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**SGS ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2007-2008****2006**

August 6	Civic Holiday
August 13	Registration for September session begins
August 31	Last date for payment of tuition fees to meet registration deadline
September 3	Labour Day
September 10	Most formal graduate courses and seminars begin in the week of September 10 <sup>th</sup> Classes at the Centre for the Study of Religion begin on September 10. Other departments classes may begin at different times.
September 13/14	Rosh Hashanah
September 13	Ramadan begins
September 14	Registration for September session ends; after this date, a late registration fee will be assessed
September 17	Final date to submit Ph.D. theses to SGS to avoid fee charges for 2007-08
September 21	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for summer session courses and extended courses
September 26	Summer Session grades available for viewing by students on the Student Web Service
October 5	Final date for receipt of degree recommendations and submission of any required theses for master's degrees for Fall Convocation
October 5	Final date to submit final Ph.D. thesis for Fall Convocation
October 5	Final date to add full-year and September session courses

October 8	Thanksgiving Day
October 13	Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
November 2	Final date to drop September session full or half courses without academic penalty
November TBA	Fall Convocation
December 5/12	Hannukah
December 21	University is closed at end of fall semester.

## **2007**

January 7	Most formal graduate courses and seminars begin in the week of January 7th
January 11	Final date for registration of students beginning program in January session; after this date, a late registration fee will be assessed
January 15	Final date to submit Ph.D. theses without fee payment for January session
January 18	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for September session courses
January 18	Final date to add January session courses
January 23	September Session grades available for viewing by students on the Student Web Service
January 31	Final date for receipt of degree recommendations and submission of any required theses for March or June graduation for master's students without fees being charged for the January session
January 31	Final date for all students to request that their degrees be conferred <i>in absentia</i> in March

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January 31	September dual registrants must be recommended for the master's degree by this date to maintain their Ph.D. registration
February 29	Final date to drop full-year or January session courses without academic penalty
March TBA	March Graduation <i>in absentia</i> . Information is posted at <a href="http://www.utoronto.ca/convocation">www.utoronto.ca/convocation</a> , choose March in absentia
March 21	Good Friday
April 25	For students obtaining degrees at June Convocation, course work must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and January session courses
April 25	Final date for receipt of degree recommendations and submission of any required theses for master's degrees for June Convocation
April 25	Final date for submission of final Ph.D. thesis for students whose degrees are to be conferred at the June Convocation
April 25	Final date for degree recommendations of January dual registrants for the master's degree to maintain their Ph.D. registration
May	For first day of summer classes, consult graduate unit concerned.
May 9	Final date for registration for May session
May 16	Course work must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and January session courses (except for extended courses)
May 16	Final date to enrol in May-June or May-August session courses
May 19	Victoria Day
May 21	January Session grades available for viewing by students

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on the Student Web Service

June	Spring Convocation Information and Dates are posted at <a href="http://www.utoronto.ca/convocation">www.utoronto.ca/convocation</a> , choose Spring
June 6	Final date to drop May/June F section courses without academic penalty
June 27	Final date for registration for July-August courses
June 27	Final date to drop May-August session Y section courses without academic penalty
July 1	Canada Day Holiday
July 25	Final date to drop July-August S section courses without academic penalty
July 25	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for May/June F Section Courses
July 30	Grades for May/June F Section Courses available for viewing by students on the Student Web Service

## INTRODUCTION

The *Centre for the Study of Religion* at the University of Toronto is a unique institution for the pursuit of graduate studies. *A multidisciplinary organization, the Centre combines the resources of the Department for the Study of Religion with an extensive network of cross-appointed affiliations with faculty colleagues whose primary research and teaching interests address religious phenomena, and who are drawn from a variety of departments and programs in the humanities, social sciences, and law.* The Centre thus consolidates the vast curricular and faculty resources for the study of religion that are distributed across disciplines throughout the university, making it the largest and most comprehensive graduate program in this field within Canada, and one of the largest and most diverse such programs internationally. Current faculty membership in the Centre includes some 65 professors, ranging from scholars trained in a variety of specializations within religious studies, to sociologists and anthropologists of religion, historians, philosophers, psychologists of religion, and legal scholars. Sustained by such a broad representation of disciplinary and area expertise, the Centre is able to facilitate graduate learning and research in a manner that conjoins scholarly depth with scholarly breadth, and encourages the creative possibilities that attend the critical, mutually-informing encounter of diverse theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches.

Since its inception in 1976, the Centre has awarded more than 90 doctoral degrees and some 150 master's degrees. The Centre belongs to the Division of Humanities within the School of Graduate Studies, which governs and administers graduate programs in some seventy-five departments, centres, and institutes within the University of Toronto.

The Centre is situated in the downtown area of the city of Toronto, within a metropolitan region that includes one of the most culturally and religiously diverse populations in North America. Our faculty and graduate students also teach at the campuses of the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) and the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC). The greater Toronto area offers ready contact with the communities and institutions of a large number of the religious traditions in the world.

The University of Toronto, with a population of some 74,000 students and a teaching staff of roughly 2,000 faculty, is the largest and most comprehensive institution of higher education in Canada. In international rankings of academic excellence and research performance, U of T consistently places among the top universities in the world.



## An Invitation

We invite all students and faculty interested in the study of religion to visit the Centre as well as to participate in our lecture and colloquia events, at the University of Toronto downtown campus. We also invite you to consult our website for information about the Centre and the University, as well as for access to helpful links: <http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/>. For questions about the Centre, or about the admissions process in particular, please contact the Centre: by telephone: (416) 978-3057; or by email: [religion.grad@utoronto.ca](mailto:religion.grad@utoronto.ca)

## Purpose

The purpose of the Centre is essentially twofold: (i) to provide for graduate training and experience in the study of religion, and (ii) to facilitate research and publication in this important field of inquiry. The Centre conceives of the study of religion in comprehensive terms, and so encourages a wide and critical conversation among scholars with diverse perspectives and approaches to the investigation of religious phenomena and traditions. The Centre seeks to promote the view that the academic study of religion should be *interdisciplinary* in its theoretical and methodological approaches and *integrative* in its focus on the multi-faceted centrality of religion in the human experience. We believe that such a program of inquiry provides an indispensable intellectual basis for exploring and comprehending the traditions that have shaped the determinant processes of world history, and for tracking the social trends that are currently underway in global as well as local contexts.

The Centre considers its distinguishing mark and unique strength to derive from its ability to provide individualized programs of graduate study that are integratively interdisciplinary, and that make maximized use of the rich and diverse curricular, library, and faculty resources that are available here at the University of Toronto for the study of religion. Our programs are characterized by breadth, flexibility, and focus, and they are supported by an advising system that is immediate, intensive, and comprehensive.

The Centre's master's program aims to serve students with a wide variety of purposes. While many of our master's graduates continue on to pursue doctoral studies, others have followed different options, such as careers in teaching, public affairs, and publishing.

The Centre's doctoral program, like other advanced programs in religious studies, exists primarily to prepare students for academic careers in universities and colleges.

## Degrees

The Centre offers programs leading to the degrees of *Master of Arts* and *Doctor of Philosophy* in the Study of Religion. The Centre also participates in several graduate level collaborative programs: South Asian Studies, International Relations, Bioethics, Editing Medieval Texts, Ethnic and Pluralism Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Jewish Studies, Women's Health, and Environmental Studies.

## The Study of Religion

All students of the Centre are engaged in the common project of the study of religion, as construed in terms of the Centre's commitment to an integrative and interdisciplinary approach to the subject. The Centre is currently undergoing a review of its fields of study and these will be posted on the website once the process is completed. Both programs of graduate study—master's and doctoral—are constructed individually to fit and support the specific topics of interest identified by each student at the point of admission. This procedure strives to maximize the achievement of breadth and flexibility in interdisciplinary training, and of achieving the requisite focus regarding research specialization.

*The Centre's academic task in studying religious phenomena as expressions of the changing and diverse social-historical conditions of human existence is distinct from the study of theology as pursued from within a faith-based commitment to any particular religious tradition.* In the University of Toronto, this distinction is upheld institutionally by the separate functioning of the Centre for the Study of Religion and the Toronto School of Theology.

## Research Resources

The University of Toronto library system consists of some thirty libraries containing over nine million volumes, served by a fully online catalogue. *It is consistently ranked among the top five research library systems in North America.* The University's collections of books, journals, and other materials for the study of religion are unsurpassed in Canada. These resources are found chiefly in Robarts Research Library, located on St. George Street near the Centre; but significant collections—often specialized—can also be found in various institutes and in the libraries of the many colleges that are attached to the University and the Toronto School of Theology. Particularly valuable to students of religion are the libraries of Trinity, St. Michael's, Victoria and Emmanuel, Wycliffe, Knox, and Regis colleges, along with the South Asian Library, the East Asian Library, and the internationally renowned Pontifical

Institute of Medieval Studies.

Internet: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/index.html>

The Centre houses a small collection of standard reference works as well as current and back issues of *Studies in Religion/Sciences religieuses*, along with variety of association bulletins and newsletters. The Centre also provides computers for student use, including access to the University's online library catalogue, the Internet, and email.

Students of the Centre may use the computing facilities provided by Computing in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS), which is located on the 14th floor of Robarts Library. It maintains two computing laboratories which provide access to various computer applications, including word-processing, the Internet, email, and electronic publishing. CHASS also offers tutorials and hands-on computer training sessions. Most of their services are offered free of charge. Internet: <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/>

## **Research and Publication at the Centre**

The Centre facilitates research and publication primarily through the encouragement it provides for the work of faculty members and students of the Centre. The research interests and projects of the faculty members are reflected in the recent publications listed in the Centre Faculty Profiles provided in this Handbook.

