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OU Professor Receives NEH Fellowship for Pilgrimage Book Project



Rangar Cline

By Jacob Muñoz, jmunoz@ou.edu, **OU News**

NORMAN, Okla. – The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded University of Oklahoma Professor Rangar Cline with a one-year faculty fellowship for his project, "Attestation Pilgrimage: Roman Travelers in Search of the Gods."

Cline is an associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies in the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences. Through the NEH fellowship, he will continue work on his book project examining the pilgrimage practices of Christians, Jews and polytheists during the late Roman and early Byzantine Empires.

Religious pilgrims travel to sites such as tombs and places of worship around the world, providing them with personal encounters meaningful to their faith. They may also take souvenirs from these locations as reminders or evidence of their visits.

Cline will examine the motivations and experiences of these third- to seventh-century travelers, exploring the roots of a practice that has carried into the modern day. He said a significant aspect of pilgrimages is how they verify religious accounts for the faithful.

"There are places that polytheist Romans went to, where they believed the hoofprints of Castor and Pollux's horses were left near Rome," said Cline, who also teaches courses about pilgrimage, Roman religion and Mediterranean archeology at OU. "You touch these things and see them, and that demonstrates the truth of the story."

The NEH funding will help Cline continue his research and writing for this project, which includes traveling to see historical sites and artifacts and investigating "graffiti" from pilgrims marking their or loved ones' names at destinations.

Cline said his career has included both studying texts and working on archaeological projects, and that this book project combines those two worlds. He added that, thanks to the grant allowing him to focus on his project, he hopes to have a draft of the book ready by September.

"I'm really appreciative of the award," Cline said. "It's nice to have support for humanities projects, and this is a project that speaks to those of different religious traditions. It can seem remote in time, that you're going all the way back into ancient Rome and the early Byzantine period, but many of those traditions are ones that are still popular today."

OU Faculty Named Fulbright Scholars



Deonnie Moodie

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NORMAN, Okla. – Two University of Oklahoma faculty members have received prestigious fellowships that will support research and development opportunities abroad and help advance their careers. Zermarie Deacon, Ph.D., and Deonnie Moodie, Ph.D., have each been named a 2026-2027 Fulbright U.S. Scholar by the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Within OU's Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, Deacon is an associate professor in the Department of Human Relations, and Moodie is an associate professor and the academic chair of the Department of Religious Studies. They join more than a dozen other faculty members who have received Fulbright U.S. Scholar grants while at OU over the past decade. [*cont. on page 2...*]

OU Faculty Named Fulbright Scholars, cont.

[cont. from page 1...] The Fulbright Scholar Program awards more than 1,700 fellowships each year to professionals and postsecondary faculty to take part in educational and cultural exchange between nations. Candidates are selected based on their academic achievements and the strength of their proposed projects.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Deacon and Dr. Moodie have been honored by the Fulbright Program," said OU Senior Vice President and Provost André-Denis Wright. "These awards recognize their scholarly accomplishments and impact, and we look forward to the contributions they will make through their transformative opportunities."
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Moodie's Fulbright award will take her to the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore in India during the summers of 2027 and 2028. She plans to meet with experts in critical management studies who promote alternative uses of Hinduism in business settings. Through those connections, Moodie aims not only to bolster international collaboration among scholars but also to support an upcoming book on the history of Hinduism in business schools.

According to Moodie, Hindu ideas are used in business schools in a variety of ways. In some cases, they support the idea of hard work and profit creation. Other approaches include reimagining what economic relations might entail, such as interpreting the world as a set of relationships rather than a set of resources to be used.
"If we looked at Hinduism in a little bit of a different light, then we would think about business really differently," Moodie said. "In religious studies, we're really interested in how those ideas about what it means to be Christian or Muslim or Hindu change over time and how they're produced in different historical moments and in different cultural contexts."

Along with her book, Moodie plans to publish articles and journals from her time spent in India. Her time in Bangalore will also help her provide students with further global perspectives on the intersection of religion and economics, which she teaches a course on.

She highlights opportunities such as DFCAS's summer fellowships and the Norman Campus Research Council's Faculty Investment Program that have helped her pursue research.

