

Religious Studies



Study with a group of committed scholars who will passionately invest in your education and spiritual growth.

Expand your view of faithful living as you witness the deep Christian faith of your professors and their varied denominational backgrounds. Be trained to think about and understand every area of the Christian faith so you can share your knowledge as it shapes your life. Prepare to answer a call to professional ministry or simply to live out your faith through your work and service in your church and community. Find your place in the millennia-old history of the Christian faith.

SELECTED COURSES

- World Religions
- Early and Medieval Christianity
- Reformation and Modern Christianity
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Electives on
 - Biblical Interpretation
 - Theology and History
 - World Religions and Christian Mission

CAREER PATHS

- Business
- Christian counseling, clinical counseling, spiritual direction
- Foreign and domestic missions
- Journalism and the arts
- Law
- Marketing and management
- Medicine
- Ministry
- Music, sacred music, worship leadership
- Nonprofit organizations, NGOs, Peace Corps
- Pastoring, youth ministry
- Publishing
- Social work, occupational therapy
- Teaching



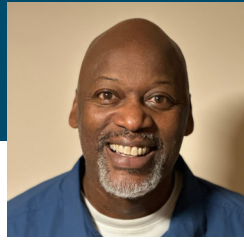
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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



HOLLY BEERS, PH.D.

A New Testament and Greek scholar who explores how New Testament authors understand and quote from Old Testament texts



DAVID EMANUEL, PH.D.

An Old Testament scholar with a deep appreciation of Hebrew language, poetry, and inner-biblical interpretation



CHARLES FARHADIAN, PH.D.

A scholar of religions who studies world religions and Christian mission, which takes him to Southeast Asia and the Pacific



CARYN REEDER, PH.D.

A New Testament scholar who studies the family and violence in the Bible and biblical worlds



HELEN RHEE, PH.D.

A Church historian who examines early Christian attitudes and practices regarding wealth and poverty



SANDRA RICHTER, PH.D.

An expert in the world of the ancient Near East who brings the narratives of the Old Testament to life via Syro-Palestinian archaeology, anthropology, and the study of Hebrew language



TELFORD WORK, PH.D.

A theologian who trains students to think like Christians



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Jerusalem University College Israel Mayterm
- The Footsteps of Paul: Turkey, Greece, and Rome Mayterm
- Summer Program in India: Kolkata, Varanasi, Chennai
- Westmont in the Mediterranean

ALUMNI

Nikki Ramage '13, completed a Master of Divinity at Azusa Pacific University on full scholarship and serves as an Associate Pastor of Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara.

Julie Leyva '14, after graduating from Westmont as a religious studies major, earned her Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School in 2017 and completed her Ph.D. in New Testament at Duke University in 2023. She currently serves as an associate pastor and teaches theology at Trinity School of Durham and Chapel Hill.

Wesley Simmonds '18, graduated with an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School and is teaching theology at a Christian middle school.

Delaney Balza '20, has been serving as Director of Junior High and High School Ministry at Oceanhills Church in Santa Barbara.

Caleb Crother '22, is pursuing a master's degree in Marriage, Couples and Family Therapy at George Fox University with the goal of becoming a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. He also serves as the Director of Youth Ministry at his local church.



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