The Centre attracts visiting scholars, post-doctoral fellows, and research readers who come to the University to pursue programs of research. These visitors contribute to the intellectual life of the Centre by taking part in graduate seminars, colloquia, and other events. The Centre also periodically sponsors conferences and special lecture series, often in association with a college or other departments and centres in the University.

## **Religion in the Public Sphere**

The CSR has been awarded a highly competitive Academic Initiative Fund grant from the U of T Provost's Office, for a new venture entitled Religion in the Public Sphere. This collaborative endeavour will bring together faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students from across the university who are engaged in the study of relation of religion to public affairs. One aspect of RPS features a yearly competition for RPS fellows which will allow faculty and graduate students (in alternate years) to establish working groups and design workshops. For more information, please visit: <http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/>

## Community Life in the Centre

The Centre functions as a community of professors and students engaged in the study of religion, together with the supporting members of the administrative staff. As much as possible, the Centre seeks to foster the understanding that professors and students are senior and junior members of the community of scholars working together in common academic pursuits. By statute, the professors and Centre officers represent the University of Toronto in the operation of the academic program and in the assessment of the achievements of graduate students in fulfilment of the requirements for the degrees of M.A. and Ph.D.

*The Chair of the Department for the Study of Religion* also serves as the *Chair of the Centre*. The Chair is responsible for the overall operation of the Centre, and is accountable to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. The Graduate Director of the Centre serves as the coordinator for the graduate program and the Associate Chair of the Department directs the undergraduate academic program. The Chair, the Graduate Director, and the Associate Chair meet regularly as the joint executive committee of the Department and Centre. The Graduate Administrator assists the Graduate Director and runs the day-to-day academic operations of the Centre. The Departmental Officer serves as the primary administrative, business, and human resources officer of the Department and the Centre. The Departmental Secretary assists both the Chair and the Associate Chair. The joint By-laws of the Department and Centre define the governance structure. A copy is available at the Centre.

The following structures include both the Department and the Centre in their affairs: Advisory Committee on policy, appointments, and other general matters; Committee on Promotions and Appeals; Committee on Academic Development. The Centre has the following additional structures: the Centre General Assembly; Committee on Curriculum and Graduate Study; Committee on Graduate Admissions and Fellowships; the Centre Advisory Committee; and the Advisory Board of the Religion in the Public Sphere Initiative. All Centre students are members of the Centre General Assembly, and student representatives serve on the Department/Centre Advisory Committees, the Committee on Curriculum and Graduate Study, and the RPS Advisory Board.

Community life in the Centre tends to be focused on the Common Room (first floor), where public lectures, public meetings, and social events are held, and the Graduate Common Room (second floor), where students have their mail boxes, book lockers, access to email, and use of basic kitchen facilities. The Centre maintains a job placement board as well as a board for announcements of events (second floor). The Centre's Seminar Room (second floor) is used for

Centre courses, meetings of student advisory committees, thesis proposal meetings, and oral examinations. The Round Room (first floor) is frequently used for committee meetings and lunches.

During 2007-08, the Centre will be moving to the second and third floors of the Jackman Humanities Building, a newly renovated space at 170 St. George Street that will house other key humanities departments, English and Philosophy, as well as the Jackman Humanities Institute.

The Centre sponsors a colloquium that meets monthly to hear papers and hold discussions about the work of professors, visiting scholars, invited lecturers, and graduate students. Centre members are encouraged to propose papers. Each Ph.D. student must present a paper in the colloquium when at the dissertation writing stage, and this participation will be noted on their transcript. The Centre expects graduate students to attend the colloquium as an important part of their scholarly formation.

All new doctoral students are members of **RLG 1000Y**, a Method and Theory seminar whose membership is restricted to first year Ph.D. students of the Centre. The seminar, which meets weekly throughout the academic year, is focused on fundamental questions of interpretation, explanation, and analysis in the study of religious phenomena. It serves as a primary way for students to engage in discussion about the study of religion in relation to their own academic interests as well as to develop a community of discourse among peers.

All new M.A. students enrol in the **M.A. Method and Theory Group** seminar (RLG1200H) which functions as a method and theory seminar designed to orient M.A. students to the research process at the graduate level .

All Centre students are members of the *Student Association of the Centre*, a self-governing organization that provides academic, social, and counselling services. The Student Association provides an essential linking mechanism for students to engage intellectually and socially outside of the more formal arrangements of the graduate program. In recent years, students have sponsored an annual Spring Symposium, published an annual volume of papers, and organized roundtable discussions. The Student Association is also instrumental in assisting Centre students in regards to conference activities, providing guidance on the preparation of papers, and in the organizing of sessions for learned society meetings in Canada and the United States. Helpful advice on academic publishing—articles, reviews—is also made available. In addition to its intellectual role, the Student Association serves as an advocacy organization on behalf of student concerns and individual student interests. The Association also organizes social events, pub nights, and sporting events.

The Student Association executive includes the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Co-ordinator, Academic Co-ordinator, Graduate Student Union (GSU) Representative, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3902 Representative (Shop Steward), M.A. Representative and Members-at-Large. All students are also members of the Graduate Students Union (GSU) of the University of Toronto.

### **A Word to Students About Professional Opportunities**

In addition to fostering a learning environment for academic research, the Centre also strives to provide students with opportunities to secure teaching experiences that will enhance their prospects for securing academic positions. The Centre tries to meet this need by means of Teaching Assistantships and, in a few cases, Course Instructorships. Centre doctoral students are eligible to apply for enrollment in THE5000H, Teaching in Higher Education, a course devoted to helping graduate students acquire teaching know-how, taught by accomplished teachers in the University. Research or work-study positions are also occasionally available, wherein students will work closely with a professor on a research project.

The Centre assists graduates in finding suitable initial positions, notably by giving advice on the job search, posting advertisements of position openings, maintaining a file of publications which advertise positions in the subjects covered by the Centre, and writing letters of recommendation. The University operates a Career Centre in the Koffler Student Centre, which runs workshops, offers career advice, provides an academic dossier service and posts job notices.

## COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

The Centre participates in a number of collaborative programs at both the M.A. and Ph.D. levels. The purpose of these programs is to facilitate the creation of multi- and interdisciplinary programs of graduate study that creatively cut across the formal boundaries defined for departments and centres. Descriptions of these programs are found in the SGS Calendar. Further information is available at the Centre and from the offices of each program. The Centre is currently associated with the following collaborative programs:

*Bioethics*, Joint Centre for Bioethics, 88 College Street. Telephone: 416-978-0871. FAX: 416-978-1911.

E-mail: [peter.singer@utoronto.ca](mailto:peter.singer@utoronto.ca).

Internet: <http://www.utoronto.ca/jcb/>

*Editing Medieval Texts*, Centre for Medieval Studies, 39 Queen's Park Crescent East. Telephone: 416-978-4884. FAX: 416-971-1398.

E-mail: [medieval@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:medieval@chass.utoronto.ca)

Internet: <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/medieval>

*Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies*, Department of Sociology, 725 Spadina Avenue. Telephone: 416-978-4783. FAX: 416-978-3963.

E-mail: [ethnic.studies@utoronto.ca](mailto:ethnic.studies@utoronto.ca)

Internet: <http://www.utoronto.ca/ethnicstudies>

*International Relations*, Centre for International Studies, 1 Devonshire Place, Telephone: 416-946-8917

Email: [cis.mair@utoronto.ca](mailto:cis.mair@utoronto.ca)

Internet: <http://ir.mcis.utoronto.ca/>

*Jewish Studies* University College, Room 316, 15 King's College Circle

Telephone: 416-978-8118

Email: [jewish.studies@utoronto.ca](mailto:jewish.studies@utoronto.ca)

Internet: <http://www.utoronto.ca/jewish/>

*South Asian Studies*, Centre for South Asian Studies, 1 Devonshire Place, Room S268. Telephone: 416-978-4294. FAX: 416-978-8744.

Email: [south.asian@utoronto.ca](mailto:south.asian@utoronto.ca)

Internet: <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/sas>

*Women and Gender Studies*, New College, 40 Willcocks St., Rm. 2036.

Telephone: 416-978-3668. FAX: 416-946-5561.

E-mail: [iws.gs@utoronto.ca](mailto:iws.gs@utoronto.ca)

Internet: <http://www.utoronto.ca/iwsgs>

*Women's Health*, Women's College Research Institute, 790 Bay St., 7<sup>th</sup> Flr.

Telephone: 416-351-3732, Ext. 2331 FAX: 416-351-3746

E-mail: [lisa.hall@wchospital.ca](mailto:lisa.hall@wchospital.ca)

Internet: <http://www.crwh.org/>

***Two communities:*** Students who wish to enter one of these collaborative programs must meet the admission requirements and the program requirements of both the Centre and the collaborative program. Students participate in two communities: they have the Centre as their home department while at the same time they join in the activities of the collaborative program. Upon successful completion of all requirements, students receive their degree in both Religion and the collaborative subject.

