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***Research and Teaching Highlights* 2018-2019**

***+Books, Monographs (1)***

**David Kirkpatrick.**  *A Gospel for the Poor: Global Social Christianity and the Latin American Evangelical Left.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019.

***+Major Peer-Reviewed Articles or Chapters in Books/Anthologies (33)***

**Tom Adajian:** Substantial revision of "The Definition of Art," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy,* Edward N. Zalta ed., 2018. <<https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2018/entries/art-definition/>>.

**Chip Bolyard:** “Augustine on Error and Knowing That One Doesn’t Know,” in Irrtum – Error – Erreur, *Miscellanea Mediaevalia Band 40*. Andreas Speer and Maxime Mauriège, eds., Berlin-Boston: W. de Gruyter, 2018. Pp. 3-18.

**Robert Brown:** “Bible Politics after the Restoration: Scriptural Submission and Resistance in Nonconformist Commentary,” in *The Bible in Transatlantic Pietism and Evangelicalism*, ed. Jan Stievermann et al. Penn State Press, forthcoming 2020.

**Christian Early:** “Emotions and the Evolution of the Belief in God,” in *The Evolution of Religion: How Biology, Psychology, Theology, and Culture Interact*, edited by Jay R. Feierman and Lluis Oviedo. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

**Rahel Fischbach:** “Beyond Normative Secularity: Politics of Interreligious dialogue in Lebanon,” in *The Interfaith Movement*, ed. John Fahmy. New York, Routledge, forthcoming.

**Dan Flage:**  Article in *Oxford Handbook on Berkeley*, ed. Samuel Rickless.

**Frances Flannery:** “’I will be an enemy to your enemies’: The Genocidal Ideal in the Hebrew Bible and its Legacy,” in *Religion and Violence*, André Gagne, ed*.* New York:Routledge, forthcoming 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_. “A New Proposal: Re-reading Dreams and Visions in Early Jewish Literature (*4Q530*, *4Q204*, *4Q544*, *1 Enoch* 1-36),” in *Re-Imagining Apocalypticism*. Lorenzo DiTommaso and Matthew Goff, eds. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Dreams and Visions of Eschatological Trees in *The Book of the Watchers, The Book of Giants,* and the *Hodayot*,” in *Eschatology in Antiquity*. Hilary Marlow, Karla Pollmann and Helen Van Noorden, eds.  London: Routledge, forthcoming 2019.

**Patrick Fleming:** “Agency Regarding Our Reasons,” in *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

\_\_\_\_\_. “On Street Harassment.” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, Volume 32:2 Fall 2018: 231-241.

**Emily Gravett:** “The Song of Songs and Two Biblical Retellings,” in *The Cambridge Companion to the Bible and Literature,* forthcoming.

\_\_\_\_\_. “The Risks and Rewards of Vulnerability in the Religious Studies Classroom,” *Pedagogy of Vulnerability*, forthcoming.

**Steve Hoeltzel:** "Fichte and Kant on Reason’s Final Ends and Highest Ideas," *Revista de Estud(i)os sobre Fichte* 16, Winter 2018. <<http://journals.openedition.org/ref/827>>.

\_\_\_\_\_. “The Three Basic Principles (drei Grundsätze).” In *The Bloomsbury Companion to Fichte*, Marina F. Bykova, ed. London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Anstoß and Aufforderung.” In *The Bloomsbury Companion to Fichte*, Marina F. Bykova, ed. London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Fichte and Existentialism: Freedom and Finitude, Subjectivity and Striving.” In *The Palgrave Handbook of German Idealism and Existentialism*, Jon Stewart, ed. Hampshire, England: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.

**Christina Kilby:** "Bowing with Words: Paper, Ink, and Bodies in Tibetan Epistles." In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 87, Issue 1, 6 March 2019: 260–281. <<https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfy036>>.

