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Note from the Editors

The editors are excited to present another issue of the Denison Journal of Religion. This year, submissions represented two main streams of scholarship. Contributions grounded in the study of black liberation theology focused on themes such as gospel music, historical leaders, and womanist theologians. In contrast, submissions representing the study of Hinduism focused on Indian Ayurvedic practices and the political revolutions in Hindu class history and culture. It is with great pride that we present to you this sixteenth volume of the Denison Journal of Religion. This work would have not been possible without our faculty advisors, Dr. K. Christine Pae and Dr. Maia Kotrosits, as well as our academic administrative assistant, Jodi Weibel. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement along the way.

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