In some cases, courses may be counted both for Religion credit and for collaborative program credit, provided the courses in question have religion content. Accordingly, in South Asian Studies, Bioethics, and Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies it is possible to complete the collaborative program *without* additional course work. In these cases, the requirements stipulated by the collaborative program may be deemed as also serving to meet the requirements in Religion. In Women's Studies, two additional half courses are needed at the doctoral level beyond the requirements in Religion, with no additional course work needed for the M.A. In International Relations, usually three additional half courses are needed for the M.A. beyond the requirements in Religion. Decisions about the fulfilment of the requirements are made by the Graduate Director at the Centre and by the Director of each collaborative program.



## THE MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM

### Admission to the M.A. Program

Admissions to the master's program is governed by the Centre's ability to match the possible subject interests of applicants with the Centre's resources for graduate supervision.

At the master's level, applicants for admission are asked to present a statement of an intended subject for graduate study. Admission is offered only to those with appropriate academic preparation and whose subject interests can be matched with the faculty resources of the Centre.

Please note that admission into the M.A. program does not entail automatic subsequent admission into the Ph.D stream; applications for the Ph.D program are evaluated independently each spring.

Students who are thinking of applying for graduate study in the Centre are advised to consider thoroughly the research topics and teaching interests of Centre faculty members when formulating their statements of intended study. Consultation of the academic profiles of the Centre's faculty—as annually updated and published in the Graduate Handbook—is therefore strongly recommended. It may also prove useful to review the list of completed doctoral theses that Centre faculty have supervised, which is provided at the end of this Handbook. Prospective students are also invited to make direct contact, by email or telephone, with professors whose research interests appear to correspond or overlap with the intended area of inquiry.

The Centre strives to admit the most qualified students, while at the same time securing a manageable distribution of students around a range of topics and areas of specialization. The Centre admits about eight to ten new master's students annually. The effects of these policies may mean that some highly qualified applicants are not offered admission. Students needing to undertake prerequisite undergraduate work are directed to apply for special student status via the office of Undergraduate Admissions, 315 Bloor Street West. Telephone: 978-2190. E-mail: [ask@adm.utoronto.ca](mailto:ask@adm.utoronto.ca)

### Admission Eligibility, M.A. Program

To be eligible for admission to the M.A. program, applicants must normally have a four-year B.A. degree with specialization in Religion or in cognate subjects, with courses broadly equivalent in number and distribution to the University of Toronto's Specialist program in Religion. Applicants must also

have suitable language preparation and an average of at least A- in the final year, i.e. the courses that constitute the final quarter of a four-year program. In practice, the students admitted tend to have cumulative GPAs in the A- to A range.

Toronto's B.A. Specialist program in Religion includes the equivalent of ten full-year courses (10 Y), distributed broadly as follows:

1Y - World Religions, or equivalent breadth in the religions of the world  
2Y & 3Y - study in at least two religious traditions;

4Y, 5Y, & 6Y - courses using a variety of methods to study religion: e.g., history, sociology of religion, anthropology of religion, psychology of religion, literary criticism, philosophy of religion

7Y to 10Y - at least four advanced courses in religion.

The Centre interprets equivalency very broadly, and considers courses taken in departments other than the Study of Religion as potentially appropriate, so long as the course content or the student's work in the course included substantial study of religion.

Students will need to have language preparation that enables them to meet the language requirements of the M.A. program. Students who are contemplating graduate study in this Centre are advised to secure in advance the languages requisite for their areas of scholarly interest.

Students without sufficient breadth or quantity of course work in religion, or without appropriate language preparation, will be asked to take additional work, either before admission or during an extended M.A. program as stipulated in their admission offer.

### **Application Procedures: M.A. Program**

Application information, including a link to the online application, is available on our website at <http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/English/Application-Procedures.html>. The Centre uses a self-administered application process which includes an online application form and a paper application. Applicants are required to complete the online application form, including making their application payment, then submit it online, print it out, and send a copy, with the materials listed below, to the Centre.

Applicants must send all of the following materials to the Centre:

1. A paper copy of the application form, *once you have submitted it online*.
2. Certified transcripts of all previous post-secondary study, submitted in sealed envelopes from the originating institution. If an institution will not give transcripts to the student, the applicant should ask the institution to send the transcripts directly to the Centre.
3. A statement (two pages maximum) of proposed study. For M.A. applicants, this should be a statement of an intended topic or area of graduate study, and summary of preparatory training in appropriate theories, methods, and languages.
4. Three letters of recommendation from academic referees, submitted in sealed envelopes., signed across the back by the referee. Letters of recommendation do not require a special form.
5. A brief academic CV, with details of education, awards, and other information of academic interest.
6. A sample of written work .

Applicants whose previous study was in a language other than English or French must submit the following to the Centre:

1. Certified English translations of all documents, and
2. Official TOEFL scores (minimum: 600 on the written system; 250 on the computerized system) and TWE scores (minimum: 5)

Please note that it is the students responsibility to ensure that all materials arrive by the applications deadline.

### **Application Deadline, M.A. Program**

The Centre admits applicants only in September. The deadline for the receipt of completed applications for the 2007-2008 year is **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007**. This is the due date for all applicants. Applications must be postmarked by midnight on that day.

Should January 15th fall on a weekend, applications must be postmarked by midnight on the *next business day*.

### **The Advising Process, M.A. Program**

The Centre's advising process starts to work as soon as a potential student makes contact with the Centre. It works intensively through admission and first enrolment, and continues until a student completes the program.

The potential student's initial contacts with the Centre are usually with the Graduate Administrator. Opening conversations and emails focus on whether the student is prepared for the Centre's program and whether supervision can be provided for the intended subject of study. During the application process the conversation continues, usually expanding to involve the Graduate Director and also professors whose research interests are similar to those of the applicant. Following acceptance of the offer of admission, students will be contacted by the Graduate Director—usually by email or telephone—to begin discussions about their programs. Incoming students will be provisionally assigned an Academic Advisor, chosen on the basis of supervisory expertise in the student's stated area of scholarly interest. Before the start of the academic term, the student, the Academic Advisor, and the Graduate Director will meet to work out the student's individualized program of study.

### **Degree Requirements, M.A. Program**

The Calendar of the School of Graduate Studies contains the regulations governing graduate study and degrees. The section on the Study of Religion gives the regulations applicable specifically to graduate study and degrees in the Centre for the Study of Religion. This Graduate Handbook elaborates on the information published in the Calendar.

The M.A. program has two components: courses and languages. In consultation with the student and his or her assigned Academic Advisor, the Graduate Director approves the courses to be taken, and the language or languages needed to fulfil the language requirement.

1. **Courses:** The regular M.A. program requires FOUR full-year graduate courses, or the equivalent combination of half-year courses. Included in this total are the MA Method and Theory Group (RLG 1200HY, a half-credit course that meets every other week for a full year), and the Major Research Paper.
2. **Major Research Paper:** M.A. students must produce a Major Research Paper, which is credited under the designation of RLG 2000Y. The Major Research Paper is written under the supervision of the Academic Advisor, and is usually completed in the summer.
3. **Languages:** Before completing the M.A. degree, students are required to give evidence of reading knowledge of at least one language, in addition to English, selected from languages of modern scholarship and/or necessary source languages. To satisfy the language

requirements, students must pass a language requirement examination conducted by the Centre. Language courses are not accepted as equivalent.

The M.A. program may be taken part-time, provided the student enrolls and completes all the requirements for the degree within five years for the regular program, or six years in the case of an extended program requiring additional courses or language study.

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### **Funding, M.A. Program**

Unfortunately, there are only a few limited options available for funding at the master's level; these are rare and none can come with any guarantee or assurance in the terms of admission.

Depending on the fluctuating enrollment figures for undergraduate courses, *Teaching Assistantships* may, on rare occasion, become available for some M.A. students. The value of a TAship approximately covers tuition and student fees. Master's students are therefore encouraged to apply for fellowships and scholarships awarded by sources external to the university. Applications for these awards may be made during the year prior to entering graduate school. The Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) awards *Canada Graduate Scholarships*, intended specifically for M.A. students. In 2005-2006 these awards value is about \$18,100, also funded by the Government of Canada. Applications and information are available at: <http://www.sshrc.ca/>. Note also that *Ontario Graduate Scholarships(OGS)* are awarded to master's students as well as doctoral students.

More information can be found on the SSHRC and OGS websites:

<http://www.sshrc.ca/>

<http://www.ogs.ca>

M.A. students who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for *Work-Study* positions offered by the Centre or by individual professors.

Those who meet the relevant requirements may apply for *student loans* through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) or the equivalent agencies and institutions in their home jurisdiction.

### ***Master's Tuition Fee Bursary***

These bursaries are available to full-time master's students who must go beyond their initial registration period in order to complete a small amount of remaining work. Applications are available at the Centre.

## THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

### Admission to the Ph.D. Program

At the doctoral level, programs of study are thesis-driven from the point of admission onward. Students are asked when seeking admission, and again at the time of first enrollment, to indicate a possible thesis subject. Extraordinary care is taken to offer admission only to applicants of the highest academic achievement, and whose possible thesis subjects can be matched with the expertise of at least three professors, who will be available for supervisory guidance.

Students thinking of applying for admission to the Centre are advised to consider thoroughly the research topics and teaching interests of Centre faculty members when formulating their statements of intended study. Consultation of the academic profiles of the Centre's faculty—as annually updated and published in the Graduate Handbook—is therefore strongly recommended. It may also prove instructive to review the list of completed doctoral theses that Centre faculty have supervised, provided at the end of this Handbook. Prospective students are also encouraged to make direct contact, by email or telephone, with professors whose research interests appear to correspond or overlap with the intended area of inquiry.