**Alan Kirk:** “Memory, Tradition and Synoptic Sources: The Quest of Holtzmann and Wernle for a Pre-dogma Jesus,” 2017 Proceedings of the Annual Leuven University Symposium on the Gospels, edited by John Kloppenborg and Josef Verheyden, eds. New York:Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, forthcoming.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Reception of Jesus in Q,” in *Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries*, Helen Bond, Chris Keith, and Jens Schröter, eds. New York: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, forthcoming 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Reception of Jesus in the *Gospel of Peter*,” in *Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries*, Helen Bond, Chris Keith, and Jens Schröter, eds. New York: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, forthcoming 2019.

**David Kirkpatrick:** “Reforming Fundamentalism in Latin America: Power, Politics and Paternalism in *Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana*.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. 87, no. 1 (March): 122-155.

**William Knorpp:** “Richard Rorty’s ‘Strongman’ Prediction and the Cultural Left:

Does *Achieving Our Country* Correctly Predict Donald Trump and the Role of the Cultural Left in His Election?,” in *Revisiting Richard Rorty*, Pedro G. Moreira and Patrícia Fernandes, eds., Wilmington: Vernon Press, forthcoming 2019.

**Tracy Lupher:** Substantial update to “Von Neumann vs. Dirac,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward N. Zalta ed., 2019.

**William O’Meara:** "A Natural Ethics of Gratitude," *Athens Journal of the Arts and Humanities*, 2019. <<https://www.athensjournals.gr/humanities/2018-1-X-Y-OMeara.pdf>>.

**Mark Piper:** “Struggling for Clarity on Well-Being,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 35:1 (2018): 155-162.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Critical Thinking and Empowerment,” in *Philosophers in the Classroom: Essays on Teaching*, Steven M. Cahn, Alexandra Bradner, and Andrew P. Mills, eds., Indianapolis: Hackett, 2018. Pp. 75-82.

 **Eric Trinka:** “The End of Islands: Drawing Insight from John’s *Apocalypse*to Respond to Prisoner Radicalization and Apocalyptically-Oriented Terrorism.” *Religions*10.2, 73 (2019): 1-14. DOI:10.3390/rel10020073

\_\_\_\_\_. “‘If you will only remain in this land’: Migration Decision-Making and Jeremiah as a Religiously Motivated Nonmover.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*80.4 (2018): 580-96.

\_\_\_\_\_. “The Hand of God and Divine Touch in the Book of Job.” In *Viewpoints on the Bible.* Mark Roncace, ed. Wingate, NC: Point of View, 2018.

**Anne Van Leeuwen:** “Deconstruction, Defiguration, Disconcertion: Reading Speculum de l'autre femme with Derrida and Lacan,” in *Thinking Life with Luce Irigaray*, SUNY Press, Forthcoming 2020.

**Andrea Veltman:** “Universal Basic Income and the Good of Work,” in *The Future of Work, Technology and a Basic Income*. Michael Weber and Michael Cholbi, eds. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

***+Smaller Articles, Encyclopedia Entries, Book Reviews. (11)***

**Robert Brown.** Review. *Seth Perry, Bible Culture and Authority in the Early United States*. In the *Journal of American History* (2019).

**Christian Early.** Review. Vincent W. Lloyd, *Black Natural Law*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

**Rahel Fischbach.** Review. Mohammed Ali Amir-Moezzi, Etan Kohlberg, Hasan Ansari, Eric Ormsby, The Silent Qur'an and the Speaking Qur'an: Scriptural Sources of Islam between History and Fervor*.*” In *BUSTAN The Middle East Book Review* 9.2 (2018) 179 – 187.

**Emily Gravett:** Review. C. Harrington and T. Zakrajsek*, Dynamic Lecturing: Research-Based Strategies to Enhance Lecture Effectiveness*.” In *Religious Studies Review* (2019).

\_\_\_\_\_. Review. Z. Nicolazzo, *Trans\* in College: Transgender Students’ Strategies for Navigating Campus Life and the Institutional Politics of Inclusion*.” In *Religious Studies Review* (2018).