"I am appreciative of all of the support that OU gives to faculty, including the Arts and Humanities Forum that creates scholarly community and connects faculty to funding opportunities, the Center for Faculty Excellence for help with grant applications, and the Provost's Office's new developmental editing grant," Moodie said. "All of these things have really helped me to focus on the research and to really craft a well-developed research proposal."

Department of Religious Studies and University Buddhist Association Host Third Annual Oklahoma Buddhism Conference

The University Buddhist Association and the Department of Religious Studies hosted the Third Annual Oklahoma Buddhism Conference on March 28th at the University of Oklahoma.The theme for this year's conference was "Bridges of Compassion: Buddhism in Dialogue with Other Faiths." Erik J. Hammerstrom, Associate Professor of Buddhist Studies at Pacific Lutheran University, was the keynote speaker.He spoke on the topic of "Coming to Aid in this Sahã World: Buddhist Paths of Spiritual Care in a Pluralistic Society." Speakers also included Jianhu Shifu from the Prajna Dharma Foundation and and Jon Reid from Fo Guang Shan ISPS Dallas.



Continuing Department of Religious Studies Collaborations with the Department of History

In continuance of our efforts to coordinate more with the Department of History, the Department of Religious Studies crosslisted the following courses with the Department of History:

New Religions in the Modern U.S.

Religion, Colonialism, and Nationalism in India

History of Magic
(also crosslisted with HSTM – the Department of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine).

These courses are now listed under both the HIST and RELS designators in the university's course database.



Religious Studies Alumni Gathered at AAR Meeting in Boston

Thank you to all of our alumni who joined us for our alumni gathering at Democracy Brewing in Downtown Boston on November 23 during the AAR Meeting.

We loved seeing and visiting with you all!

Foster Student Enrichment in the Department of Religious Studies

The Department of Religious Studies is continuing its commitment to student enrichment with events and opportunities geared toward student academic, community and professional enrichment. We look forward to exciting opportunities for our students in the future. If you are interested in supporting student enrichment within the Department of Religious Studies, please visit **our OU Foundation page**. We are always grateful for support of any kind to further our mission of preparing our students to honor difference, embrace complexity and lead with integrity.

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LinkedIn group:
"University of Oklahoma Religious Studies Alumni"

Faculty Publication Spotlight: Assistant Professor Wendy Mallette

Over the past year, it's been exciting to see my book move through the final stages of production: copyediting, indexing, cover design and proofs. Lesbian Feminist Killjoys: Sin, Queer Negativity, and Inherited Guilt will be printed in October, just in time to be available at the AAR Annual Meeting. It examines lesbian feminist movements of the 1960s-1980s alongside Christian accounts of sin to grapple with anxieties about guilt that haunt religious studies, queer studies and American public life. I remain astounded that something that began its life as an unwieldy dissertation prospectus eight years ago has become a book. I'm so grateful for the support and conversations about this work I've had with my RELS colleagues and, especially, with students in my Queer Religion courses.



Wendy Mallette

The book will be available on November 3rd from NYU Press.

Religious Studies Academic Chairs Reunite



Former RELS Department Academic Chairs Charles Kimball and Deonnie Moodie

While participating in the National Humanities Center's Select Summer Residency program, former RELS chair, Deonnie Moodie, got to have dinner with another former RELS chair, Charles Kimball at his home in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Keep Us Updated

Have an update for us on your life post-OU? Please sent us an email at rels@ou.edu. We would love to hear from you!



Congrats, RELS Alums!

Congratulations to Religious Studies alumnae Sadee Songer and Cole Cloyd. Sadee was this year's content editor for The Graduate Journal of Harvard Divinity School. Cole published a paper in this year's journal titled: "The Bright Fiery Cross: The Role of Hostile Rituals for the Second Ku Klux Klan."