The Centre strives to admit the most qualified students, while at the same time securing a manageable distribution of students around a range of topics and areas of specialization. The current policy provides for the admission of about eight new doctoral students each year. The effects of these policies may mean that some highly qualified applicants are not offered admission.

Students needing to undertake prerequisite undergraduate work are directed to apply for special student status via the office of Undergraduate Admissions, 315 Bloor Street West. Telephone: 978-2190. Email: [ask@adm.utoronto.ca](mailto:ask@adm.utoronto.ca)

Students primarily interested in theological study and formation for ministry in one of several Christian traditions are referred to the Toronto School of Theology, 47 Queens Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C3; 416-978-4039. Internet: <http://www.utoronto.ca/tst>

### Admission Eligibility, Ph.D. Program

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral program, applicants must normally have an M.A. in the academic study of Religion (at least 4Y equivalent),

preceded by a four-year B.A. degree with specialization in Religion or in cognate subjects, with courses broadly equivalent in number and distribution to the University of Toronto's Specialist program in Religion (10Y equivalent; see above on admission to the M.A.). They must also have suitable language preparation and an average of at least A- in their M.A. courses, with no individual grade falling below B. In practice, students admitted tend to have A averages. In interpreting equivalency in an applicant's previous course work, the Centre considers the aggregate of the applicant's study at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

The Centre considers the M.Div. degree to be a professional degree in Theology, and not equivalent to an M.A. in Religion.

Students will need to have language preparation that enables them to meet the language requirements of the doctoral program within the normal expectations of time. In practice this usually means that the students admitted must have already achieved competence in at least one language of modern scholarship and at least one source language where applicable. Students who would like to pursue doctoral studies in Religion in this Centre are advised to provide well in advance for appropriate language study in their B.A. and M.A. programs.

Students without sufficient breadth or quantity of course work in Religion or without appropriate language preparation will be asked to take additional study, either before admission or during an extended doctoral program as stipulated in their offer of admission.

### **Application Procedures, Ph.D. Program**

Application information, including a link to the online application, is available on our website at <http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/English/Application-Procedures-Ph.html> The Centre uses a self-administered application process which includes an online application form and a paper application. Applicants are required to complete the online application form, including making their application payment, then submit it online, print it out, and send a copy, with the materials listed below, to the Centre.

Applicants must send all of the following materials to the Centre:

1. A paper copy of the application form, printed out once you have submitted it online.
2. Certified transcripts of all previous post-secondary study, submitted in sealed envelopes. If an institution will not give transcripts to the



student, the applicant should ask the institution to send the transcripts directly to the Centre.

3. A statement (three pages maximum) of proposed study: This must include a statement indicating a possible thesis subject and knowledge of languages, along with a brief summary of theoretical and methodological training and interests.
4. Three letters of recommendation, submitted in sealed envelopes. Letters of recommendation do not require a special form.
5. A brief academic CV, with details of education, awards, and other information of academic interest.
6. All doctoral applicants are also requested to submit a brief writing sample.

Students currently enrolled in the M.A. program of the Centre who wish to apply for admission to the Ph.D. program must submit to the Centre a special application form for continuing students instead of the normal application form (item 1 above), and they are not required to submit transcripts (item 2 above). They need to submit items 3-6 above, but not items 7-8.

Applicants whose previous study was in a language other than English or French must submit the following to the Centre:

1. Certified English translations of all documents, and
2. Official TOEFL scores (minimum: 600 on the written system; 250 on the computerized system) and TWE scores (minimum: 5)

Students in graduate programs in other universities who wish to study in the Centre may apply through the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student program. Such applications must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the graduate department in the University in which the student is enrolled.

Please note that it is the students responsibility to assemble all application materials and ensure that they arrive at the Centre by the applications deadline.

### **Application Deadline, Ph.D. Program**

The Centre admits applicants only in September. The deadline for the receipt of completed applications for the 2007-2008 year is **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. This is the due date for all applicants. Applications must be postmarked by

midnight on that day.

Should January 15th fall on a weekend, applications must be postmarked by midnight on the *next business day*.

## **The Advising Process, Ph.D. Program**

The Centre's advising process starts as soon as a potential student makes contact with the Centre. It works intensively through admission and first enrollment, and continues until a student completes the program.

**Admissions Advising:** The potential student's first contacts with the Centre are usually with the Graduate Administrator. Initial conversations and emails focus on whether the student is prepared for the Centre's program and whether the Centre can supervise the intended subject of study. During the application process the conversation continues, usually expanding to involve the Graduate Director and also possibly professors whose research interests are similar to those of the applicant.

Following acceptance of the offer of admission, the student will be contacted by the Graduate Director—by email or telephone—to begin focussed discussion about the student's program, largely with the aim of establishing a provisional list of suitable faculty members for the student's Advisory Committee.

**Doctoral Advisory Committees:** At the start of doctoral studies an *Advisory Committee* will be established for each incoming student. This committee is usually composed of two or three professors whose interests reflect the student's prospective areas of scholarly research. The members of Advisory Committees are proposed by the Graduate Director in consultation with the Admissions and Fellowships Committee, and also with invited input by the student. In general, the Centre encourages situations where at least one member of the Advisory committee will hold a primary appointment in the Department of Religion. One member of the Advisory Committee will assume principal advising responsibilities. During a two week period in late August or early September, before the first enrollment in the doctoral program, each student meets at the Centre with the designated Advisory Committee and the Graduate Director. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare the student's *Program Memorandum*. Advisory Committees may meet at other times as needed, and must file an annual report in the spring (by May 1) regarding student progress in the program. The Advisory Committee continues to assist the student until superseded by a thesis Supervisory Committee.

**Doctoral Supervisory Committees:** Thesis Supervisory Committees emerge as

students move toward the preparation of the thesis proposal. The members of these new committees may, but need not, include members of the established Advisory Committees. Supervisory Committees consist of three members of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Toronto. These members are the Supervisor and two other professors who are qualified to offer expert advice in the proposed area of research. Working in consultation with the Graduate Director, students have free choice of Supervisor, and are responsible for securing the agreement of the professor who is to act in that capacity. The other two members are chosen jointly by the student, the Supervisor, and the Graduate Director. Supervisory Committees assist students in preparing the pre-proposal statement and the Thesis Proposal.

Upon completion of course requirements, the Supervisory Committee will reconvene with the student to approve the *Thesis Proposal* and to make arrangements for the *General Examinations*. Supervisory Committees will meet shortly thereafter to conduct the General Examinations. Following completion of the exams, Supervisory Committees will oversee the preparation of the thesis, meeting regularly with the student to evaluate and guide the dissertation work as it proceeds. Each Supervisory Committee must meet at least once annually with the student, prior to April 15, and complete and file an assessment of student progress.

Changes in the membership of a student's Supervisory Committee may be made by the Graduate Director, acting upon the request of the student or members of the Supervisory Committee. Changes of Supervisor and/or changes in the thesis topic after the approval of the Thesis Proposal may require a new thesis proposal, and possible additions to the student's program in keeping with the Centre's general requirements for the doctorate. Such changes need approval according to the same process wherein the original requirements were decided.

### **Degree Requirements, Ph.D. Program**

The *Calendar* of the **School of Graduate Studies** contains the regulations governing graduate study and degrees. The section on the Study of Religion specifies the regulations applicable to graduate study and degrees in the Centre. This *Graduate Handbook* elaborates on the information published in the *Calendar*.

The Ph.D. program is thesis-oriented, and has eight components: (1) *courses*, (2) *languages*, (3) *thesis pre-proposal* (4) *general examinations*, (5) *thesis proposal*, (6) *dissertation thesis*, (7) *colloquium requirement*, (8) *final oral examination*.

Decisions about the contents of the student's program, notably the courses to be

taken and languages required, are made jointly by the student's Advisory Committee and the Graduate Director. Decisions are made in full consultation with the student and under the direction provided by the student's projected thesis subject. These decisions are to be recorded in the student's *Program Memorandum*. Any important changes in a student's plan of study are to be recorded in a revised or amended memorandum.

The *Program Memorandum* identifies the following: (1) a projected thesis subject; (2) a designated area of research specialization, and at least one cognate area or field, each to be subsequently covered in the General Examinations; (3) the specific languages required for the thesis research, and such as might be recommended for general study; and (4) the courses that are to be taken.

**1. Courses:** Students must complete a minimum of THREE full-year graduate courses, or the equivalent combination of half-year courses. This total will include: (1) the mandatory RLG 1000Y *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, and (2) at least one half-course in a subject other than that designated as the subject of specialization, usually in the cognate subject.

In some cases, students will be required to take additional courses, either to meet the needs of their proposed subjects of study, or to fulfil prerequisites as stipulated in their offer of admission.

RLG 1000Y is the Centre's doctoral seminar on *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*. Successful completion of the course satisfies the Centre's expectation that all doctoral students be professionally conversant with the general issues of interpretation, explanation, and analysis that govern and orient the academic study of religion. This course is thus foundationally preparatory for the epistemological challenges that will be encountered in the research process that leads to the production of an original dissertation. The Centre thus regards any previous study of method and theory in a student's career to be a benefit, rather than a reason for exemption from the seminar.

Undergraduate courses and TST Basic Degree courses may be included in a student's Ph.D. program as prerequisite or extra courses, but they may not count as courses fulfilling the normal course requirements.

