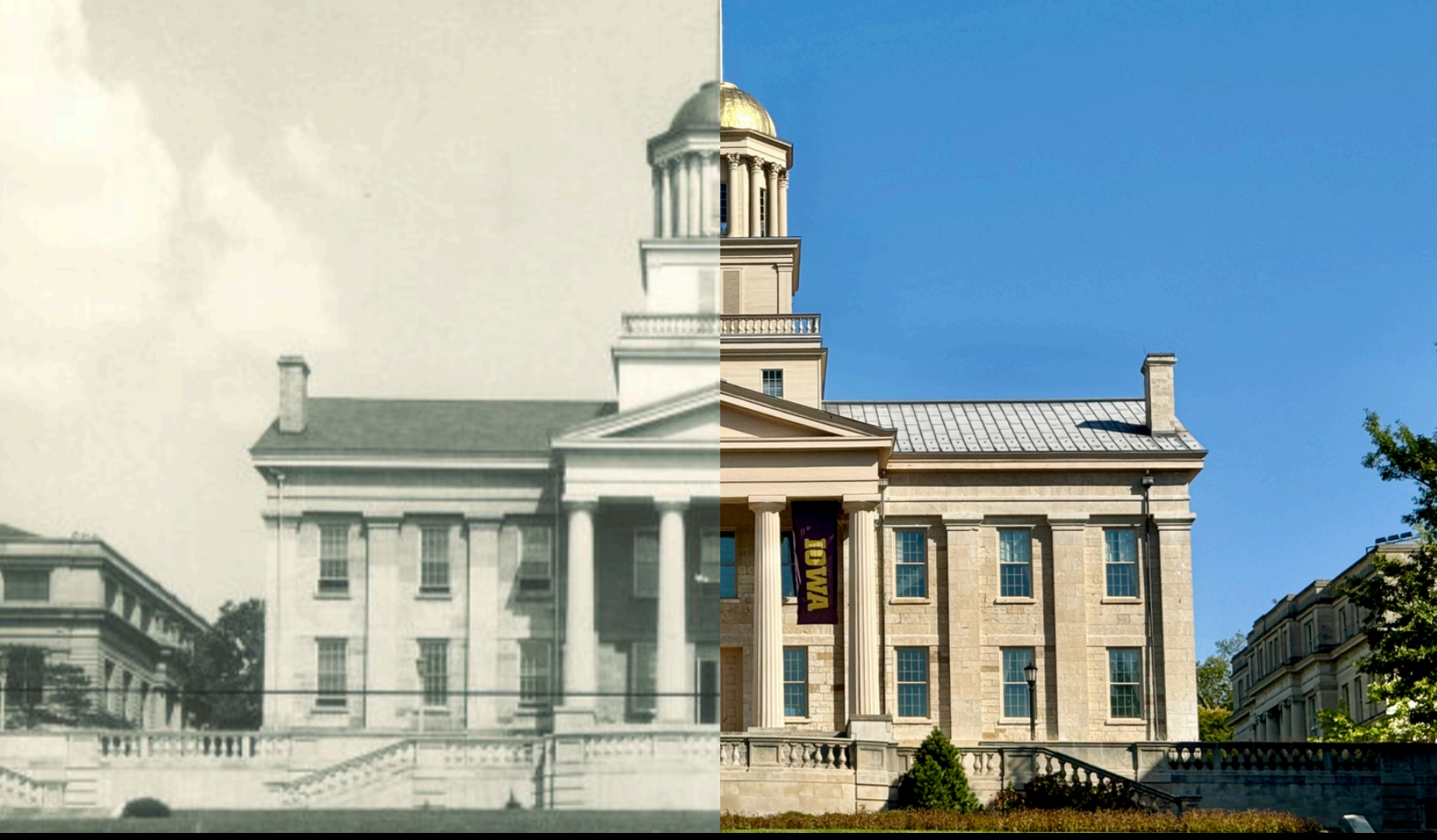

E. P. Adler Graduate Student Conference

Honoring the Past: Religion, Power, and Time

This conference, held in celebration of the 100th anniversary of studying religion at the University of Iowa, seeks to explore the intersections of religion, authority, and temporal frameworks across diverse cultures, traditions, and historical periods.

Friday
September 25
12:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Saturday
September 26
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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Conference Program

Friday, September 25

12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

1 Sacred Grounds & Resonant Voices: Materiality, Music, and Movement in Religion | Adler Journalism Building E246

Chair: Dr. Diana Cates

Papers:

Historical Mosque Variations and the Inter-Ethnic Development of Space in American Islam
Haseeb Haroon, History Ph.D. Program

The Architecture of Resistance: Healthcare, Literacy, and the Catholic Mission in the Selma Voting Rights Campaign
Allison Isidore, Classics and Religious Studies Ph.D. Program

Music and Sound as Religious Expression Among Sports Fans
Will Strums, Musicology M.A. Program

2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

2 Labor, Virtue, and the Fragility of Moral Agency Across Time | Adler Journalism Building E246

Chair: Dr. Ahmed Souaiaia

Papers:

Honoring the Past by Looking to the Future: AI as Vehicle for Moral Injury
Tucker Gregor, Classics and Religious Studies Ph.D. Program

Labor, Skill, and the Color of Culture: Ibn Khaldun's 'Ilm 'Umran
Mark Hartsgrove Mooers, Classics and Religious Studies Ph.D. Program

Keynote Address: The Study of Religion as A Public Good

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. | Becker Comm Studies Building 101

Dr. Sarah Dees, Iowa State University

Reception with refreshments to follow

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the study of religion at the University of Iowa, this talk considers the history of the academic study of religion in higher education and museum settings. In the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, how and why were offices, departments, and programs dedicated to religion created in public educational institutions? What civic values were they thought to have held? What has changed—and why does this work still matter?

Saturday, September 26

9:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.

3 Contested Identities: The Politics of Religious Authority and Narratives | Adler Journalism Building E246

CHAIR: Dr. Morten Schlütter

Papers:

Contested Identity: Hermeneutical Regimes in Nigerian Pentecostal Christianity
Fwangmun Oscar Danladi, Classics and Religious Studies Ph.D. Program

Demonic Judaic Reflections: A Cross-Cultural Examination of the Jewish Diaspora through their Demonology
Misha DeBoef-Misyuk, Classics and Religious Studies M.A. Program

Contesting the Narratives of 'Jihad' in Islam: A Liberal, Reformist Perspective
Shahla Shahreen, Classics and Religious Studies Ph.D. Program

4 Applications of Religious Studies: An Undergraduate Analysis of Religion | Adler Journalism Building E220

Chair: Dr. Brandon Dean

Papers:

Practical Limitations on Living Out the Parable of the Good Samaritan
Jenna Brandes, Psychology and Religious Studies Major | Sociology Minor

Women: The Story Behind Creation Stories
Grace Lin, Ancient Civilization and Religious Studies Major

When Does Life End?
Emily Waddle, Human Physiology Major | Religious Studies Minor

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