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SPRING SYMPOSIUM

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Friday, March 25

Friday's in-person events take place at IU's Center for Religion and the Human
1211 Atwater Ave

3:00pm: Opening Remarks
Patrick Lally Michelson
Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies of Religious Studies, Indiana University

3:00-4:15pm: Panel 1

Deaf God: Deaf Perspectives in Christianity
Ellis Azcona, Indiana University

Finding Meaning in the Necessity of Crisis
Sage Kern, Indiana University

My Dear Friend Death
Madyson Lorch, Indiana University

4:30-5:45pm: Panel 2

Being a Scholar in Crisis: A Survey of Jacob Burckhardt’s and Max Weber’s Definition and Solution for the Crisis in Their Time
Chen Wu, Indiana University

Should Humans Play God? Catholic Concerns about CRISPR Center Around Creator-Human Relationship
Arika Akin, Indiana University

In the Hands of the Subaltern: Feminist Philosophy of Religion in John Steinbeck’s East of Eden
Noah Baum, Brown University

6:00pm: Keynote Address

Becoming Beholden: Medieval Biblical Literature and the Challenge of Witness
Shannon Gayk
Associate Professor of English, Indiana University

Dinner to follow the Keynote Address
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Saturday, March 26

Saturday’s virtual events take place via Zoom
For zoom link and passcode, please contact plmichel@indiana.edu.

9:00-10:15am: Panel 3

Mythmaking and the NOI: Writing Their Own Story
JoyceLyn Bentley, Elon University

Jewish Identity and Wall Street: Challenging and Legitimizing Capitalist Systems
Hallie Milstein, Elon University

Of Yarbs and Märchen—Form, Function, and Material in Ozark Folklore
Connor Barron, Columbia University

10:30-11:45am: Panel 4

The Monarchy and the Jews: A Contentious Experience in Iberian Christendom (1438-1492)
Madison Grace McNeece, Baylor University

Buddhist Nationalism and Islamophobia Define and Fuel Discrimination Against Muslims in Myanmar
Victoria Stewart, Vanderbilt University

Combating Collective Consciousness of Black Religion: How the American Police State Attempted to Stifle Black Unification under Christianity and Islam
Abena Appiah-Ofori, University of Virginia

Lunch Break

12:45-2:00pm: Panel 5

The Contested Countryside: Saints, Demons, and Peasants in Carolingian Christianity
Jack Corp, Drury University

Have the Money Influxes Towards Angkor Wat Affected the Cambodian Buddhist Practices, Monastic Life and Educational System?
Nicole Ralsgard Taube, University of Virginia

Images: It's More Than What Meets the Eyes
Harper Leigh, Baylor University

Concluding Remarks
Daniel Theus, URSA President