**Steven Hoeltzel.** Review. Gabriel Gottlieb*,* ed*. Fichte’s* Foundations of Natural Right: *A Critical Guide*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 56:3 (July 2018): 569–70.

**David Kirkpatrick**. “Holy Humanitarians: Controversies in Christian Philanthropy,” *Marginalia: Los Angeles Review of Books* (December 6, 2018).

\_\_\_\_\_. Review. Melani McAlister, *The Kingdom of God Has No Borders: A Global History of American Evangelicals*, Oxford University Press, 2018. In *Review of Religious Research.*

**Mark Piper.** “For and Against Moral Conversation-Stoppers,” *Think* 17:50 (2018): 39-50.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Administration, Faculty, and the Hard Free Speech Questions,” (with Jonathan R. Alger) *Academe* 105:1 (2019): 14-19.

\_\_\_\_\_. “Mink and Brace’s Accidental Conference on the Design Argument,” *Philosophy Now* (April/May 2018): 57-58.

***+Invited Papers or Conference/Workshop/Colloquia Papers Presented (52).***

**Tom Adajian:** “Comments on John Kulvicki’s *The Uses of Pictures*”

American Society for Aesthetics National Meeting (Toronto, October 2018).

\_\_\_\_\_. “Comments on Elizabeth Cantalamessa’s *Innovative Art and Aesthetic Disagreement*” American Society for Aesthetics Eastern Division Meeting (Philadelphia, April 2019).­

\_\_\_\_\_. “Kinds of Civility and Calls for Civility.” Paper presented at Integrity, Civility, and Grace: Yesterday’s Virtues? 17th annual Conference of the James Madison University Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (Harrisonburg VA, April 2019).

**Robert Brown.** “Bible Politics after the Restoration: Scriptural Submission and Resistance in Non-Conformist Commentary,” The Bible and Early Transatlantic Evangelicalism (conference), Andrew Fuller Center, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; co-sponsored by the Jonathan Edwards Center, Heidelberg University (Fall 2018).

**Christian Early:** “Ethical Reasoning in Action at James Madison University.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE). (2019).

**Rahel Fischbach:**

“Boundaries Revised: Debating Religion in Lebanon,” Panel 1: Thinking Beyond Eurocentric and Traditional Paradigms of Religion, ESITIS (European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies) Conference, Sarajevo, Bosnia (April 24-27, 2019).

**Frances Flannery:**

 “Theorizing Asian Diaspora Identity: Rethinking the Relationship of the Hebrew Bible and Pseudepigrapha.” Theology of the Hebrew Bible Section, Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, Denver, CO (Nov. 18, 2018).

Invited lecturer. “The Bible, Politics, and the Survival of Planet Earth.” Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University (Oct. 4, 2018).

**Jeff Goodman**:

Invited paper. “Against Abstractionism,” The Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences, SASPRO scheme, Bratislava. (2018)

Invited paper. “A Hybrid Account of Fictional Characters and Mythical Objects.” Hungary. (2018)

**Emily Gravett:**

“Re-Visiting Site Visits through the Lens of Disability Studies,” American Academy of Religion National Conference (Co-Sponsored Panel: Religion and Disability Studies and Teaching Religion), read *in absentia*, Denver, CO (November 2018).

**Steven Hoeltzel:**

"Transcendental Theory and Fundamental Ontology in the *Wissenschaftslehre*of 1804," conference on the*Wissenschaftslehre*of 1804 (North American Fichte Society), Xavier University (May 2019).

**Christina Kilby:**

    “Global Refugee Crisis and the Gift of Fearlessness,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO (November 19, 2018).

**Alan Kirk:** “Bios Elements in the Q Tradition,” Annual Meeting SNTS, Narrative Christology and Memory Seminar,” Athens, Greece (August 8, 2018).

Panelist, “*Questiones Disputatae:* Does Memory Theory Make a Contribution to New Testament Studies?”, plenary meeting of the SNTS, Athens, Greece (August 8, 2018).

 “The Genealogy of the Q Community,” Congress for the Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, University of British Columbia (June 1, 2019).

