



RELIGIOUS STUDIES INSIDERS

Graduation 2023



Humanities Division Awardees:
Sophie Zelek (English) and
Julianne Lark (Religious Studies)

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S CORNER

This issue I am pleased to introduce the newest and littlest SHU Saint in the religious studies department: Eve Heloise Crosby! Eve was born on January 21st (a month earlier than her February 21st due date) at 5lbs. She thankfully did not need any extra help at the hospital, and she's doing great. Big brother, Anselm (age 5), is thrilled and can't get enough of her.

Because of Eve's birth, I have not been on campus much this semester (although you may have seen Eve learning all about the importance of representation at this year's Scholarship Symposium). I am eager to be around students once again in the fall!

Our courses for the fall are listed in this issue, in case you are still deciding on your fall schedule. However, I am very excited to announce a new website where

you can also find our upcoming courses, up-to-date contact information for faculty, past issues of Religious Studies Insiders, and other information of interest to majors and minors. The website is:

<https://sites.sienaheights.edu/religious-studies/>

You'll notice both traditional Adrian campus courses/faculty as well as accelerated online courses/faculty are included, as we hope to function more as one department moving forward. If you have any other feedback on the website, send it my way!

Finally, a word to our graduates:

Keep asking questions.

Keep making friends.

Keep finding ways to help others feel they belong.

And, KEEP IN TOUCH! We already miss you.

-Dr. Crosby



REVISED RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

The Religious Studies department used to offer three distinct minors: Religious Studies Minor, Theology Minor, and Catholic Studies Minor. Beginning with the Fall 2023 catalog, the Religious Studies Minor and the Theology Minor will be eliminated and replaced with a new, revised Religious Studies Minor. The new minor is designed as a mini version of the major with the exact same core requirements. The change is meant to make it easy for minors to switch to a Religious Studies Major or vice versa. Students should be able to complete the minor within two years either entirely in person or entirely online (or a combination of the two). The Catholic Studies Minor remains unchanged.

Here are the new Religious Studies Minor Requirements:

1	RST 102: Intro to Christian Theology or RST 103: Catholicism Today or RST 104: Introduction to the Bible	3 credits
2	RST 302: Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures	3 credits
3	RST 303: Introduction to Christian Scriptures or RST 319: Christology	3 credits
4	RST 305: Theological Ethics	3 credits
5	RST 314: World Religions	3 credits
6	<i>Approved RST Elective</i>	3 credits
7	<i>Approved RST Elective</i>	3 credits

UPCOMING RST COURSES

FALL 2023

15 Week Courses				
RST 102: Intro to Christian Theology	Dr. Crosby	Online		
RST 103: Catholicism Today	Dr. Raab	In Person	M/W/F 9-9:50am	
RST 305: Theological Ethics	Dr. Crosby	In Person	T/TH 9:30-10:45am	
RST 314: World Religions	Dr. Raab	In Person	M 6:30-9:15pm	
RST 321: Women and Religion	Dr. Crosby	In Person	M/W 11-12:15pm	
7 Week Courses: 1st Half		7 Week Courses: 2nd Half		
RST 301: Theological Inquiry	Dr. Sam	Online	RST 302: Intro to Hebrew Scriptures	Dr. Dumm Online
			RST 305: Theological Ethics	Dr. Crosby Online

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS STUDIES GRADUATES



JULIANNE LARK

May 2023 Graduate

Religious Studies and Business Administration Double Major

Member of Theta Alpha Kappa

Winner of the 2023 Religious Studies Department Award, Humanities Division Award, VPA Division Award, BAM Division Award, and Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

Senior Project: How the Magnificat Magnifies the Catholic Mission

What's Next: Julianne will be pursuing her MBA at Siena Heights University while working as a graduate assistant for the Division of Visual and Performing Arts.



NATHAN LEE

December 2022 Graduate

Religious Studies and Communications Double Major

Member of Theta Alpha Kappa

Senior Project: The Christian Family and The Evolution of Its Values

What's Next: Nathan is currently pursuing an MBA in finance at Ohio Christian University while working as a graduate assistant for the volleyball team.