Faculty

Alice Keefe teaches and writes in the areas of women and religion and Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), with further interests in comparative mysticism and interreligious dialogue.

Shanny Luft specializes in American religion, evangelicalism and fundamentalism, and religion and popular culture.

Luke Whitmore specializes in South Asian religions and Judaism with particular attention to the interrelationships of place, narrative, practice, and visual culture.

Did you know?

UWSP offers

- a minor in Religious Studies (18 credits) &
- a major in Philosophy with an emphasis in Religious Studies (39 credits)

Did you know?

The study of religion fosters the intellectual and professional skills sought by employers including:

- Critical reading, writing, research experience, and problem-solving
- Global awareness and religious literacy
- Ability to engage cultural and religious differences
- Curiosity, mental flexibility, and creativity
- Ability to reflect on the ethical values that guide your decisions
Religious Studies Courses

Fall 2017

Rel 100 Religions of Asia
3 cr. (GEP: HU; GA)
Sec 1 11:00-12:15 T R  Whitmore, L.
Sec 2 12:35-13:50 T R  Whitmore, L.
Surveys the religious traditions of Asia with special attention to Hinduism and Buddhism.

Rel 101 Judaism, Christianity, Islam
3 cr. (GEP: HU)
Sec 1 12:35-13:50 M W  Keefe, A.
Sec 2 9:35-10:50 T R  Keefe, A.
Introduces the religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, with attention to the origins, historical development, and diverse responses to modernity within each tradition.

Rel 111 Religious Diversity in Modern America
3 cr. (GEP: USD)
Sec 1 14:00-15:15 M W  Luft, S.
Sec 2 14:00-15:15 T R  Luft, S.
Surveys the diversity of religion in modern America, with particular emphasis upon issues of pluralism, tolerance and inclusion, and with attention to the ways in which Americas increasing religious diversity impacts debates concerning politics, law, education, public space, medicine, and culture.

Rel 202 Introduction to the Study of Religion
3 cr. (GEP: HU)
Sec 1 9:35-10:50 M W  Keefe, A.

Rel 311 American Religious History
3 cr. (GEP: IS; USD)
Sec 1 12:35-13:50 T R  Keefe, A.
Surveys American religious history from the colonial period through the 19th century with attention to the issues of religion and race and religion and gender. Students will critically investigate the question of how we tell the story of American religions (and who/what are included or excluded from that story) drawing on the disciplines of history and religious studies.

Rel 321 Religion and Ecology in Asia
Sec 1 17:00-19:30 W  L. Whitmore
Examines the intersection of religion and ecology in Asian contexts, with particular attention to questions of harmony, balance, interdependence, and sustainability. Religious traditions examined may include Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Daoism, and Confucianism.

Rel 340 Buddhism
3 cr. (GEP: HU; GA)
Sec 1 14:00-15:15 T R  Whitmore, L.
Study of Buddhist religious traditions in their historical and cultural contexts. Relevance of Buddhism for addressing problems in the modern world such as war, environmental degradation, and social injustice.

Collateral Courses
The following are courses from other disciplines that can count toward the RS minor or the Philosophy major with RS emphasis

Anthro 110 Cultural Anthropology
3 cr. (GEP: SS; GA)
Sec 1 3:30-4:45 M W  Staff

Art 270 Survey of Asian Art I
3 cr. (GEP: ARTS; GA)
Sec 1 11:00-12:15 T R  C. Chaffin
Sec 2 12:30-1:45 T R  C. Chaffin

History 532 Women's Issues in the Muslim World
3 cr.
Sec. 1 11:00-12:15 T R  E. Francis

History 357 The Reformation
3 cr.
Sec. 1 4:00-4:50 M T R  B. Hale