**David Kirkpatrick:**

 “Revolutionary Ferment”: Global Evangelicalism in the Shadow of the Cold War. Book talk at Marquette University, Wisconsin (April, 2019).

“Revolutionary Ferment”: Migration, Dependency, and the Evangelical Left at the Latin American University. Paper presented at the American Historical Association, Chicago IL, (January 2019).

 “New Directions in Social Christianity and American Global Consciousness.” Roundtable/paper at the American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL (January 2019).

 “Violence and New Religious Movements: Disaggregating Hemispheric Boundaries in American Fundamentalism.” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO (November 2018).

“Crossing Boundaries: Intellectual Exchange in Latin American Social Christianities.” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO (November 2018).

“A Child That Refuses to Recognize Her Mommy:” Power, Paternalism, and the Latin American Evangelical Left.” Invited paper presented at the Obama Institute of Transnational Studies Conference on Evangelicals and Empire. Mainz, Germany (October 2018).

**William Knorpp:**

“Relativism Is Not That Weird, But ‘Relativism’ Is,” Virginia Philosophical Association 79th Annual Conference, Marymount University Arlington, VA 22201 (October 26 – 27, 2018).

“The Strong Program, The Weak Strong Program, The Strong Strong Program, And How The Sociology Of ‘Knowledge’ Evolved Into Something Much More Radical,” 43rd Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN (March 22-23, 2019).

**Sushil Mittal:**

“Toward a Definition of Hinduism: What the Difficulty in Defining Hinduism Reveals about the Nature of Hinduism,” Lecture 1 of 5 on “Hindu Intellectual History and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (January 23, 2019).

“Contemporary Forms of Hinduism: An Analysis of the Individual Human Personality,” Lecture 2 of 5 on “Hindu Intellectual History and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (January 30, 2019).

“The Structure of Hinduism: The Harmonization of the Universal with the Unique in the Human Being,” Lecture 3 of 5 on “Hindu Intellectual History and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (February 6, 2019).

“Satyagraha as a Metaphor of Leadership,” at the School of Management, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (February 7, 2019).

“Dharma as a Catalyst for Change,” Symposium on Values in Higher Education in a Global Society, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (February 12, 2019). Other two participants included the GITAM University President and Provost.

“Sacred Life and Literature in Hinduism: Connections, Correspondences, and Resemblances,” Lecture 4 of 5 on “Hindu Intellectual History and Ideas,” at GITAM University (February 13, 2019).

“How Does Hinduism Work?: A Comparison of the Hindu Religious System with the American Political System,” Lecture 5 of 5 on “Hindu Intellectual History and Ideas,” at GITAM University (February 20, 2019).

“Gandhi: A Moralistic Child,” Lecture 1 of 5 on “Gandhian Thought and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (February 27, 2019).

“Gandhi: A Cascade of Life Opinions,” Lecture 2 of 5 on “Gandhian Thought and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam (March 6, 2019).

“Gandhi: Maturing in South Africa,” Lecture 3 of 5 on “Gandhian Thought and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (March 13, 2019).

“Gandhi: Learning the Lay of the Land in India” Lecture 4 of 5 on “Gandhian Thought and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (March 19, 2019).

“Gandhi: The Man and the Legend,” Lecture 5 of 5 on “Gandhian Thought and Ideas,” at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India (March 20, 2019).

“Hinduism in the Study of Religion,” at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (“Vivekananda University”), Howrah, India (March 26, 2019).

“What We Learn about Religion from the Study of Hinduism,” at the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi, India (April 23, 2019).

**William O’Meara:**

"Kant on Moral Despair," 14th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens, Greece sponsored by the Athens Journal of Humanities & Arts (May 27-30, 2019).

 “A Natural Ethics of Gratitude,” James Madison University (Fall 2018).

**Mark Piper:**

“An Inclusive Approach to Well-Being Theorization,” *Washington University Political Theory Workshop*, St. Louis, MO (April 2018).

