
Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Stevensville, MI

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Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Chocolate

Best Adjective to Describe You: Eccentric

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

From Animism to Zionism, this department has it all.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I have always been fascinated by religions and their impact on human history and current events. I checked out the requirements for the major, saw that they were quite open-ended, and then ta-da! I have never regretted my decision.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Taking a wide array of classes in the department (which is not difficult to accomplish!) and coming to the *free* departmental dinner for majors and minors is a great way to get your foot in the door.

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

I would miss the small class-sizes and interesting discussions with professors, both of which add a very personable flair to the department.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

Graduate school and then hopefully finding a career as an archivist or children's librarian.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

I am consistently pleased as to how friendly professors are here. I have found all of the religion department professors to be extremely sociable and approachable.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

I have always been interested in history, psychology, and philosophy. All of these areas of study can be found in almost any course in the religion department. Religion is a field of study that meshes quite well with other social sciences.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

"Images of the Devil" was one of the most interesting classes I have taken. Learning about the 'bad guy' is guaranteed to be a fun time.

What is your SIP?

My SIP deals with the life and writings of French metaphysician René Guénon. Sounds thrilling, right?
