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The content of the Journal shall be academic discourse which promotes and illuminates community dialogue. Appropriate topics of submissions include but are not limited to the secular critique of religion, inter religious dialogue, the interpretation of sacred texts, the interaction of religion and society, the validation of ethical discernment, and issues of race, gender, and class.

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Note from the Editors

Fourteen years ago *The Denison Journal of Religion* was founded by students, staff, and faculty with the purpose of exhibiting the excellent scholarship produced by students in the religion department. Since then, the Journal has not only displayed quality work from Denison students, but also generated discussions pertaining to the place of religion and spirituality in modern society. We, the editors, strive to reflect the diversity of subject matter taught and discussed within the department and hope that our readers will find the selection of essays in this year's journal an honest reflection of departmental interests. With essays grounded in Hindu culture and theodicy, Biblical studies, and modern theological movements in America, we hope that we have faithfully represented the passions of students in Denison's religion department.

We are grateful for the many quality submissions we received this year, and although there was not room in the journal for the inclusion of all, we encourage students to continue submitting their work to the Journal, as the great number of submissions makes possible the variety and balance we hope to achieve.

We hope that you enjoy this fourteenth volume of *The Denison Journal of Religion* and find it a thought-provoking addition to the excellent scholarship in previous volumes. We would like to thank this year's new faculty advisors, Dr. John Cort and Dr. Maia Kotrosits as well as the academic administrative assistant, Erin Lennon, whose hard work and support made this journal possible.

With Regards,
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