“Struggling for Clarity on Well-Being,” *80thMeeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Association*, Denver, CO (November 2018).

**Eric Trinka:**

“Considering the Prophet Jeremiah as a Religiously-Motivated Non-Mover,” The Migration Conference, Lisbon, Portugal (June 26-28, 2018).

 “Migrants, Globalization, and Religion,” *Migration, Refugees, and Humanity - International Policies and Return,* The Kartepe Summit – Kocaeli, Turkey (October, 26-28, 2018).

Panelist,*Borders for Migration: Limitations*– “Why We Cannot Afford to Ignore Migrant Religiosity,” *Migration, Refugees, and Humanity - International Policies and Return,* The Kartepe Summit – Kocaeli, Turkey (October, 26-28, 2018).

“The End of Islands: Drawing Insight from John’s *Apocalypse*to Respond to Prisoner Radicalization and Apocalyptically- Oriented Terrorism” The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (Nov. 17-21, 2018).

“Joseph and the Question of Assimilation in the Contexts of Forced Migration,” The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2018).

“Colonizing the Highlands of Canaan: Migration and its Effects on Internal Religious Diversity in Early Israel,” *Migration and Colonization in the Mediterranean during the 1st Millennium BC.* Universidad Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal (November, 22-23 2018).

“Body Modification, Assimilation, and Integration in the Story of Joseph” The Migration Conference, Bari, Italy (June 18-20, 2019).

**Anne Van Leeuwen:**

 “Irigaray, Marx and Symbolic Economies,” Diverse Lineages of Existentialism, George Washington University (June 3-5, 2019).

**Andrea Veltman:**

“Universal Basic Income and the Problem of Bad Work,” Keynote Address at the Virginia Philosophical Association Meeting, Arlington, VA (October 2018).

"Leisure and Respect for Working People" at Dartmouth College (Department of Government, Political Economy Project), Hanover, NH (April 2019).

***+Pedagogical Developments of Note***

***Overview:***

* 8 new classes!
* New interdisciplinary alliances:
	+ Institute for Visual Studies course in Religion (cross listed Honors and REL 460) (Flannery)
	+ A new Religion course counts for the Disability studies minor and Justice Studies major (Gravett)
	+ A new Religion course counts for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program (LACS) (Kirkpatrick)
	+ A new Religion course counts for the Environmental Humanities minor (Flannery)
	+ A new Philosophy course counts for the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program (Antolic-Piper)
	+ A new Philosophy course draws math majors (Lupher)
	+ A new revised course in Religion now counts for Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations minor (Fischbach)
	+ A new online summer course with IA/REL 363 is now offered regularly with sections for Intelligence Analysis and REL (Flannery)
* 2 teaching assistants
* 2 internships
* 8 independent studies
* 5 honors theses
* 2 study abroad programs
* multiple directed reading groups
* two facilitated CFI groups (Emily Gravett)
* one Center (Logic and Reasoning Institute)
* one Scholar in Residence

**Pia Antolic-Piper:**

* Directed honors thesis for Laura Palmieri
* Taught Feminist Philosophy for WGSS program

**Chip Bolyard:**

* JMU Course Design Institute participant (Fall 2018); “Teaching Critical Thinking in an Online Format”, JMU Course Design Institute  (2019)
* Study Abroad in Greece program

**Mike Brislen:**

* Guest lecturer at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Hargeisa in Hargeisa, Somaliland (2018)

**Rahel Fischbach:**

* New curricular approval - HUM 250 Islamic Civilizations counts for Middle East Communities and Migrations minor

**Dan Flage:**

* Mentored Jade Benedick Alcabasa in the Philippines on her senior thesis on Berkeley.
* Mentored Ashley Lascano on her senior thesis.

