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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Religious Studies has been an important feature of the UC Davis academic community for decades. The department faculty covers several key areas including Islam, South Asian religions, Judaism, secularism, and ethics. Its distinguished faculty, with an international reputation, has received national and international grants and honors, and multiple teaching awards.

The strength of the Religious Studies department lies in its commitment to examining religion in the contemporary world, balanced with the critical study of religion's historical roots. The department has developed important relationships with several departments across campus. These cross-disciplinary connections inform the department’s interest in exploring religion’s links to cultural variations in ethics, language, media, embodiment and modernity. The department’s commitments to advanced interdisciplinary research and teaching have recently been bolstered by the launch of a new Graduate Group in the Study of Religion, a doctoral program that welcomes its inaugural class in Fall 2013.

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ABOUT THE INDIA STUDIES INITIATIVE

The Religious Studies' India Studies Initiative advocates for the advancement & development of the academic study of Indian religious, literary, performance and visual traditions at UC Davis in its diverse manifestations. This initiative is housed in the Department of Religious Studies.

The Department of Religious Studies' India Studies Initiative's primary goals are to build financial support for Fellowships to support:

- Exceptional Undergraduate Research on India undertaken by a Religious Studies Major
- Exceptional Graduate Research on India undertaken by a Religious Studies Ph.D. candidate

In addition, the Initiative also seeks to engage in community outreach through an Endowed Lectureship that will support Annual India Studies Lectures & Events.

UPCOMING & RECENT INDIA RELATED RELIGIOUS STUDIES EVENTS

2013-2014:

Lisa Owen on Jain and Buddhist Art of Ellora

Jayanti Sahasrabuddhe & Linda Hess Kabir in Performance. Vanderhoef Studio, Mondavi Center

M. Kannan, poet & activist on Dalit Literature

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas on the Jain Caves of Ellora

2012-2013

Prof. Janaki Bakhle, Columbia University on Gandhi and Savarkar.

Prof. Gurinder Singh Mann, UC Santa Barbara on the History of Sikhs in North America (an event organized in response to the Oakcreek, Wisconsin Shootings)

2011-2012

Sikkil Gurucharan, South Indian Musician performance and discussion of Carnatic Music

Prof. Anna Schultz, Stanford University on Jewish Marathi Kirtan

Prof. Davesh Soneji, McGill University on Female Hereditary Performance in India

2010-2011

Prof. Indira Peterson, Mt. Holyoke College, on 19th century performance and literature

2009-2010

John Stratton Hawley, Barnard College on the legends of the poet Mira

Indian Folk Singers performing the songs of Kabir

Prof. Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida on Hinduism in Cambodia

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