You can view the paper here: https://dash.harvard.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/ebad6bfd-9470-4e25-97fe-053682546166/content



Cole Cloyd



Sadee Songer



Deonnie Moodie

Religious Studies Faculty Teaching Spotlight: Associate Professor Deonnie Moodie – Connecting RELS Students and Employers

Over the past two years, I have served as Faculty Fellow for Co-Curricular Enrichment alongside my role as Department Chair. In that time, I have had the opportunity to work closely with dedicated and talented faculty and staff across the university to help humanities faculty integrate career-oriented opportunities into their classrooms and curricula. Along the way, I've learned a great deal about the benefits of experiential learning more broadly. Research shows that hands-on learning experiences improves students' retention and application of knowledge. When done in groups, it increases student skills in cooperation, communication and leadership, just as it broadens world-views. Moreover, learning experiences created in collaboration with employers expose students to the kinds of careers students may pursue upon graduation, while also helping students understand just how valuable their religious studies training is to those careers.

To add to the efforts of my fantastic colleagues in this area, I embarked on two new initiatives this year that bring together students and employers both inside and outside the classroom. In my introductory courses (RELS 1123 Introduction to World Religions and RELS 2713 History of Hindu Traditions), I am working with Dick Pryor from OU's own public radio station, KGOU, and Sravya Tadepalli of Hindus for Human Rights. Together, we are crafting meaningful final projects that leverage the knowledge and skills students are learning in class to enhance public understanding of religion. In addition, I have created a new internship course that provides religious studies students work experience while they earn OU credit. Those internships will be pursued in close collaboration between the student, employer and faculty member so that students have an opportunity to reflect on their experiences all the way through.

If you work for an organization that could support interns or if you yourself would like to be part of one of these initiatives for RELS classes, please reach out. I would love to connect!

Religious Studies Faculty Research Spotlight: Associate Professor Geoffrey Goble – Datura: Historical Use and Cross-Continental Transmission through Religious and Ritual Practice



Geoffrey Goble

Associate Professor Geoffrey Goble is completing a monograph tracing the plant genus Datura — a group of species containing powerful tropane alkaloids — across more than a millennium of Chinese, Tibetan, Indian and American sources. With the working title Datura and the Limits of the Human: Historiography, Hermeneutics, and Delirium, this project asks a deceptively simple question: What can a single plant's movement across cultures reveal about the ways text, human subjectivity and a plant collaborate in the creation of worlds?

The book's chapters follow Datura from its contemporary use back to its earliest appearances in Chinese pharmacological literature, where it is entangled with a transliterated Sanskrit term (mantuoluo) from Buddhist tradition, originally used for a flower found only in the heavens, and trace the scriptural and ritual history of that term across the Chinese Buddhist corpus. From there, the book turns to Tibetan Buddhist ritual and medical texts, where Datura functions simultaneously as remedy, toxin and a figure for delusion itself. The project then traces the Chinese and Tibetan traditions back to Sanskrit Śaiva, Tantric and Āyurvedic sources, where Datura appears in contexts ranging from formal pharmacology to rites of attraction and subjugation, before turning to the colonial botanical archive. The final chapters consider the plant's Indigenous history in the Americas, its reception in contemporary American herbalism and the question of plant sentience and agency.

Methodologically, the project works at the intersection of critical historiography, textual hermeneutics and the comparative study of medical and religious traditions across China, Tibet and India, extending into Indigenous and modern American sources. Drawing on post-modern critical theory and the emerging field of plant humanities, it asks how a plant becomes legible as an object of knowledge and how Datura, through its world-making power, is an agent of its own global distribution. A related article, "An American Plant in the Chinese Materia Medica," is currently under review at Asian Medicine (Brill).

The Past Year in Religious Studies

The Department of Religious Studies was fortunate to host several engaging and informative events over the past academic year.

In October, Associate Professor Geoffrey Goble spoke with colleagues at the OU Arts & Humanities Forum Transdisciplinary Roundtable on “Dirt as Soil: Thinking with Germination, Cultivation, Plant Life and Carbon Capture” with Annabel Ipsen (Sociology), Cathleen Faubert (SOVA), and Caitlin Hodges (Geosciences).

In November, the Department hosted our Religious Studies Alumni Gathering with our RELS alumni in Boston at the AAR Annual Meeting.

In March, the Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies, the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of History hosted a public lecture with Professor Ronald Hendel, Emeritus Norma and Sam Dabby Professor of Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies at the University of California Berkeley’s Center for Jewish Studies, titled "How to Read Genesis: The Tower of Babel." Also in March, the Department co-sponsored the Third Annual Oklahoma Buddhism Conference (see article above) and hosted a film screening of *Carving the Divine*, a documentary presenting traditional Japanese manufacturers of Buddha images, followed by a virtual discussion with the Director Yujiro Seki. The event was co-sponsored with the Department of History and the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics.

