

## Religious Studies Newsletter

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### Special Announcements

#### Religious Studies Spring 2022 Courses Are Out Now!

- Log into **MyCharlotte**.
- Select to open **Banner Self Service**.
- Click the **Student Services/Student Accounts** tab.
- Click on **Registration**.
- Select **Look-up Classes to Add**.
- Search by **Spring 2022** term.
- Choose **Religious Studies** and view the details of the departmental Spring 2022 courses.

### **Pre-Registration Advising Appointments Are Now Available!**

- It's time for you to schedule your appointment for Spring 2021 pre-registration.
- Have a list of courses that you plan to take next semester, even if you aren't quite sure what courses you should take. It's better to have something than nothing.
- Find your overall earned credit hours on your Unofficial Transcript or Advising Transcript in Banner Self-Service. You must earn at least 120 credit hours to graduate from UNC Charlotte.
- **Follow this link to schedule your appointment:** <https://uncc.campus.eab.com/home>.
- If you are graduating in Fall 2021, there is no need to schedule an appointment.

### **Graduate Students: Submit Your Website Information!**

- For graduate students, if you have not already done so, please send in a photo of yourself and a short description of who you are and what you are doing in the Department of Religious Studies.
- Click [here](#) for examples of graduate students' bios.

## **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](mailto:kent.brintnall@uncc.edu).

## **Student Spotlight**



### **Trina Rumpfelt, Graduate MA Student in Religious Studies**

- For this volume's Student Spotlight, please meet Trina Rumpfelt!
- Trina chose to pursue Religious Studies at both the undergraduate and graduate level because it allows her to develop a better understanding of people, their socialization practices, and cultural influences.
- Her research focus today is Judaism/Early Christianity and why the various dating proposals regarding the Dead Sea Scrolls vary so much over a 200 year period.
- She is involved with the Religious Studies Graduate Organization as Treasurer and Senator.

- She hopes to continue her role as a mentor to the local middle school students that move from their home countries and now live in my community. Her Religious Studies degree allows her to be a better mentor with the knowledge she obtained and through the teachings she received.
- Trina’s advice to current and prospective Religious Studies students would be to **follow your passion when researching deep into the lives of the people you study. People are complex and studying their systems of belief is even more so. Dive deeply into their lives and immerse yourself with their way of life so you can learn from them.**

## Programming

**PERSONALLY SPEAKING**  
PUBLISHED EXPERTS CONVERSATIONS

**ELISE BERMAN**  
**OCT. 26**  
— 7:00 p.m. TALK —  
JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

TALKING LIKE CHILDREN  
Language and the Production of Age in the Marshall Islands  
ELISE BERMAN

### Personally Speaking Series: Berman Discusses Language, Lollipops, and Lying

- Dr. Elise Berman, a professor at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will examine children’s culturally-learned differences from a multicultural perspective when she discusses her book, “Talking Like Children: Language and the Production of Age in the Marshall Islands.”
- In this *Personally Speaking* series talk, offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS), Berman will present **Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.**
- The event includes a **30-minute question and answer period at 7:30**. Attendees may gain the webinar link by registering at at [clas.charlotte.edu/PS](https://clas.charlotte.edu/PS).

September 16 • October 7  
October 28 • November 18  
December 9

**Women of Color Conversations**

Virtual - Live Chat  
3 - 4:30pm

For more information, please contact Janique Sanders at [jsanders6@uncg.edu](mailto:jsanders6@uncg.edu)

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### Women of Color Conversations

- The Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement is hosting Women of Color Conversations.
- These virtual chats will engage with meaning dialogue around the intersections of womanhood and being a person of color.
- These conversations will be held on **October 28th, November 18th, and December 9th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.**
- Register [here](#).

