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# The Denison Journal of Religion

## Note from the Editors

Founded seven years ago by a collaboration of students and faculty, the **Denison Journal of Religion** is produced one a year to showcase the wide range of scholarship taking place within the religion department. A conscious effort is made to include articles that reflect the diverse interests of students who faced the challenge of thinking in new ways and connecting the issues of religious studies with other passions and concerns both through classes and independent projects. Having more submissions than could be included contributes to an enhanced quality of the publication, but this also means we cannot include them all. Thus, after much deliberation, we came to a decision based on the length of submissions, quality of research and writing, diversity of opinion and method, and the goal of a balance within the overall religious discipline.

We were extremely impressed by the general quality of the work submitted and appreciate each and every contribution. We are confident that the articles selected for this year's **Journal** will continue the tradition of excellence, as well as promote and illuminate community dialogue about the relevance of religious studies today. At the same time, we encourage all to submit your work in the future.

Enjoy!

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