DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Faculty and Staff List, 2009–2010

Full-Time Faculty

Matthew G. Condon, Trustees Lecturer (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 2003), religion and violence; religious identity and ethics; religion and literature; modern religious thought

David M. Craig, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Advisor (Ph.D., Princeton University, 1998), history of religious and secular traditions of moral thought in the West; economic and environmental ethics; religion and politics; religion and social theory; health care ethics; comparative religious ethics

Edward E. Curtis IV, Professor and Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts (D.Litt. et Phil., University of South Africa, 2000), Muslim American and African American history; Islamic studies; modern Middle East; religion and American culture

Thomas J. Davis, Professor and Thomas H. Lake Scholar in Religion and Philanthropy, (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1992), history of Christianity; Reformation history and thought; the Eucharist and exegesis in sixteenth-century Europe; images of John Calvin in American culture; religion and philanthropy

Johnny P. Flynn, Assistant Professor and Director of Native American Programs (Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1991), Native American religions; colonial American history

Philip Goff, Professor, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts for Research and Graduate Programs, and Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture (Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1993), American religious history; religion in politics and popular culture

Kelly E. Hayes, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 2004), Afro-Brazilian and Afro-diasporan religions; women and religion; gender, sexuality, and religion; possession religions; ritual studies

E. Theodore Mullen, Professor and Associate Dean of the Honors College (Ph.D., Harvard University, 1976), biblical studies; Hebrew Bible; ancient Near Eastern religion and culture

Peter J. Thuesen, Professor and Department Chair (Ph.D., Princeton University, 1998), American religious history; history of Christian thought; the Bible in American culture; the history of the book in colonial British America

Rachel M. Wheeler, Associate Professor (Ph.D., Yale University, 1998), American religious history; colonial American history; religion and colonial contact; Native American religions

Jon D. Wood, Visiting Lecturer (Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 2008), Reformation and early modern European history; history of Christian doctrine and practice; the role of language in and among cultures

Faculty Emeriti

C. Conrad Cherry, Distinguished Professor Emeritus (Ph.D., Drew University, 1965), American religious history; the teaching and practice of religion in American colleges and universities

William J. Jackson, Professor Emeritus (Ph.D., Harvard University, 1984), Hinduism; South Indian bhakti (devotion) in the works of singer-saints; Asian arts and literature; comparative study of religion

Jan Shipps, Professor Emerita (Ph.D., University of Colorado, 1965), American religious history; Mormonism; religions in the making; religion in urban America
Part-Time Faculty

Kimberly Allanson, Associate Faculty (M.A., University of Notre Dame, 1994), biblical studies; the development of monotheism; the demise of the sacred feminine; speculative wisdom traditions

Arthur E. Farnsley II, Visiting Professor, Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, and Executive Director of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Ph.D., Emory University, 1990), religious organizations; faith-based welfare reform; religion and politics

Thomas F. Foist, Associate Faculty (Ph.D., University of Birmingham, England, 2003), contemporary Christian thought; interreligious dialogue and ecumenism

Wayne Husted, Associate Faculty and Coordinator of Technology Development for the School of Liberal Arts (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1992), Shi’ite Islam; popular Islam in Iran and South Asia

Austin Ritterspach, Associate Faculty (Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, 1967), origins and history of ancient Israel; archaeology of the Near East; feminist criticism of the Bible

Louay M. Safi, Associate Faculty (Ph.D., Wayne State University, 1992), Islamic thought; Islamic law; Islam and modernity; human rights

Sonja Spear, Associate Faculty (Ph.D., Indiana University Bloomington, 2005), religion and nationalism; American Judaism; interfaith relations; Passion plays

James Wolfe, Associate Faculty (Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, 1975), peace and justice; gay rights; interfaith dialogue; civil religion; religion and the environment

Staff

Deborah Dale, Administrative Secretary