**2. Languages:** Students are required to give evidence of reading knowledge of at least TWO languages, in addition to English, selected from *languages of modern scholarship* and *necessary source languages*, provided that at least one shall be a language of modern scholarship. The language requirements must be fulfilled before writing the General Examinations. Doctoral students are

normally required to fulfil their language requirements by passing examinations that are conducted by the Centre. Students who have fulfilled the appropriate language requirements in the Centre's M.A. program will be exempted from taking further examination in those languages.

In addition to the required languages, there may be another language or two recommended for scholarship in the projected thesis subject. Recommended languages are not tested by examination.

**3. Thesis Pre-Proposal:** Upon nearing the completion of their course work and before writing their General Examinations, students must submit a brief statement (one page) of their intended thesis topic to their Advisory Committee for approval. The approved statement with the accompanying approval form must be submitted to the Graduate Administrator. The statement should contain two specifications:

1. A brief statement of the *prospective thesis topic*, with an indication of the expected contribution to the study of religion;
2. The *names of three professors* (the intended Supervisor and two other members of the Supervisory Committee), with brief indications of how the expertise of each one will contribute to the study of the topic.

This preliminary drafting of the proposal, will also prove of value in the competitive application for fellowships, scholarships, and research grants.

**4. General Examinations:** At a meeting in the second year of the student's program, the Supervisory Committee, in consultation with the student, determines the arrangements for the student's *General Examinations*.

The purpose of the General Examinations is *to assess the student's readiness to begin work on the thesis topic, as defined in the approved thesis proposal*.

The scale of the examinations is guided by the consideration that normally no more than three months should be needed to prepare for the examinations. The examinations are expected to be completed sometime during the second year, or by December in the third year of study.

The General Examinations cover two subjects:

- a) the *specialization*: a field or research area broader than the thesis topic, from out of which the proposed topic arises;
- b) at least one important *cognate* subject: a subject related to, but different from, the specialization, and that offers significant support—*theoretical, methodological, substantive*—to the thesis topic.

There must be at least three examiners (usually the Supervisory Committee), with at least two examiners in the subject of specialization, and at least one in the cognate subject. There are normally two reading lists of moderate length, one for the specialization and one for the cognate subject. *The examiners and the student together define the specific focus and parameters of the examinations and design the reading lists.* The lists are thus jointly created through discussions between the student and the respective examiners. These Examination reading lists typically include the student's previous readings relevant to the subjects chosen, and any additional titles that the examiners deem necessary for the student's preparation for the examination and pending thesis research.

The General Examinations include both **written** and **oral** components. The student should take both components within a period of no more than four weeks. Specific guidelines regarding the General Examinations will be made available to the student and the Supervisory Committee, once a notice of intent for examination is given to the Graduate Administrator by the student. Examinations normally take place at the Centre.

*The written examinations are set by the examiners, with an equal contribution of questions by each member of the committee.* These exams are to be answered by the student without aids, unless aids are specifically designated by the examiners. The Specialization Exam is to be written in THREE HOURS, and the Cognate Exam in TWO HOURS. The Centre *adds an extra hour in each case for the collecting of one's thoughts.* All examiners read both the Specialist and the Cognate examinations. Upon the assessment of each written exam, the examiners who set the exam report to the Centre whether the examination is an overall 'pass' or not, and award a provisional letter grade for the portion each has individually set. If the written work is judged as an overall 'pass', then the oral examination proceeds as scheduled.

*The Oral Examination is conducted equally by all examiners and is chaired by the Supervisor; it is to be completed within a TWO HOUR session.* Questioning is to be based primarily on the student's written answers, but may extend to other matters contained in the reading lists agreed upon. Entirely new matters unrelated to the written papers or the reading lists are not to be introduced.

At the end of the Oral Examination, the examiners are asked to decide whether the student's work in the General Examinations—encompassing both the written and oral components—should be graded 'pass', 'conditional pass', or 'fail'. For the records of the Centre, examiners are also asked to submit a final letter grade. *Conditional Pass* means that the examination will be regarded as a *Pass* if the student successfully fulfils certain written conditions by a stipulated date. If the

conditions are not met, the examination is downgraded to *Fail*. A student receiving ‘fail’ for a part or for the whole of the examination may be re-examined once, provided the examination takes place not later than nine months after the date of the first examination. Any examiner, or the student in consultation with the Graduate Director, may request a further reader/examiner for part or all of the written examination, when there is reason to think this would be helpful.

### 5. Thesis Proposal

Within three months of successfully completing the General Examinations, the students must submit a written *Thesis Proposal*.

The thesis proposal—about 10-15 pages of text, plus a bibliographical supplement—must be submitted, to include the following SIX specifications:

1. A working title
2. A concise statement of the thesis topic and the relation of the topic to *scholarship in the field*
3. A discussion of the *principal sources* and the *methods of inquiry* to be used.
4. The reasons for believing that the thesis will “*constitute a significant contribution to the knowledge of the field*” (SGS Calendar)
5. An *outline* of expected chapters
6. A *brief bibliography* listing the more important sources and scholarly works to be consulted.

In composing the Thesis Proposal, a student should consult closely with the Supervisor and the two other Supervisory Committee members. After the Committee members have given their comments on drafts of the proposal, the student submits a final draft to the Supervisory Committee. When the proposal is finished, the Supervisory Committee meets to give final approval on the Thesis Proposal. The student must give two copies of the approved thesis proposal to the Graduate Administrator, one for the student’s record and the second for deposit in the public binder of thesis proposals.

Under University policy, thesis research that involves the use of human subjects, as, for instance, in the case of informants, interview subjects, or survey respondents, requires the approval in advance of the University’s Review Committee on the Use of Human Subjects. Students may secure the application forms for such a review at the Centre office.

**6. Doctoral Thesis:** Upon successful completion of the General Examinations and the thesis proposal, the student proceeds to the preparation of a doctoral thesis in keeping with the approved proposal. The thesis must embody the results of original investigation, and constitute a significant contribution to the knowledge of the subject. The thesis must be defended with the examiners at a final oral examination.

The Supervisor is responsible for the direction of the thesis, while the two other Supervisory Committee members are responsible for giving advice about the thesis. The student should keep all three members informed of the progress of the work, preferably by the timely and periodic presentation of drafts of any work provisionally completed. Supervisory Committees are required to meet collectively with the student at least once a year, and to provide an annual report on thesis progress to the Graduate Administrator by April 15.

**6. Colloquium Participation:** RLG4004H is the Centre's Colloquium Participation credit. Once General Exams are completed, candidates in the PhD program are required to participate at least once in the Centre for the Study of Religion's colloquium before undertaking their final oral exams. The colloquium participation is recorded as a credit/non credit on the transcript.

**7. Final Oral Examination:** When the Supervisor and the other Supervisory Committee members have read the thesis in its entirety and agree that the thesis is ready to go to examination, all three professors are required to notify the Graduate Administrator and the Departmental Officer of this in writing, THREE MONTHS prior to the planned date of the defense of the thesis. At this time, the Supervisor provides to the Graduate Director a short list of potential external examiners and their contact information. The Supervisor must certify that the proposed External Appraiser is a recognized expert on the subject of the thesis, has the necessary academic qualifications to appraise a doctoral thesis, and has an arm's-length relation both with the candidate and with the supervisor.

The student then brings to the Graduate Administrator *five copies* of the following: (1) the completed thesis; (2) an abstract of the thesis; and (3) an updated academic CV.

When the Centre receives the approvals and these materials, the process to arrange the final thesis oral examination begins. Normally a period of TWELVE WEEKS is required between when the student brings the thesis to the Centre and the date of the examination. The Centre certifies to the School of Graduate Studies that all requirements except the thesis examination have been completed.



Working in consultation with the Supervisor, the student, and others as necessary, the Graduate Director sets the examination date and nominates the examiners to SGS. The Centre normally nominates five examiners, as follows: the Supervisor; the two other members of the student's Supervisory Committee; another member of the graduate faculty not connected with the thesis, whether in the Centre or not; and the External Examiner. The External Examiner prepares a written assessment that must be submitted to the Centre at least two weeks in advance of the examination. This written appraisal is then given immediately to the student and all examiners, prior to the examination. It is expected that the examiners will not discuss the appraisal with the student before the examination.

The procedures for the thesis examination are described in the *SGS Calendar*. A sheet of guidelines for the preparation of the thesis text is available at the Centre.

After the successful defense of the thesis, and the completion of any required corrections or modifications specified at the defense, the student is required to submit TWO final copies of the thesis. One UNBOUND copy goes to the Ph.D. Thesis Examination Office of SGS. This copy is microfilmed and listed by International Microfilms Incorporated, then bound and deposited in the University of Toronto library. The thesis is also registered and catalogued by the National Library of Canada. International Microfilms Incorporated makes theses publicly available for purchase. One BOUND copy goes to the Centre for the Centre's thesis library.

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## Time and Progress in the Ph.D. Program

**Timetable:** The timetable provided below indicates the "normal expectations" for completion of the various components of the doctoral program.

<b>Year 1</b>	Sept	Enrollment and Program Memorandum
	Sept-May	Courses (summer courses also possible)
	Sept-October	SSHRC and OGS applications due
	Sept/Jan/May	Language Examinations
<b>Year 2</b>	Sept-May	Courses (summer courses also possible)
	Sept-October	SSHRC and OGS applications due
	Sept/Jan/May	Languages Examinations
	----	Thesis Pre-Proposal
	----	Preparation for and Scheduling of General Examinations
<b>Year 3</b>	Students must complete their General Examinations by the end of Year 3. In special circumstances a petition can be made for a two term extension. Thesis Proposal due within 3 months of General Exams.	
<b>Years 4, 5 (6)</b>	Thesis Research/Writing (in ongoing consultation with the	

## Supervisory Committee)

**Satisfactory Progress:** Under the funding policy of the University, doctoral students are expected to complete the components of their degree requirements in a timely manner. Supervisory Committees are required to review, assess, and report to the Centre on this matter. An annual progress report, using the standard forms available, must be submitted to the Centre by May 1.

