

College of the Humanities  
Religion and Public Life: RELI 5801F  
Seminar in the Discipline

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**Seminar hours:** Tuesdays 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. in 2A46 PA  
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**Course Description:** This is a core seminar in the Religion and Public Life MA program. It is designed to train students in the discipline of Religion at a graduate level both in terms of research and as professionals in the field.

**Course Objectives:** The seminar has three main goals:

1. To offer students the opportunity to interact with a range of potential supervisors and consider a variety of major research paper topics. Throughout the term, Religion faculty as well as other faculty members from across the university will introduce themselves, their research and that of others from their fields engaged in 'Religion and Public Life'.
2. To function as a 'pro-seminar'. This aspect of the course focuses on the pragmatic concerns of graduate work and the professional duties carried out by graduate students. Discussions and guest lecturers will focus on the practicalities of grading essays, applying for grants, negotiating the ethics clearance process, and exploring future professional and/or academic opportunities available to graduates of the program.
3. To introduce you to the resources and strategies needed to succeed in the MA, and to assist you in developing a 'research toolbox'. The aim here is to ensure that you are familiar with the electronic and print resources available at Carleton, as well as highlight various research methods such as archival research, feminist methodology, and interview research among others. This aspect of the course will also ensure that students have a thorough understanding of the citation style employed in the Religion program.

### Evaluation

This is a pass or fail course – you will not receive a letter grade; only a 'P' or an 'F' will appear on your transcript.

To obtain a 'pass' in the course, you are expected:

- a) To attend every class, to have done the required reading, and to be prepared to fully participate in class discussion. If you are ill or miss a class due to another serious reason (such as a death in your family) you must provide me with written documentation accounting for the absence. Students who miss a class due to religious reasons must email me in advance to have the absence excused. If you are absent without an acceptable excuse for 2 or more classes you will receive a 'fail' in this course.

- b) Each student must also act as the lead respondent to one of the guest speakers in order to pass the course. The details of the duties of a respondent will be discussed in the first class.
- c) Each student must also present on their tentative or preliminary ideas for their major research paper in order to pass the course.

**Tentative Schedule** – This schedule is tentative in that a number of professors have agreed to speak to the class, but have yet to provide a firm date and assigned reading for their talk.

The final schedule with readings will be updated as soon as possible on cuLearn.

**Sept 13**

8:30 – 11:30 Introduction, discussion of the syllabus, course and program objectives and deadlines

**Sept 20**

**Room 252 Main floor, MacOdrum Library (Please be there promptly at 9:30 p.m.)**

9:30 – 10:30 Citation management – presentation by Aleksandra Blake

10:30 – 11:30 Research Resources for Religion – presentation by Trish O’Flaherty

**Sept. 27**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Dr. Kelly Quinn (writing consultant)

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Dr. Zeba Crook (Religion)

**Oct. 4**

8:30 – 10:00 Presentation TBA

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Dr. Mohammed Rustom (Religion)

**Oct. 11**

8:30 – 10:00 Presentation TBA

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Melissa Jennings (Research Compliance Coordinator)

**Oct 18 – No class – Assignment TBA**

**Oct. 25 – Reading Week**

**Nov. 1**

8:30 – 10:00 Presentation TBA

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Dr. James Casteel (Religion and European/Russian Studies)

**Nov. 8**

8:30 – 10:15 Presentation TBA

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Dr. Deidre Butler (Religion)

**Nov 15**

8:30 – 10:00 Presentation TBA

10:15 – 11:30 Presentation TBA

**Nov 22**

8:30 – 10:00 Presentation TBA

10:15 – 11:30 Presentation TBA

**Nov 29**

8:30 – 10:00 student presentations – developing ideas for a research paper

10:15 – 11:30 student presentations – developing ideas for a research paper

**Dec. 6**

8:30 – 10:00 student presentations – developing ideas for a research paper

10:15 – 11:30 reflections on your TA experiences

## Religion and Public Life and Carleton University Policies (2016-17)

### Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following:  
Student name; Student number;  
Course number & section; Instructor's name
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- For assignments left in the Drop Box just inside 2A Paterson Hall beside 2A39, the box will be emptied every day at 8:30 a.m., assignments taken out at that time will be date-stamped with the previous day's date, after 8:30 a.m. the current date will be used.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

### Grading System:

Item #10 in the Graduate Calendar – General Regulations

<http://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/gradregulations/>

### Deferrals for Term Work:

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

### Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or <http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv14/>)

### Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

**Religious obligation:** write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam

requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

### Important Dates:

Sept. 7	Classes start.
Sept. 20	Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – University closed.
Oct. 24-28	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 25	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 9	Last day of classes, Fall term. Classes follow a Monday schedule.
Dec. 9	Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses.
Dec. 9	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 10-22	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 22	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 5	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 18	Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes.
Jan. 31	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses.
Feb. 20	Family Day – University closed.
Feb. 20-24	Winter Break, no classes.
Mar. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Apr. 7	Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses.
Apr. 7	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 10-25	Final Examinations. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Apr. 14	Good Friday – University closed.
Apr. 25	Take-home exams are due.

### Addresses:

Religion:	2A39 Paterson Hall <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/religion">www.carleton.ca/religion</a> 520-2100
Registrar's Office:	300 Tory <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/registrar">www.carleton.ca/registrar</a> 520-3500
Student Academic & Career Development Services:	302 Tory <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/sasc">www.carleton.ca/sasc</a> 520-7850
Writing Tutorial Service:	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Library <a href="http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/">http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/</a> 520-6632
MacOdrum Library	<a href="http://www.library.carleton.ca/">http://www.library.carleton.ca/</a> 520-2735