In April, the Department hosted two events. Siobhan Kelly, Assistant Professor of Trans Studies in the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Kansas, gave a public lecture co-sponsored with the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies at OU entitled “Trans Studies in Religion.” Also, Professor Emeritus at OU Allen Hertzke gave a book talk on his recently-published book *Why Religious Freedom Matters*. In May, adjunct Religious Studies professor Tyson Putthoff spoke at the Judaic Studies Lunch Brown Bag Lecture Series (JuSt Lunch) on “Monstrous Humanity in the Bible and Its World.”

Finally, the department concluded the semester by celebrating our students and their amazing achievements over the course of the year with a scholarship recipient and graduate dinner. We are extremely proud of our students’ accomplishments over the past year, and we cannot wait to hear what they achieve in the future.













RELS Alumni Spotlight: Sadee Songer



Sadee Songer, Class of 2022

My connection to OU's RELS department began with a love of storytelling. Upon graduating from OU in May 2022, this passion carried me off to the Pacific Northwest for a position in an archival capacity with the King County Department of Public Defense. I had left Norman with a desire to continue my studies of the ancient world and its tales, but with sound and most welcome advice from RELS faculty, I left those walls of academia to ensure the path I had envisaged for myself was indeed the path for me. After some time among Seattle's evergreens, the academic path emerged as a certainty. The following year, I moved cross-country to Cambridge, Massachusetts to pursue my Master of Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School. Thus far, in my time spent on this wonderful campus, I have studied Ancient Greek and Latin and further explored those tales of creation, humanity and the unseen which breathed their life into the world of antiquity — a journey that began among OU's extraordinary RELS community.

I arrived in Norman as a History major with those perennial questions about how our collective past shaped the present moment, yet I found my efforts lacking. Our collective past was more than mere historical record; it was too shaped by powerful stories and rich, complex ideas. Both Religious Studies and Classical Culture minors were much needed complements. During my time with the RELS department, my historical research gained color and complexity where I was encouraged to think both critically and empathetically, from the texts and materiality of the biblical world to the layered relation of religion and economics. These skills have served me not only in academia but have informed me as a person of compassion in navigating and engaging with our present world. As I continue both my archival work and studies of the ancient and late antique Mediterranean, every idea, story or lived experience I explore will always carry a piece of my RELS education here at the University of Oklahoma!



Students! Be sure to check out the University's Undergraduate Research Day

Students, be sure to apply to participate in OU's annual Undergraduate Research Day. The process is simple – you submit an abstract of your research paper – and you get the honor and experience of presenting your undergraduate research to the OU community. For more information, please visit here:

Undergraduate Research Day

RELS Student Spotlight: Ava Winters



Ava Winters, Class of 2027

Ava is a Pre-Law and Religious Studies senior with minors in Criminal Justice and International Security Studies.

After taking a handful of Religious Studies courses, especially "Approaches to the Study of Religion," I found the field to be a fascinating topic that seems to permeate many dimensions of life, both through its presence and absence, offering a captivating and often overlooked insight into human nature, morality, interpretation of the ineffable and societal development as a whole. The field encourages careful analysis through reading between the lines and evaluating the world through diverse philosophical and religious lenses. The faculty are exceptionally kind and quick to offer guidance; the department is relatively small, yet overflowing with opportunities and scholarships. Currently, I am working with Dr. Vishanoff on a comparative analysis capstone of the competing conceptions of the human relationship with God in Islamic thought. Nonetheless, I encourage anyone even slightly interested in Religious Studies to explore the field and take a course.

Congratulations, RELS Students

Congratulations to our amazing students for their accomplishments this academic year!

