he honed his interest in teaching: he focuses on the Hebrew Bible, the history of ancient Israel, and comparisons with both the ancient Near East and the Classical Mediterranean. He says more broadly, his focus is on why and how we tell the stories we do about the past.

During his first two years at William & Mary, Tobolowsky taught in the Classical Studies Department. He taught Introduction to Classical Myth, Introduction to Israel's History and Religion and Poets and Prophets, where he led his students in discussion of Greek mythology and the Bible.

Now, as a faculty member in Religious Studies, he's teaching Roots of the Bible, which focuses on the near Eastern roots of the Bible. Tobolowsky said he's always been interested in thinking about how we construct realities through things that are concrete — a big idea that he's exploring in this class.

Tobolowsky just signed a contract for his third book, which examines how scholars of the Bible and scholars of classical myth approach similar topics through similar strategies. His second book, which is not currently under contract, is also in the works. In this book, he explores the lost tribes of Israel. He says it's important to give yourself a pre-Israel history and learn more about what happened to people who have constructed their past from the same basic history.

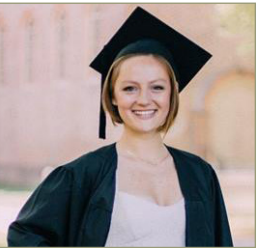
As he continues to settle in to his third-floor office in Wren, he said he's really looking forward to working closely with Religious Studies students and helping them pursue research on their topics of interest — he said he's excited to see whatever those topics of interest may be.

If he's not in Wren, you can probably find Tobolowsky catching up on Texas sports, and check out his writing for Texas-based sports publications. He's written for various sports blogs over the years about the Dallas Mavericks.

Alumni Spotlight



Hillary Dickinson (2015) currently works as an investigator for the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations



Phoebe Galt (class of 2017) currently works as an assistant account executive at GMNB.



Matthew Groves (class of 2016) is a doctoral candidate at Vanderbilt University and will receive his master's in 2019.



Brittany Acors (class of 2018) is a doctoral candidate at the University of Virginia.

ALUMNI NETWORK

When Alexander Angelov realized that many of his students worried about finding a clear path to employment after graduating with a degree in religious studies — or in any other liberal arts field — he felt called to get involved. With the help of Hillary Dickinson (class of 2015), Angelov has worked to create and expand a Religious Studies network for current students and alumni.

Angelov started by creating a database of individuals who were either job-seekers or established professionals. He's still building this database, but hopes that it will be a resource for those seeking internships and jobs that will showcase their religious studies scholarship.

On March 23, 2018, Angelov helped host the first alumni event. He brought together the department's majors, other interested students, and a web of professionals. Using his own money for refreshments, he created a networking event that he hopes to expand in future semesters. At this event, students learned what steps alumni have taken on the road to success.

Angelov says that in the future, he is hoping to expand the database and the reach of his networking events to the entire campus. While he is on sabbatical during the spring 2019 semester, he will be traveling to meet his colleagues who work at the United Nations and European Union headquarters, in hopes of expanding his database further.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

William & Mary requires that each department submits a diversity action plan and routinely assesses diversity-related goals. During a department retreat in summer 2018, faculty decided to create a Diversity and Inclusion Committee to shoulder the responsibility for evaluating the success of department goals.

According to Annie Blazer, the committee's chair, the committee will focus on clarifying the department's values regarding diversity and inclusion, showcasing how Religious Studies curriculum already engages with these ideas, and organizing semesterly workshops for faculty on issues related to diversity and inclusion.

The committee has already hosted a workshop that functioned as an open conversation, for faculty members to share what they valued and how they defined their roles as educators. Blazer said that it is important for faculty to celebrate each other's work. Moving forward, the committee will develop and assess goals for the department and will be hosting another workshop in the spring.

