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# SPRING SYMPOSIUM



MAR 31-APR 1, 2023



DEPARTMENT OF  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
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**Friday, March 31**

All times are Eastern Time Zone

Friday's events take place at  
IU's Center for Religion and the Human  
[1211 Atwater Ave.](#)

**4:30pm: Opening Remarks**

Patrick Lally Michelson  
Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies of Religious Studies  
Indiana University

**4:30pm: Panel 1**

“Ginsberg on *Firing Line*”  
Seren Fox, Indiana University

“Julian of Norwich's Contemplative Theology Across Time”  
Meredith Johns, Harvard University

“Charlottesville's Two First Baptists: A Story of Liberation”  
Emily Miller, University of Virginia

“The Queer(ed) Christian Tradition: A Reception History of Queer Theologies”  
Nathaniel Wyerman, University of Virginia

**Concluding Remarks for Friday's Session**

Areej Kamran, URSA President

**6:00pm: Keynote Address**

“Scriptural Whiteness; or, On U.S. Political Theology”  
J. Kameron Carter  
Professor of Religious Studies  
Indiana University

**Dinner to follow the Keynote Address**

**Saturday, April 1**

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**Saturday's virtual panel is on Zoom**

**[Click here to join the panel](#)**

**10:00am Panel 2**

“Shakespeare’s Unseen Martyrs: The Emotional and Complex Experience of Sacrifice”

Riya Subbaiah, Georgetown University

“When Jews Cry Out to God, and Buddha Answers: Jewish Suffering in the Poetry of Allen  
Ginsberg, Leonard Cohen, and Norman Fischer”

Chloe Cattaneo, Oberlin University

“Great Traditions and Little Traditions: The Power of Words”

Moksha Kachhia, Brown University

“Western Religion and The Ecological Crisis”

Brendan Wolf, Indiana University

**Concluding Remarks**

Areej Kamran, URSA President