**Time limit:** The time limit for the completion of all requirements for the doctorate, including submission of the thesis, is SIX YEARS.

**Expiration:** If a doctoral student has not completed General Examinations within the six-year limit (i.e., by August 30 of the sixth year), that student's eligibility to remain in the doctoral program expires. The student is no longer eligible to complete the doctorate.

**Extensions:** If the student has completed the General Examinations within the six-year limit, and if there are reasonable and documentable grounds that the student is likely to complete the thesis within the extra time requested, the student may request an extension of one year; this can be followed by a second one year extension, but only in exceptional circumstances.

**Lapsing:** Students who have not completed the thesis, but who have completed the General Examinations before the end of the sixth year, whether or not they have received an extension beyond YEAR SIX, may lapse (i.e., they are no longer counted as students registered in the University of Toronto). Lapsed students who later complete their thesis, and whose three-member Supervisory Committee agrees that their thesis is ready to go to examination, may apply for reinstatement. *Reinstatement is granted for the sole purpose of submitting the completed thesis to the Centre for final thesis oral examination.* Reinstatement is for a period of not longer than 12 months, and may be granted only once. The regulations concerning lapsed status are published in the *SGS Calendar and Handbook*.

## Funding, Ph.D. Program

Decisions about funding are made by the Centre's Committee on Admissions and Fellowships, and implemented by the Graduate Director, in keeping with policies established by the Centre. The Centre offers workshops on grant-writing are offered in September of each year, and the University also offers a range of very helpful grant-writing workshops. See [www.utoronto.ca/writing](http://www.utoronto.ca/writing)

Each Fall the Committee creates ranked lists of all the applicants for doctoral fellowships awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

of Canada, and for Ontario Graduate Scholarships. These rankings serve throughout the year as a guide for all decisions about individual funding and awards that lie within the jurisdiction of the Centre. Rankings reflect the Committee's assessment of student records based on academic merit.

The information that follows identifies the primary sources of funding available. For additional information about financial support, students should visit the Office of Fellowships and Loans of the School of Graduate Studies and consult the *SGS Calendar*.

### ***DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AND TA COMPONENT***

The Centre for the Study of Religion participates in the program for the funding of graduate students initiated by the University of Toronto in 2001.

The Centre has chosen to fit into the University's funding program by continuing its established policy of directing the available resources to doctoral students. The Centre's position is that doctoral students are emerging scholars. As such, they should have the freedom to devote themselves to their studies for an allotted period of years without serious financial handicap, and they should be encouraged to proceed through their studies in a timely fashion.

The University of Toronto offers to all incoming doctoral students a guaranteed funding package for 5 years of academic study, contingent upon the maintenance of good academic standing. This financial support package is comprised of two basic components: an annual *Fellowship Grant* and a contracted *Teaching Assistantship*. This funding package is marginally adjusted annually by the University, in light of cost of living, tuition, and budgetary considerations. It is broadly calculated that following the payment of tuition and incidental fees, a doctoral student will have approximately \$12,000 for annual living expenses.

The University is currently harmonizing Teaching Assistant practices across departments, and it is expected that the standard contract will assume a TA commitment of some 210 to 240 hours per annum. The Centre makes every effort to curtail TA responsibilities during the first year of study, and to this end a reduced number of TA hours are offered to first year students.

One major pedagogical objective of the Centre is to prepare students for future academic careers in religious studies programs, and towards that end we try to ensure that each of our students is afforded at least one year experience as a Teaching Assistant in the comparative World Religions course, RLG 100/280Y. Within the University's funding program, financial packages for doctoral students are typically put together from three sources: 1) External fellowships and scholarships from university-wide, national, provincial, and international programs; 2) the University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship; and 3) Teaching Assistantships. The basic formula includes a set amount plus the payment of all university and student fees, in addition to health insurance for international students who are not eligible for the provincial health insurance enjoyed in Canada.

In keeping with this funding policy, all eligible doctoral students in the funded cohort are required to apply each fall for competitive external fellowships, most

notably the Ontario Graduate Scholarship and, for those eligible, the doctoral fellowship of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

### ***FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, PH.D. PROGRAM***

#### **University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowships**

The Centre awards this University fellowship to all eligible doctoral students in their first five years of study. The doctoral fellowship is a funding package that includes a Teaching Assistantship and may include a variety of other awards and scholarships.

#### **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowships (SSHRC)**

Canadian students and landed immigrants are eligible to apply for these awards, worth about \$18,000, funded by the Government of Canada. Application packets are available by September on the SSHRC web site at <http://www.sshrc.ca/>. Applicants from outside the University of Toronto should apply through their home departments, or directly to SSHRC in Ottawa.

#### **Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)**

The Government of Ontario offers a number of these scholarships each year, currently worth \$15,000. Most of the awards are reserved for Canadian citizens or landed immigrants who are residents of Ontario, although a small number are awarded to students from other provinces and from outside Canada. Information is available at: <http://www.ogs.ca>. Students who are not Ontario residents should apply directly to the Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program, Student Support Branch, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, P.O. Box 4500, Station P, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9.

#### **Connaught Fellowships**

These highly prized fellowships are awarded by the School of Graduate Studies to selected incoming international students with outstanding records who have applied for graduate study by February 1. Candidates are nominated by the Centre and selected in an SGS competition. There is no separate application for these awards.

#### **Mary H. Beatty Fellowships**

These distinctions are awarded by SGS to incoming graduate students who have been selected for a SSHRC award. There is no separate application for this award.

#### **Margaret and Nicholas Fodor Fellowship**

Awarded by the School of Graduate Studies to an incoming student in the Humanities, who is a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, on the basis of academic merit. Preference is given to a student who would prefer to study at U of T over other institutions, provided financial assistance were available. The Centre nominates its incoming students for the award.

### **Molly Spitzer Scholarship**

The Molly Spitzer Scholarship is normally awarded annually by the Centre to a Centre student whose principal subject of study is Judaism. The value of this award is the annual income of the fund, currently about \$2,000. Students apply for this award by letter to the Graduate Director by June 1.

### **Jackman Humanities Institute Graduate Fellows**

The Jackman Humanities Institute awards 6 fellows with a \$2,500 stipend and each of the recipients will be expected to participate in a few activities of the Jackman Humanities Institute. Each year, up to two graduate students may be nominated from each department or academic unit. The students must be registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science and in the final stages of their doctoral program and completing their doctoral thesis.

## ***TEACHING***

### ***Teaching Assistantships***

Teaching Assistants work closely with professors in connection with undergraduate instruction in the Department. Their duties usually involve grading papers and examinations, and in some cases leading weekly tutorial sections. In the Centre, Teaching Assistantships are included in the funding package during years 1 to 5. The assignment to World Religions usually comes in the third or fourth year. Available positions are publicized in April, and doctoral students are asked to make their preferences known to the Centre. Under the University funding policy, if the Centre offers a TAship to a student, and the student elects to decline the offer, the student's funding will be reduced by the amount of the TAship. Under current agreements, a student who is appointed to one TAship will receive three additional TAships of the same value in successive years, providing the student is still enrolled in graduate study.

### ***Course Instructors***

Each year the Department for the Study of Religion has a few openings available for contracted undergraduate teaching. The Department and the Centre work together to offer these appointments, whenever possible, to our recent doctoral graduates as well as to advanced doctoral students who have attained PhD candidacy. These positions are posted in the Centre in the Spring, and applications are invited.

***OTHER FUNDING, Ph.D.******Doctoral Thesis Completion Grants***

Grants for \$2,500 are available to doctoral students in their fifth or sixth year who are completing their thesis.

***Work-Study***

Students who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for Work-Study positions offered by the Department or by individual professors. In recent years some Research Assistantships have been available under Work-Study. Notices are posted at the Centre as well as on the website of the University's Career Centre: <http://www.careers.utoronto.ca>

***School of Graduate Studies Bursaries***

SGS offers bursaries based on financial need arising from unforeseen circumstances. The SGS Bursary Committee is particularly inclined to assist students who are nearing completion of their doctoral thesis. Bursaries are not normally available for the first year of study. Information is available at the Centre and application is made through the Centre to the Office of Fellowships and Loans of SGS. Applications are considered at least four times a year.

***University Travel Grants***

The University provides a small number of travel grants for doctoral thesis research from the fund of the Associates of the University of Toronto, the Edward W. Nuffield Graduate Travel Fund, and the General Travel Fund. Application is made through the Centre to the Office of Fellowships and Loans of SGS. The deadline is mid-May.

***Centre Travel Grants***

The Centre has a small trust fund that provides modest grants to Centre students who present papers at academic conferences. Application is made at any time through the Chair of the Department for the Study of Religion. Application forms are available from the Graduate Office.

***FAS Conference Travel Grants***

This \$300 grant is offered by the department to graduate students presenting a paper at a scholarly conference with a maximum of one request per year. Please contact the Graduate Administrator for more information.