Donor Opportunities

If you wish to support the Department of Religious Studies by contributing on-line to our operating funds, you can do so by visiting our website: <http://www.wm.edu/as/religiousstudies/> and clicking on "Support Religious Studies." To contribute by mail, please make your check payable to Gift Accounting, The College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1693 and write "For the Department of Religious Studies" in the memo area of your check. Your gift will enhance the kind of student-faculty engagement that makes Religious Studies a special place for our students.

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Religious Humor



2017-2018 LECTURES

Thanks to the generous donations from our friends and alumni, the department is able to sponsor lecture series and host events for our concentrators. Here are highlights from our 2017/18 schedule:*

09/19/2017: Mary Voigt, Professor Emeritus, W&M, "Mesopotamian Religion"

09/19/2017: Faye Moskowitz, Professor, George Washington Univ. DC, "The Wonder of a Jewish Life"

09/26/2017: Maggie Fraser Kirsh, W&M '02, PhD, Univ. of Wisconsin, "Young Jewish Voices from Interwar Poland"

10/05/2017: Daniel Alexander, Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel, Charlottesville, VA, "Job & Jewish Theologians"

10/11/2017: Julie Galambush, Professor, W&M, "Meet Ancient People and Change Your Life!: Adventures in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Literature"

10/24/2017: Kerry P.C. San Chirico, Professor, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, "Hindu? Christian? Inside, Outside and In-Between: Degrees of Belonging and Alienation in an Indian Religious Movement"

10/31/2017: Linda Raphael, Professor, George Washington Univ., DC, "Nazi Doctors & Medicalized Killing"

10/31/2017: David Katz, Rabbi, PhD, John's Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD, "Exploring Judaism at Temple Beth El"

11/02/2017: Patricia Heberer-Rice, Historian, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, DC, "German Physicians & Nazi Crimes"

11/05/2017: Jonathan Glasser, Anthropology Professor, W&M, "What Music Can Teach Us About the Muslim-Jewish Interface in North Africa"

11/28/2017: Farideh Goldin, Asst Professor, Old Dominion Univ., VA, "Growing Up in Iran as a Jew"

11/28/2017: Daniel Zemel, Rabbi, Temple Micah, DC, "Reform Judaic Thought Today"

11/30/2017: Michael Morgan, Professor Emeritus, Univ. Toronto, Canada, "Jewish Theology after the Holocaust"

11/30/2017: Matthew Austerklein, Rabbi, Congregation Beth El, Charlottesville, VA, "Conservative Judaism: Academy and Laity at the Crossroads"

12/05/2017: Maggie Kirsh, W&M '02, PhD, Univ. of Wisconsin, "Poland's Scars: The Landscape of Shoah Memory"

03/14/2018: Patricia Heberer-Rice, Historian, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, DC, "German Physicians & Nazi Crimes"

3/26/18: Hamsa Stainton, Professor, McGill Univ., Quebec, Canada, "Poetry as Prayer: Rethinking Love and Devotion in Sanskrit Lit."

04/06/2018: Robin McCall, PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Purity and Holiness in Leviticus: A Matter of Life or Death"

04/11/2018-04/12/2018: Steven Foldes, PhD., Principal, "Shifting Nations, Shifting Identities: A Personal Reflection on the Holocaust in Hungary and its Aftermath"

04/12/2018-04/15/2018: Martin Goodman, Professor, Univ. of Oxford, London, UK, "Kings, Governors & Rebellion in Roman Judaea: The Role of Agrippa II in Jerusalem"

04/16/2018-04/19/2018: Bennett F. Miller, Rabbi, Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, New Brunswick, NJ, "How to Construct a Theology: After the Holocaust"

04/18/2018-04/19-2018: Benjamin Gordon, Professor, Univ. of Pittsburgh, "Judea in the Shadow of Empire," "The Rejection of Saul"

04/19/2018: Matthew Pereira, Professor, Loyola Marymount Univ., "From the Margins to the Mainstream"

04/26/2018: Linda Raphael, Professor, George Washington Univ. DC, "How the Nuances of a True Tale of the Holocaust Can Be Told in Graphic Novel Form"

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