**Frances Flannery:**

* Member of the Educational Resources and Review Committee, Society of Biblical Literature, working on Newseum grant for religion education in public schools in Georgia
* Mentored two internships engaged with the Gandhi Center in developing a multi-lingual Peace Library for Harrisonburg City Public Schools, middle school level – Che’Maiah Francis and Kristen Betzner
* REL 490 independent study in *Dreams, Angels, and Mysticism in Early Judaism* – Sarah Baker McEvilly
* Taught Fall Senior Capstone as an IVS course with Wren River Stevens on HON/REL 460: *Religion and Animals in Ancient Mediterranean Antiquity,* culminating in a small exhibition and educational materials for Augusta County
* Spring Senior Capstone course REL 460: *Religion, Policy, and the Environment* partnered with a Congolese NGO, Vijana Africa, to develop proposals for a project *Eco-Congo*
* New course approval – REL 366: Religion, Animals, and the Environment, counts for Environmental Humanities minor
* Taught on Religious Terrorism for the Summer Honors Institute, James Madison University, July 2018
* Offering new online summer course cross-listed with IA/REL 363 Apocalyptic Terrorism regularly

**Emily Gravett:**

* Taught a new course, REL 365: Religion and Film.
* New course approval - REL 300: Religion and Disability, which will be cross-listed with the Disability Studies minor and with the Justice Studies minor
* Co-facilitating a semester-long “Preparing Faculty to Be Inclusive Teachers” institute through the CFI
* Attended a CFI teaching workshop on group learning
* Engaged in a TAP (through the CFI) in both fall and spring courses
* Author of “teaching tips” emails through the CFI’s Teaching Toolbox

**Christie Kilby:**

* New course approval - REL 383: The Global Refugee Crisis and Religion
* Special class activities – REL 288: Intro to Buddhism. Skype interview with Dr. Sid Brown, ethnographer & author of our course text *The Journey of One Buddhist Nun*
* Authored “teaching tactic” for *Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*

**Alan Kirk:**

* Study Abroad in London program

**David Kirkpatrick:**

* New Course approval - REL 324: Latinx and Latin American Christianity, which counts for the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program (LACS)
* Reading group on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Christian hospitality, and the Holocaust

**William Knorpp:**

* Directed two independent studies – Kaitlyn Bridgeforth and Nick Langkau

**Tracy Lupher:**

* New course approval - PHIL 325 Philosophy of Mathematics
* New course approval - PHIL 220 Philosophy and Science Fiction

**William O’Meara:**

* Four independent studies students in Catholicism and Philosophy

**Sushil Mittal:**

* Independent Study REL 490 “Global Christianity: Constructing Indian Christianities.”
* Mentored two Teaching Assistants in REL 493 and REL 495

**Mark Piper:**

* “Why Care About Critical Thinking?” *Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School ‘Giving Voice’ Series*, Fishersville, VA, October 2018.
* “Why Care About Critical Thinking?” *James Madison University Honors Institute*, Harrisonburg, VA, June 2018.
* Taught a new class *PHIL 200 Character and Virtue* for the first time. This course was approved through the C&I process last year.
* Organized students from PHIL 120 in a panel, “This may be the moment of your greatest enlightenment: rhetorical tricks in advertising and the media,” General Education Conference, JMU, Spring 2019.

**Anne Van Leeuwen:**

* Directed two honors theses

***+Community engagement activities***

**Pia Antolic-Piper:**

* Taught a philosophy workshop in the Humanities Program at the Shenandoah Valley Governor School (Fishersville, VA). January and March 2019.

**Steve Hoeltzel:**

Service on committees for several (non-JMU-affiliated) scholarships, including the Harvey Hoeltzel Memorial Scholarship (for first-generation college students); the Harvey Hoeltzel Architectural Scholarship (for graduate students in architecture at the Univ. of Michigan); and the Nancy Hoeltzel Early Education Scholarship (for college students going into early education).

**Christina Kilby:**

Public lecture, “The Refugee Crisis Through the Eyes of Faith” public lectures (March 20 at Church of Our Savior, Charlottesville VA and date TBD at Massanutten Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg VA)

Authored a nomination of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh for the Nobel Peace Prize (2018)

**David Kirkpatrick:**

* Talk at Sunnyside Retirement Community, May 2019.

