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**DEPARTMENT OF
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**
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Friday, March 1

All times are Eastern Time Zone and take place at IU's Center for Religion and the Human
[1211 Atwater Ave.](#)

2:15pm: Opening Remarks

Sonia Velázquez

Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies of Religious Studies, Indiana University
Areej Kamran, URSA President

2:20pm: Panel 1

“Indigenous Epistemology: Vine Deloria Jr. and the Problem of Incommensurability”

Keegan Nichols, Indiana University

“TravelRite: Morality of the American Family Road Trip in the Cold War”

Finn Pollard, University of Virginia

“East Asian Buddhism Through the Lens of Pilgrimages”

Emma Crim, Indiana University

“Procreative and Political Occult Power in Pre-colonial African Orature”

Audrey M. Crucey, University of Virginia

4:00pm: Break

4:15pm: Panel 2

“Gender, Power, and the Body in Religious Conversion”

Ella Woernle, Indiana University

“An Internet Crusade: Right-Wing Eastern Orthodoxy on Twitter and Gab”

Serena Fox, Indiana University

“Anointing of the Sick and COVID-19: Catholic Sacraments in Times of Pandemic”

Claire Weber, University of Chicago (zoom presentation)

5:30pm: Keynote Address

“Reconstructing the Early Islamic World: Recovering the ‘Lost’ Biography of Muhammad”

Kevin Jaques, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University

Dinner to follow the Keynote Address