2025-26 Religious Studies Scholarship Recipients

The Heather Nicole Stephenson Scholarship
Amy Hotchkiss

The Tom W. Boyd Scholarship for Religious Studies and Education
Amy Hotchkiss

The Reverend Larry & Gloria Angus Endowed Scholarship
Nate Rains

Angus Family Scholarship in Religious Studies
Amy Hotchkiss

The Bernita L. Thompson Endowed Scholarship for Undergraduate Research and Writing
Maximillian Culp

The Timothy Cole Stephenson Scholarship
Ava Winters



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Religious Studies major and Judaic and Israel Studies minor Amy Hotchkiss for receiving first place in the world division with her paper "From Martyrdom to Survival: Rethinking Kiddush HaShem in the Holocaust" at the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference on Saturday, April 25th at OCU.

Well done, Amy!

2025-26 Religious Studies Graduating Seniors

<u>Fall 2025</u>

Majors:
Morgan Wells

Minors:
Alex Archer
Olivia Collado-Jackson
Micah Popejoy
Lennit Williams

<u>Spring 2026</u>

Majors:
Amy Hotchkiss

Minors:
Cole Allen
Josh Armstrong

Minors, cont.:
Miranda Bangs
Hazel Cruse
Maximillian Culp
Kate Mensinger
Terryn Ward

Where Our Graduates Are Headed Next...

Our graduates make us proud! Here's where a few of them are headed next.

Religious Studies major and Judaic Studies minor **Amy Hotchkiss** (May 2026) will continue at OU in the M.A. Program in History through the Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies. **Hazel Cruse** (May 2026) is taking a gap year to prepare for graduate school. **Max Culp** (May 2026) is working toward getting an Registered Behavior Technician certification in order to work in Applied Behavioral Analysis while preparing for grad school. **Lennit Williams** (December 2025) is working as a recreation therapist at Griffin Memorial Hospital, leading music therapy groups. He continues to work on the subject of his senior research project, and he also plays keyboards for local bands.

Don't see yourself here? Send us an update at <u>rels@ou.edu</u> and join our LinkedIn group for alumni!
<u>University of Oklahoma Religious Studies Alumni</u>

Faculty Updates

RELS Departmental Faculty



Associate Professor Rangar Cline was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Faculty Fellowship for 2026-2027 to complete his second book, *Signs and Wonders: Roman Travelers in Search of Gods, Heroes, Saints and Angels*. He plans to complete the manuscript by summer 2027. While on leave for the NEH fellowship, Professor Cline gave two invited lectures at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America: one about magic in the Roman world and one about ancient pilgrimage souvenirs from the Holy Land.



Honors Professor of American Religion and Culture and Interim Academic Chair of the Department of Religious Studies Marie Dallam is pleased to step into the role of Interim Department Chair of Religious Studies for the academic year 2026-27. This year she will teach the new course "U.S. Religious Controversies," and it will also mark her fifth year teaching an OU course through the Inside-Out Prison Exchange program at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. In 2026 she has published chapters in the anthologies *Bloomsbury Handbook of New Religious Movements* and *New Religious Movements in Five Minutes*, as well as book reviews in the *Journal of American History* and *Nova Religio*. Her research project on religious theater continues to move forward.



Associate Professor Geoffrey Goble continued his research and pedagogical projects this year. His Reacting to the Past game on ninth-century Chinese religious debate, co-developed with Erik Hammerstrom, is now available on-line through the RTTP Consortium. In spring 2026 he taught his new course, Altered States of Consciousness, to an eager and exceptional group of students. His Datura research has advanced substantially, including fieldwork in Peru and continued work in Tibetan, Chinese and Indian textual collections; he has an article on Datura in the Chinese materia medica tradition under review at *Asian Medicine* (Brill) and a field report of his participant-observer research in Peru under review with *Nova Religio*. Prof. Goble continues to serve as faculty advisor to the University Buddhist Association student organization and helped organize the 3rd Annual Oklahoma Buddhism Conference in April.



Assistant Professor Wendy Mallette finalized and submitted her first book, L*esbian Feminist Killjoys: Sin, Queer Negativity, and Inherited Guilt*. It will be published this November with NYU Press, and she's looking forward to sharing about it on a book panel at the AAR in Denver. Throughout the last year, she shared her research at several conferences including the AAR and the UCR's annual Conference on Queer and Trans Studies in Religion. This summer, with the support of a Junior Faculty Fellowship, she developed work on her second book, tentatively titled "Don't Pray for Me: Disagreement, Lesbians and the Christian Right." This project focuses on how lesbian activists in the 1970s and 1980s responded to popular conservative Christian theologies of marriage, sex, the family and nation. This fall, she's excited to be teaching U.S. Queer History for the History Department as well as RELS 1113, Introduction to Religious Studies.



