

**Interfaith Offerings
In Central Arkansas
Spring of 2018**

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Multi-Faith Mondays: Interfaith, Psychology, and Theology

What? Short presentations relevant to Interfaith Studies, followed by open discussion.

When? Monday evenings from 6-7 pm

Where? Faulkner County Public Library (1900 West Tyler Street)

- Feb. 5: Mental Health in Arkansas (David Hawkins, LAC)
- Feb. 12: Mental Health in Arkansas (David Hawkins, LAC)
- Feb. 19: The Practice of Pluralism: Political and Religious (Jay McDaniel)
- Feb. 26: The Enneagram and Interfaith (Amanda Moore)
- March 5: The Enneagram and Interfaith (Amanda Moore)
- March 12: Can a Christian be a Buddhist, Too? (Jay McDaniel)
- March 26: Ideas of God and Interfaith (Jay McDaniel)

Rumi Tuesdays: Interfaith Theology and the Arts

What? Explorations of the theological and spiritual significance of spoken word poetry, live acoustic music, and recorded music

When? Tuesdays from 4-5 pm

Where? Religion and Philosophy Commons, Hendrix College

- January 30: Singer Songwriter, Ellie Black
- February 6: Singer Songwriter, Daniel Greer
- February 13: Spoken Word Poet, Liam Carey
- February 20: NPR's List of 150 Greatest Albums Made by Women: A Discussion
- February 27: Why I Love Progressive Country Music: A Discussion
- March 6: Why I Love Rap: A Discussion
- March 13: Organized by Religion and Popular Music Class
- March 26: Organized by Religion and Popular Music Class
- April 3: Organized by Religion and Popular Music Class

- April 10: Organized by Religion and Popular Music Class

Worldview Wednesdays: “My Life” Listening Sessions

What? One-hour listening sessions in which people share aspects of their personal pilgrimages as shaped by different cultural and religious traditions. Aimed at helping the listeners develop “appreciative knowledge” not only of different cultural and religious traditions, but of the ways they mean something to the people who are shaped by them.

When? 4-5 pm on Wednesdays

Where? Religion and Philosophy Commons, Hendrix College

- January 31: My life in Buddhism (Doug Holmes and Mike Mueller, Hendrix graduates active in the Ecumenical Buddhist Society, LR)
- February 7: My life in Hinduism (Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College, Hindu scholar and practicing Hindu, by Skype)
- February 14: My Life Growing up in Chinese Culture (Guo-ou Zhuang, Associate Professor Chinese Culture, Director of Confucius Institute, UCA)
- March 7: My life in Atheism (Gwen Stockwell, International Programs, Hendrix College)
- March 14: Our Lives in Judaism (Tracie and Phillip Spivey, Community Outreach and Philosophy, UCA)
- March 28: My Life in Christianity (Peg Falls Corbitt, Professor of Philosophy, Hendrix College)
- April 4: My Life in Islam (Sophia Said, Interfaith Ministries, LR)
- April 11: My Life in Unitarian Universalism (Rev. Jan Nielson, Unitarian Universalist minister, LR)

Exploratory Fridays: Interfaith Scriptural Explorations

What? Exploring texts from Torah, the New Testament, and the Qur’an on common themes, using the method of scriptural reasoning, sponsored by Cambridge University: “Scriptural Reasoning (SR) is a tool for inter-faith dialogue whereby people of different faiths come together to read and reflect on their scriptures. Unlike some forms of inter-faith engagement, it is not about seeking agreement but rather exploring the texts and their possible interpretations across faith boundaries, and learning to ‘disagree better’. The result is often a deeper understanding of others’ and one’s own scriptures, as well as the development of strong bonds across faith communities. SR is now practiced globally, including in places affected by religion-related tensions and conflict.” People from all faiths and no faith are welcome. Facilitated by Leadership in a Multi-Faith World at Hendrix College

Feb 2.: Interfaith Scripture Explorations: Texts on Hospitality to the Stranger

March 9: Interfaith Scripture Explorations: Texts on Abraham's Journey

April 13: Interfaith Scripture Explorations: Texts on Encountering God

Saturday Workshops

Cultivating an Interfaith Mindset in Rural Arkansas

While most interfaith resources are concentrated in urban areas, the need to cultivate hospitality toward other religions exists in rural areas as well. During this workshop, we will explore the characteristics of "an interfaith mindset," learn about existing interfaith initiatives in rural Arkansas, and brainstorm new ways to cultivate interfaith understanding in areas where religious diversity is not readily apparent. All are welcome.

The workshop is sponsored by the Greater Arkansas Interfaith Network and facilitated by Dr. Jay McDaniel and the Rev. Teri Daily.

Date: Saturday, March 3

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Religion and Philosophy Commons at Hendrix College