***FAS Language Study Abroad grants***

FAS has now established a fund to enable graduate students needing, for the purposes of their research, a good working knowledge of a language not



regularly taught at the U of T to study that language at another institution. Since the total amount available is limited, the grants to individual graduate students will be awarded by a competitive process run by the Dean's Advisory Committee on Languages.

***Junior Fellowships and Donships***

Several of the colleges affiliated with the University of Toronto offer positions as Junior Fellows and Dons, for which Centre students have been particularly successful. Interested students should inquire at Massey, Trinity, Victoria, St. Michael's, Wycliffe, New, Innis, and University colleges.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Languages and Language Exams

The Centre expects the use of languages in addition to English to be a normal part of the culture of scholarship. The language requirements of the Centre are in keeping with the overall character of the Study of Religion as a multi-lingual and international discipline. More directly, language skills are indispensable to sound and exacting scholarship in the study of religious phenomena and traditions. The Centre's language requirements are thus based on the following two considerations: (1) the increasing importance of printed scholarly work on religion in languages other than English; and (2) the specialized research need to read and comprehend primary sources not in translations, but in the original languages in which they were composed.

*Language Examinations* are conducted by the Centre under the supervision of the Graduate Administrator, and are usually set by a faculty member of the Centre who uses the examination language for the study of religion. Examinations consist of the translation into English of a passage about religion taken from a scholarly publication or a source. To secure evidence of reading knowledge, examiners will select passages of approximately 400 words for a modern language in current use (including languages not written in the alphabet used for English, such as modern Hebrew, modern Arabic, and modern Chinese), and approximately 270 words for a classical language (such as Hellenistic Greek, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, classical Arabic, classical literary Chinese, and Sanskrit). The time limit is TWO HOURS, and standard dictionaries are allowed (but not lexicons). A passing grade is B+. Language examinations are administered near the start of each term: in September, January, and May. When ready, students are invited to request an examination date within one of these three time periods, and should provide, as a guide to examiners, a list of 2-3 books or articles as samples of the types of material they have read in connection with their preparations.

The Centre maintains a public binder containing copies of the passages used in previous language examinations, which students are urged to consult in the course of their language preparation.

Students are responsible for mastering the required languages, whether by formal course study or independently. The Centre promotes the enhancement of resources within the University for language study, and publishes a list at the start of each year of the language courses available. Many departments (including French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, East Asian, Near

and Middle Eastern) offer undergraduate language courses, some designed specifically for graduate students. These are available to Centre students for no extra fee. Some departments (Medieval Studies, Near and Middle Eastern, East Asian, and Classics) offer graduate level courses in ancient literary languages. Some departments—French and German—presently offer language courses for graduate students in the summer, also for no extra fee to Centre students. The Toronto School of Theology offers reading courses for graduate students in some languages (e.g. Greek, Latin, French, German) on a regular basis, but for a supplementary fee. Contact TST if interested in this option.

Successfully completed language courses do not exempt a student from a language exam. All cases of exemption must be petitioned with the Director of Graduate Studies, and be supported by recommendations from the student's Supervisory Committee.

### **Grades and Appeals**

The regulations for grades and appeals are published in the Calendar of the School of Graduate Studies.

**Grades** Courses are graded according to this scale: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, FZ, and INC. Satisfactory performance at the Centre requires the completion of every course taken for graduate credit with a grade of at least a B. A grade of FZ (inadequate) cannot be counted for degree credit. A student receiving FZ in a course may petition the Department/Centre's Committee on Appeals for consent to repeat the course or to substitute another in its place. Consent may be granted if the student's work in other courses is well above the minimum required. A student is not likely to receive such consent more than once.

**Incompletes** Courses are expected to be completed within the time limit for grade reports for courses, as stated in the SGS Calendar. In general, completed grades for Fall Half courses are due in January, and for Spring Half courses or Full Year courses in May. For significant medical, personal, or other appropriate reasons, a student may petition for an extension of the time limit of a particular course until the end of the next grading period. Petition forms are available online at [www.sgs.utoronto.ca](http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca) and must be signed by the student and supported in writing by the professor concerned. The petition may be granted or denied by the Graduate Director, or, if need be, by the Committee on Curriculum and Graduate Study. If the course is not completed by the new time limit, the report of INC (Incomplete) is recorded and is permanent.

**Audit** Subject to SGS policy, the Centre permits auditing of Centre courses by both registered graduate students and non-registered persons. Non-registered persons pay an auditing fee. The final decision to permit someone to audit a course rests with the course instructor.

## *Appeals*

***Right to appeal*** As a matter of policy the Centre expects that all its members will be treated fairly, and supports all appropriate efforts to ensure that this is achieved. Students may appeal decisions within the Centre about any academic matters, including papers, courses, language requirements, thesis proposal, grades, examinations, Advisory or Supervisory Committees, and supervisors. Appeals concerning academic matters in other academic units must be presented to the unit in question. Appeals about non-academic matters are taken to the appropriate officials or bodies within the University. For information about appeals, students should consult, in this order, the *SGS Calendar*, the Graduate Director, the Chair of the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion, the Associate Dean of Humanities of SGS, or the University Ombudsperson.

***Academic appeal*** As outlined in the *SGS Calendar*, several steps are possible in pursuing an academic appeal pertaining to the Centre. A student considering making an academic appeal is advised to discuss the matter with the Graduate Director. As a first step, the Graduate Director will ask the student to raise the matter of the appeal directly with the person or persons concerned, in an attempt to settle the appeal informally. If necessary, the Graduate Director may seek to resolve the matter by appropriate means, which may include a meeting with the student and the person(s) concerned. As a second step, if necessary, the appeal is made in writing to the Dept/Centre's Committee on Appeals, chaired by the Chair of the Dept/Centre. The Committee may consider the appeal with or without an oral hearing. Where necessary, the opinion of an independent assessor or evaluator will be sought. The Committee makes a recommendation to the Chair/Director, who then decides the matter. As a third step, appeals may be taken to the Associate Dean of Humanities in the School of Graduate Studies for mediation. As possible fourth and fifth steps, the appeal may be taken to the Graduate Academic Appeals Board of SGS, and then to the Academic Appeals Committee of the Governing Council of the University.

## **Student Resources**

### *The School of Graduate Studies*

A great deal of information on policies and procedures, student events and graduate student life is available from the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). The website has essential information regarding fees, deadlines, and links to required forms. Each September, SGS publishes *Getting There*, a guide to student services and resources. Internet: <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/>

### ***Housing***

Information about housing for students moving to Toronto can be obtained from the University of Toronto Housing Service, Koffler Student Centre, 214 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1 (416-978-8045). The service maintains lists of off-campus accommodations located in the downtown area, and also acts as the admissions office for the married student apartment residence nearby and graduate student residences. The website is:

Internet: <http://link.library.utoronto.ca/StudentHousing/>

Each year the Centre has a place available for a new doctoral student in Graduate House, the new Graduate Residence. Applicants who are interested in the space should indicate this in their covering letter. Students may apply independently to the Graduate House as well. Information can be found at:

Internet: <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/residencegradtwo/index.htm>

### ***Graduate Students' Union***

The GSU looks after the interests of all students in graduate programs of the university. It provides supplementary health insurance, publishes a *Survival Handbook*, and operates a pub and gymnasium.

Internet: <http://www.gsu.utoronto.ca/>

### ***Other Resources***

The University's Koffler Student Centre offers a wide range of services to students, including the Family Care Office, counselling and career services, a writing centre for graduate students, LGBTQ resources and Accessibility Services. Students have access to the Athletic Centre and Hart House, a cultural centre of the University. Graduate students are eligible to participate in intramural sports and some varsity teams. Information about these offices can be found through Student Services and Student Affairs, or through the individual office websites. All websites can be found in the University Website Directory. Internet: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/directory/uoftall.htm>

## CENTRE FACULTY PROFILES

### CORE FACULTY MEMBERS

*Faculty listed here have core appointments with the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion. Graduate Students are encouraged to have at least one core Department and Centre member on their graduate committee.*

**Ahn, Juhn** East Asian Religions

Department and Centre for the Study of Religion, 123 St. George St., Toronto, ON M5S 2E8.

B.A. (Michigan), M.A. (Michigan), Ph.D. (Berkeley). Areas of Research: East Asian Religions, Buddhism, Zen, History of Medicine and the Body. Recent Publications: "Zen, Popular Conceptions of" (2004); East Asian regional entries in Dictionary of Buddhism (forthcoming).

**Bryant, Joseph** *Sociology of Religion, Historical Sociology*

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B.A. (Florida), M.A. (Houston), Ph.D. (Toronto). Areas of research: historical sociology; sociological theory; philosophy of science; morals and ethics; early Christianity. Representative publications: "The Sect-Church Dynamic and Christian Expansion in the Roman Empire" (1993); "Evidence and Explanation in History and Sociology" (1994); *Moral Codes And Social Structure In Ancient Greece: A Sociology Of Greek Ethics From Homer To The Epicureans And Stoics* (1996); "Wavering Saints, Mass Religiosity, and the Crisis of Post-Baptismal Sin in Early Christianity" (1998). "On Sources and Narratives in Historical Social Science"(2000); "An Evolutionary Social Science? A Skeptic's Brief" (2004); *Historical Methods in the Social Sciences*, 4 Vols. (co-editor, 2005). "The West and the Rest Revisited: Debating Capitalist Origins, European Colonialism, and the Advent of Modernity" (2006).

