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**FOSTERING
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Wednesdays
 12:00 PM

Prairie Room
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SEMINAR SERIES COORDINATORS

LARISSA KENNEDY, Department of History
 STEWART WINGER, Department of History
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January 23 — Prairie Room, BSC

The Importance of Religious Literacy

DR. DANIEL BREYER, Associate Professor
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January 30 — Prairie Room, BSC

How Our Students Read Other Religious Cultures

DR. JAN NEULIEB, Professor
 Department of English
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February 6 — Prairie Room, BSC

Shinto: The Heart and Soul of Japan

DR. LOUIS PEREZ, Professor
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February 13 — Old Main, BSC

Rediscover Playfulness! Mindfulness and Loving Kindness Practice

MR. BHANTE SUJATHA, Buddhist Monk
 Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple and Meditation Center
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February 20 — Prairie Room BSC

Islam in South Asia: Diversity and Unity

DR. ALI RIAZ, Distinguished Professor
 Department of Politics and Government
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February 27 — Prairie Room, BSC

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DR. JESSICA VANTINE BIRKENHOLTZ, Assistant Professor
 Department of Religion
 University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

March 6 — Prairie Room, BSC

Understanding Religious Violence: The Importance of Religious Literacy in Meeting the Challenge of Religious Fanaticism and Terrorism

DR. MARK BERKSON, Professor and Chair
 Department of Religion
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Meaning Making and Control in Islamic Banking and Finance

DR. AARON PITLUCK, Professor
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Afro-Brazilian Religions and the Contemporary Roles of Women

DR. CAROLE MYSCOFSKI, Professor
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Mormonism: The American Religion or the Next World Religion

DR. PATRICK MASON, Dean and Professor of Religion
 School of Art and Humanities
 Claremont Graduate University

April 10 — Prairie Room, BSC

Image Makers and Image Breakers: Art and Iconoclasm in the Northern Renaissance

DR. SASKIA BERANEK, Assistant Professor
 School of Art
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Buddhism in Communist China: Hangzhou as a Case Study

DR. QILIANG HE, Associate Professor
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April 24 — Prairie Room, BSC

What I Learned About the Modern World from Teaching Comparative Global Fundamentalisms

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