**Frances Flannery:**

* Public talk at EMU on Rising Anti-Semitism and White Supremacy, April 2019, Center for Interfaith Engagement.
* Public Talk at EMU Summer Peacebuilding Institute via videotaped lectures.
* Public lecture at Sunnyside Retirement Community, May 2019.
* Congregational talk on white supremacy and peacebuilding at Beth El Temple, February 2019.
* Community talk on Judaism in the art of Archie Rand with the Duke Art Gallery (2018).

**Bill O’Meara:** Scholar in Residence at local high school. Visited 13 government classes and met with 183 seniors and 38 sophomores about college aid opportunities, especially for lower-income and first-generation students.

***+Diversity and inclusion related activities, such as sponsoring a speaker on a related topic***

**Christina Kilby:**

Grant applications for diversity and inclusion related work:

* Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion ($30,000) for academic colloquium on Religion and Refugees
* Whiting Foundation Public Engagement Seed Grant ($10,000) to translate the academic colloquium on Religion and Refugees into Shenandoah Valley community dialogue and education

**David Kirkpatrick**: New course approval for REL 324 Latinx and Latin American Christianity, approved and added to the program.

**Emily Gravett:**

• Serves on the JMU Provost’s Faculty Diversity Council

• Serves on the JMU Provost’s Task Force on Gender and Sexuality

• New course approval for REL 300: Religion and Disability, cross-listed with the Disability Studies minor and with the Justice Studies minor

• Co-facilitating a semester-long “Preparing Faculty to Be Inclusive Teachers” institute through the CFI

• Authored a number of diversity-related pieces, within and beyond the field (e.g., a book review for Religious Studies Review on *Trans\* in College*)

• Led several reading groups through the CFI on diversity-related books (e.g., *Welcoming Blue-Collar Scholars into the Ivory Tower*, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*)

• Led CFI team through a discussion of the book *White Fragility*

• Serves as the conference Inclusion Coordinator for one of my professional organizations (the Professional and Organizational Development network, or “POD”)

• Member of the Executive Team of the POD Diversity Committee

• Co-edited two special volumes of the journal *New Directions for Teaching and Learning* on Educational Development and Identity, the first of which is devoted to the theme of Diversity and Inclusion

**Mark Piper**. Serves on the Provost's Task Force on Gender and Sexuality

***+Research grants procured:***

***Internal***

15 Dept of Philosophy and Religion Summer Research Grants awarded for Summer 2019, plus:

**Rahel Fischbach:**

CAL Faculty Summer Research Grant, James Madison University, 2019

**David Kirkpatrick:**CAL Research Grant, James Madison University, 2019

***External***

**Emily Gravett**: $1000 IFYC grant for developing Religion and Disability course.

**David Kirkpatrick:**

Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies Grant, 2018

**Eric Trinka:**

Grant-based full funding for continued translation and editorial work on forthcoming commentary: *Jonah: La Bible en ses Traditions*at the École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem, June 25-July 12, 2019.

*+Journals Edited (5):*

**Emily Gravett:**

“Educational Development and Identity: Diversity and Inclusion,” Special Double

Issue of *New Directions for Teaching and Learning*, co-edited with L. Bernhagen (forthcoming).

“Educational Development and Identity: Power, Position, and the Profession,”

Special Double Issue of *New Directions for Teaching and Learning*, co-edited with L. Bernhagen (forthcoming).

**Sushil Mittal:**

*International Journal of Hindu Studies*—Volume 22, Issue 3 (2018), Springer.

*International Journal of Hindu Studies*—Volume 23, Issue 1 (2019), Springer.

*International Journal of Hindu Studies*—Volume 23, Issue 2 (2019), Springer.

And, notably:

Sushil Mittal, "Comparative Religion: Its Failures and Its Challenges. An Exploratory Essay," Volume 107, Number 2, April 2017, *The Muslim World*, "has received some of the most downloads in the 12 months following online publication." The paper "has been recognized as a top 20 most read paper" in the Journal.