The Department of Religious Studies invites submissions for the annual Rowland A. Sherrill Religious Studies Prize

BEST ESSAY ON RELIGION AND CULTURE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

This award honors the memory of longtime Department Chair and Chancellor’s Professor of Religious Studies Rowland A. (Tony) Sherrill.

Intended to recognize the best essay on “Religion and Culture in the Contemporary World,” the author of the winning essay will be recognized at the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts' Celebration of Scholarship and Honors Convocation, which will be held at the campus center at IUPUI on April 30, 2010.

The amount of the award is $1,000.00.

The competition is open to all IUPUI undergraduate and graduate students (papers from all disciplines and departments are welcome). Eligibility is restricted to students enrolled in the 2009-10 academic year.

Essays should focus on religion and culture in the contemporary world. Papers on religion and the environment (in keeping with the 2009-10 IUPUI Common Theme) are especially encouraged. Authors are free to address any of a broad range of issues from any disciplinary perspective as long as essays deal with religion and culture in the world today.

Essays should be approximately 12-15 pages, double-spaced, with standard font and margins. The following criteria will be applied to the evaluation of the essays:

(1) Essays should be analytical in nature

(2) Essays should exhibit a clearly stated thesis and a coherent argument supported by cogent and concrete examples (a guide for constructing a critical introduction to an essay, which includes the development of a thesis statement, is available from the Religious Studies office)

(3) Essays should be based on original sources (for example, textual sources, field work), and they should cite any sources used (including Web resources) following any standard method of citation (MLA, APA, Chicago Manual of Style, etc.). A bibliography should be included

(4) Essays should follow university guidelines for academic integrity (for details, please see <http://www.iupui.edu/code/#page>, especially section II.G and all parts therein).

Papers will be judged by members of the Religious Studies faculty members of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.

DEADLINE for submission is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010.

Please submit three copies of the essay to the Religious Studies Department in Cavanaugh 335.