

February 29, 2008



Dear Colleagues in the Study of Religion:

I wish you a happy new year of academic enlightenment!

The advising period for Interim, Summer, and Fall semesters 2008, begins on Monday, March 10th, and continues until Friday, March 28th; in other words, the advising period includes the week before and the week after Spring Break. You may make an appointment to meet with me during that time by reserving a slot on the sign-up sheet in the Religious Studies office, Manly 212. Registration for classes will begin the week of March 24th, so I would like to ask seniors, in particular, to sign up for advising during the first week of the advising period. Or, consider meeting with me before the advising period officially begins: a sign-up sheet for the week of March 3rd is located outside my New College office, Carmichael Hall, room 101F. All advising will take place in my Religious Studies office: Manly Hall, room 206.

Please remember that the Department sets aside seats in upper-level courses for Religious Studies majors and minors. In addition to meeting with me, you must also check with Ms. Betty Dickey in the main office to receive a "permit" to register for these classes. Without a permit, you will not be permitted to register for these classes.

Our sixth annual Aronov Lecture will take place this academic year on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 7:00 PM. Our lecturer will be Arjun Appadurai, the John Dewey Professor in the Social Sciences at The New School in New York. Dr. Appadurai is an internationally noted anthropologist and social theorist whose work focuses on such issues as cultural pluralism, globalization, and ethnic violence. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer and consult the Events section of the Religious Studies web page: <http://www.as.ua.edu/rel/events.html>.

I have included several flyers with this letter for courses in the coming semester. In addition, please watch the Events page on the web and the bulletin boards around the mezzanine for announcements concerning the Religious Studies Student Association, Theta Alpha Kappa—the national honors society for undergraduates in the study of religion, and the Department's Honors Day and Graduation Day activities.

I look forward to meeting with all of you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore Trost".

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