**Dhand, Arti** *South Asian Religions, Women and Religion (on leave 2007-08)*

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B.A. (Calgary), M.A. (Calgary), Ph.D. (McGill). Areas of Research: The Mahabharata and the Ramayana (Hindu epics); Hindu Ethics, Gender Issues in Hinduism, Religion and Sexuality. Recent publications: "The Dharma of Ethics,

the Ethics of Dharma: Quizzing the Ideals of Hinduism” (2002); “Women, Smelly Ascetics and God: The Subversive Nature of Virtue in the Mahabharata” (2004). *Women and Sexuality in the Mahabharata* (Forthcoming).

**DiCenso, James** *Philosophy and Psychology of Religion* (on leave 2007-08)  
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B.A. (Concordia), M.A. (Carleton), Ph.D. (Syracuse). Areas of research: modern philosophy of religion; psychoanalysis and religion; contemporary continental thought. Recent publications: *Hermeneutics and the Disclosure of Truth* (1990); “Deconstruction and the Philosophy of Religion” (1992); “Symbolism and Subjectivity: A Lacanian Approach to Religion” (1994); “New Approaches to Psychoanalysis and Religion: Julia Kristeva’s Black Sun” (1995); “Totem and Taboo and the Constitutive Function of Symbolic Forms” (1996). *The Other Freud: Religion, Culture, and Psychoanalysis* (1999). “Splitting Religion: Heteronomy, Autonomy, and Reflection” (2000); “The Psychoanalytic Movement” (2001); “Anxiety, Risk, and Transformation: Revisiting Tillich with Lacan” (2001); “Dreams, Inner Resistance, and Self-Reflection” (2001); “Ethics, Representation, and Iconoclasm,” (2002); “Ricouer’s Reconstruction of Kantian Ethics” (2003). “Levinas and the Irreducibility of the Other” (2005)

**Emmrich, Christoph** *Buddhism* (on leave 2007-08)

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M.A. Free University Berlin, Germany. Ph.D. University of Heidelberg, Germany. Areas of research: ritual traditions of South Asian Buddhism, particularly tantric Buddhism among the Newars of the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, Theravada Buddhist philosophy and the history of South Indian Jainism. Recent publications: "Caryagiti Contextualized. Limitations and Opportunities in the Study of a Buddhist Ritual Literary Genre," in *Rituals of the Body, Rituals of the Mind* (Wiesbaden, forthcoming); "The Use of Buddhist Scriptures in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 'The Buddha and his Dhamma'," in *Reconstructing the World* (Oxford, 2003); "How Many Times? Monism or Pluralism in Early Jaina Temporal Description," in *Aspects of Jainism* (Delhi, 2003); "'When Two Strong Men Stand Face to Face'. The Indologist, the Pandit and the Re-Making of the Jaina Scholarly Tradition," in *Boundaries, Dynamics and Construction of Tradition in South Asia* (Florence, 2006).

**Fox, Harry** *Classical and Medieval Judaism*

Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Rm. 313 , 4 Bancroft Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 1C1. (416) 946-3244. [harryfox@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:harryfox@chass.utoronto.ca). URL: <http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/English/Harry-Fox.html>

B.Sc. (McGill), M.S. (Purdue), B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Hebrew University). Areas of research: post-Biblical Judaism and Hebrew literature. Recent publications: "The Forelife of Ideas and the Afterlife of Texts" (1998), "A Final Response" (1998), "R. Yonatan haKohen miLunel and Methodologies for Research of Rabbinic Literature" (1998), *Introducing Tosefta: Textual, Intratextual and Intertextual Studies* (co-editor, 1999), "R. Elijah Gaon's Textual Emendations to Halakhic Midrash as a Basis for Understanding His Thought" (2000), "Geniza Fragments of BT Rosh HaShana by David Golinkin (Review)" (2001), "Changes in the Honorifics as a Sign of Periodization" (forthcoming).

**Garrett, Frances** *Tibetan Buddhism, interactions between medicine and Buddhism (on leave Spring 2008)*

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B.A. (Columbia), M.A. (Virginia), Ph.D. (Virginia). Areas of Research: Tibetan Buddhism. Recent Publications: "Ordering Human Growth in Tibetan Medical and Religious Embryologies" (2005); "Embryology and Embodiment in Tibetan Literature: Narrative Epistemology and the Rhetoric of Identity" (forthcoming); "Hybrid Methodologies in the Lhasa Mentsikhang" (2005); "The Three Channels in Tibetan Medicine" (forthcoming); "Buddhist Narratives of the Forces of Creation" (forthcoming); "Buddhism and the Historicizing of Medicine in Thirteenth-Century Tibet" (forthcoming).

**Gillison, Gillian** *Anthropology of Religion*

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B.A. (McGill), Ph.D. (CUNY). Areas of research: study of myth and ritual in non-literate societies, religion in the history of anthropological theory, psychoanalysis, peoples of Oceania. Recent publications: *Between Culture and Fantasy: A New Guinea Highlands Mythology* (1993); "Symbolic Homosexuality and Cultural Theory: The Unconscious Meaning of Sister Exchange Among the Gimi of Highland New Guinea" (1994). "To See or Not to See: Looking as an Object of Exchange in the New Guinea Highlands" (1997). "Cargo Cult: Myth of the New Guinea Highlands and Beyond" (1998); "Fieldwork and the Idea of the Unconscious" (1999); "L'anthropolgie



psychanalytique: un paradigme marginal" (1999); "Reflections on *Pigs for the Ancestors*" (2001). "Totem et tabou dans les Hautes terres de Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée La révolte des filles" (2005).

**Green, Kenneth** *Modern Judaism (on leave 2007-08)*

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B.A. (Toronto), M.A., Ph.D. (Brandeis). Areas of research: Jewish thought; philosophy of religion; Judaism in the modern age. Recent publications: *Jew and Philosopher: The Return to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss* (1993), "Religion, Philosophy, and Morality: How Leo Strauss Read Judah Halevi's *Kuzari*" (1993), "Leo Strauss" (1997), "Response to Three Comments on 'Jew and Philosopher'" (1997), "Review Essay: Shylock and the Jewish Question" (1999). (series editor) *The Jewish Writings of Leo Strauss: vol. 1: Philosophy and Law: Contributions to the Understanding of Maimonides and His Predecessors* (trans. Eve Adler, 1995), vol. 2: *Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought* (1997), vol.3: *The Early German Jewish Writings* (trans. Michael Zank, 2002), (vols. 4-5 forthcoming, 2006-08).

**Harris, Jennifer** *Medieval Western Christianity*

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B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Toronto). Areas of Research: the place of the Jerusalem Temple in the early church and in the Christian Middle Ages, cultural and intellectual history in the Central and High Middle Ages (ninth to twelfth centuries), the experience of sacred space and place in the Christian tradition. Recent publications: "The Body as Temple in the High Middle Ages" (2002), "Peter Damian and the Architecture of the Self" (2002), "The Church is not a building: Iconoclasm in Eleventh-Century Europe" (2003), *Image Makers and Image Breakers* (ed., 2003), "Building Heaven on Earth: Cluny as *Locus Sanctissimus* in the Eleventh Century" (2005, forthcoming), (Co-editor) *The Medieval Bible as a Way of Life* (2005, forthcoming).

**Klassen, Pamela** *Religion in North America, Gender and Religion, Anthropology of Religion*

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B.A. (McGill), M.A. (Wilfrid Laurier), Ph.D. (Drew). Areas of research: Christianity in North America (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries), gender, health and healing, anthropology of religion, ritual. Recent publications: *Going by the Moon and the Stars: Stories of Two Russian Mennonite Women* (1994), "Practicing Conflict: Weddings as Sites of Contest and Compromise" (1998), "Sacred Maternities and Post-Biomedical Bodies" (2001), *Blessed Events: Religion and Home Birth in America* (2001), "The Scandal of Pain in Childbirth" (2002), "The Robes of Womanhood: Dress and Authenticity among African-American Methodist Women in the Nineteenth Century" (2004); "Agency, Embodiment, and Scrupulous Women" (2004). "Ritual Appropriation and Appropriate Ritual: Christian Healing and Adaptation of Asian Religions" (2005).

**Kloppenborg, John** *Early Christianity*

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B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (University of St. Michael's College). Areas of research: synoptic problem; social history of early Christianity; Letter of James. Recent publications: *Voluntary Associations in the Graeco-Roman World* (ed., 1996); *Excavating Q: The History and Setting of the Sayings Gospel Q* (2000); *The Critical Edition of Q* (2000); "On Dispensing with Q: Goodacre on the Relation of Luke to Matthew" (2003); "The Reception of the Jesus Tradition in James" (2004); "Self-Help or Deus ex Machina in Mark 12.8" (2004); "Evocatio deorum and the Date of Mark" (2005); *Apocalypticism, Anti-Semitism, or the Historical Jesus: Subtexts in Criticism* (co-editor, 2005); *The Tenants in the Vineyard: Ideology, Economics, and Agrarian Conflict in Jewish Palestine* (2006).

**Locklin, Reid B.** *Comparative Theology*

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B.A. (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga), M.T.S. (Boston University), Ph.D. (Boston College) Areas of Research: Hindu-Christian interreligious dialogue and comparative theology; Christian ecclesiology; theologies of religious pluralism; Advaita Vedanta. Recent Publications: "Sankara, Augustine and Rites de Passage: Comparative Theology with Victor Turner" (2001); "Buffy the Vampire Slayer and the Domestic Church: Re-visioning Family and the Common Good" (2002); *Spiritual but Not Religious? An Oar Stroke Closer*

to the Farther Shore (2005).

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