This year, **Associate Professor Deonnie Moodie** served her sixth and final year as Department Chair and her second and final year as Faculty Fellow for Co-Curricular Enrichment. While doing so, she continued to work on her book project, *Business School Hinduism*. She shared her research at Emory University and Seton Hall University as well as at the Business History Conference held in London. In the month of June, Dr. Moodie joined 40 scholars from around the country at the National Humanities Center as part of their Select Summer Residency Program. In addition, to continue her collaboration with scholars of critical management studies in India, she received a Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Award. She will spend the summer months in 2027 and 2028 in Bangalore pursuing that work. This year, Dr. Moodie also taught her new World Religions course, in which she integrated an experiential learning project with the help of Ali Rhoades at OU's Career Center and Dick Pryor at KGOU.



Associate Professor David Vishanoff taught two introductory classes and especially enjoyed his Qur'an class, which he had not taught in many years. The students were so engaged that they hijacked the class midway through the semester and redesigned the second half of the syllabus. On the research front, the volume of papers on "Language and Meaning in Islamic Legal Theory" that he is co-editing with a Shiite scholar was accepted by a publisher, finalized and sent to the copy editor. In June he spent a week at the University of London poring over medieval Arabic manuscripts with a group of like-minded nerds; it was so much fun that it felt like a vacation! And the team of scholars with whom he is studying intellectual humility, courage and religious literacy was awarded a two million dollar grant that will give him time to write several articles but will reduce him to teaching just one course each term for the next three years. He began by drafting an article called "The Religiously Literate Self: Identity and Integrity in Interreligious Engagement," which he will present at a philosophy conference this fall. He is also on sabbatical for the coming year, with the overambitious goal of writing a complete first draft of a book called *Sacrificial Listening: What It Takes to Understand the Other Side*.

RELS Core Faculty

Religious Studies core faculty who teach and research in the area of religion from different disciplinary homes continue to be an integral part of the Department of Religious Studies at OU. They include: Professor Thomas Burns (Sociology), Professor Alan Levenson (Judaic Studies), Professor Roberta Magnusson (History), Associate Professor Bala Saho (History) and Associate Professor Jane Wickersham (History). Here are some highlights of their work over the past year:



Professor of Jewish History Alan Levenson's latest book, *The History of Jews and Judaism: Facts and Fictions* (Bloomsbury/ ABC-CLIO) was named one of RUSA's Outstanding Reference Sources by the American Philosophical Society. His book chapter "Rembrandt's Jeremiah" appeared in *Perhaps There Is Hope*, published by the Academy of Jewish Religion. "Rembrandt Reads Genesis" appeared in *Bible & Interpretation* (May 2026). His journal article "Son of Mad Men Speaks" appeared in *Jewish Culture and History*. He serves as board and program committee member of the Western Jewish Studies Association. Levenson added an expert voice to the public sphere in Oklahoma on teaching the Bible in American public schools. He looks forward to teaching his 'Judaism' and 'Bible Since the Enlightenment' classes in the Fall. He's also offering 'Artist's Bible' in Arezzo, Italy in June 2027.



Professor of History Roberta Magnusson recently published her new book, *Urban Infrastructure in Medieval England: Sustainability and Resilience* with John Hopkins University Press. The book includes a full chapter ("Pragmatic Piety") on the range of Catholic concepts of charity and the associated funding methods for infrastructures such as bridges and roads (e.g. alms, bequests, indulgence drives, hermits, chantry chapels and fraternities). It also has a detailed examination on the rather mixed impact that the Reformation had on infrastructure support.



Associate Professor of History Jane Wickersham has now served at the University of Oklahoma for 20 years. Thank you, Dr. Wickersham, for your service!

Staff Updates

Administrative and Financial Coordinator Rebecca Hall-Davis handled administrative and financial tasks for the department as well as student, alumni and community outreach. This past year was busy with departmental discussions, supportive faculty and alumni, student achievements and administrative trainings. She also assisted the Department of History with their course scheduling for the past academic year. She looks forward to the year to come.





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