**"OUTSPOKEN" PRESENTS**  
**Sonalee Rashatwar**  
 THE TALK

**HOW FAT QUEERS THE BODY:**  
*Unpacking influences of racism, heterosexism, cissexism, and colonialism on body image*

Register Online: [tinyurl.com/2021outspokenpresents](https://tinyurl.com/2021outspokenpresents)  
 Thursday, Oct. 28 • 6PM • Virtual Via Zoom

- OUTSpoken: How Fat Queers the Body**
- Sonalee Rashatwar (they/he) LCSW MEd, an award-winning clinical social worker, sex therapist, adjunct lecturer, and grassroots organizer, will be joining the WGST department.
  - They will deliver a virtual keynote program that will examine the role of racism, homophobia, and transphobia in the creation of cultural standards of beauty.
  - They will speak to our collective change-making spirit to create a world in which all bodies and people are affirmed and celebrated.
  - This event will take place on **October 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM.**
  - **Please register for the talk at [tinyurl.com/2021outspokenpresents](https://tinyurl.com/2021outspokenpresents).**

**BREAKING BARRIERS: KICKING CAREER ANXIETY TO THE CURB!**

THURSDAY NOV. 4, 2021,  
 1-1:45 PM

Learn strategies to alleviate anxiety pertaining to career trajectories, normalize the complexities of the career exploration process, and gain tools to engage in healthy career decision-making.

<https://hireaniner.charlotte.edu/events/2142>

- University Career Center: Career Development/Exploring Career Meetup**
- The aim of this meetup is to familiarize students with common career development considerations, including the impact of learned career messages, internalized and external pressure, college expectations, and work values.
  - Students will be provided with strategies to alleviate anxiety pertaining to their career trajectories, and you will gain tools to engage in healthy career decision-making.
  - This event will take place on **November 4, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 1:45 PM.**
  - Visit <https://hireaniner.charlotte.edu/events/2142> for more details.

**Helpful Resources**

WANT TO QUICKLY CONSULT ON A PERSONAL PROBLEM YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH?

**LET'S TALK**

CONFIDENTIAL | NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY  
 BRIEF, INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH A CAPS STAFF MEMBER!

Thursdays • 1 - 3 pm • Sept. 2 - Oct. 14  
[go.charlotte.edu/letstalk](https://go.charlotte.edu/letstalk)

- Center for Counseling and Psychological Services**
- *Let's Talk* is a brief, drop-in, and confidential problem-solving consultation with a CAPS team member.
    - [Click Here for more information!](#)
  - Other Services Offered by CAPS:
    - Individual Counseling
    - Group Counseling
    - Relationship Therapy
    - Crisis Assistance
    - Self Help Resources- [Click here for more information](#)
  - **Call 704-687-0311** during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for appointments or questions

- If you are in crisis, [CLICK HERE](#) for resources



### **Sanskrit 2022 Literary Arts Magazine**

- Sanskrit is accepting arts submissions for its 2022 Literary Arts Magazine, including
  - Literary Works
  - Poetry
  - Visual Artwork
  - Film Production
  - Music Composition
  - Dance Choreography
- General requirements for submission: include a cover letter introducing yourself, containing a 30-70 word autobiographical statement written in third person.
- Include your contact information (name, address, phone number, email) word count, and title/page number on every page of the manuscript or poem.
- **Entry deadline is November 5, 2021.**
- Submit your work [here](#).

## Department Events



### **Jamil Niner Student Pantry Donations**

- The Department of Religious Studies is participating in a canned-food drive for the Jamil Niner Student Pantry.
- The Religious Studies Graduate Organization will earn 1 volunteer hour for every 10 cans donated.
- The volunteer hours will be used towards credit for the Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG).
- **There is a bin in the Religious Studies front office for your donations!**



### **Religious Studies Reading/Writing Group**

- David Flaherty, a graduate MA student in Religious Studies, is hosting a reading and writing group.
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- This is a space to help each other edit papers, understand texts, work silently, collaborate on research, and foster a community!
- If you are interested, **the group meets on Mondays from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM via Zoom:**  
<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/93149205675?pwd=UEFob3J2L2lveWR3WkNjQ0lkVitCUT09>.

- If you have any questions, you can contact David at [dflaher1@uncc.edu](mailto:dflaher1@uncc.edu).



### **Religious Studies Scavenger Hunt**

- The Department of Religious Studies will be continuing its scavenger hunt!
- Each week will feature different themed challenges beginning on Mondays.
- Small prizes will be offered on Fridays with a midweek bonus.
- At the end of the semester, the person with the most challenges completed will win a Mystery Grand Prize!
- Keep your eye open for more information regarding this event, and check our Instagram page.

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.