

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
- History of 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

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



CHARLES FARHADIAN, PH.D.

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



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.



HELEN RHEE, PH.D.

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



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

ALUMNI

After graduating from Westmont, **Kat Burgett '11** completed a Master of Divinity and spent a year on staff at a church in South Africa. She recently completed her PhD in New Testament at Duke University.

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.

Wesley Simmonds '18 has been pursuing a Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School on full scholarship.

Delaney Balza '20 has been serving as a youth pastor at Ocean Hills Church in Santa Barbara.

Caleb Crother '22 worked as a Religious Studies and Philosophy administrative assistant at Westmont College and will be pursuing the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy at George Fox University



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