

2023 Philosophy & Religion Senior Capstone Presentations

Location: McClain Hall 209

Everyone is welcome!

Contact Dr. Jennifer Jesse (jjesse@truman.edu) for more information

Tuesday, April 11

3:00 p.m.

RAINEY MADSEN, “Godly Bindings: BDSM as an Example of Lived Religion”

Dr. W. Michael Ashcraft, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. Katie Judd, PSYCH, Faculty Respondent

3:30 p.m.

PADRAIC RIORDAN, “Intuiting Fiction”

Dr. Stephen Pollard, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. James D’Agostino, ENG, Faculty Respondent

Thursday, April 13

3:00 p.m.

MICAHLA WOOLFOLK, “A Critique of America’s Heart”

Dr. Chad Mohler, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. W. Michael Ashcraft, PHRE, Faculty Respondent

3:30 p.m.

ROSS LOHMAN, “Carl Jung, An Intermediary Between Two Worlds: How North American Shamanic Cultures Invoke Jung to Explain Their Traditions to the Western World”

Dr. Dereck Daschke, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. W. Michael Ashcraft, PHRE, Faculty Respondent

3:55 p.m.

EMELIA DURHAM, “The Question of Pharaoh’s Hardened Heart: A Literary Analysis of the Ten Plagues Story”

Dr. Jennifer Jesse, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. Dereck Daschke, PHRE, Faculty Respondent

Tuesday, April 18

3:00 p.m.

KENNEDY COOPER, “Biblical Feminism: Gender Politics in the American Evangelical Culture War”

Dr. W. Michael Ashcraft, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. Chad Mohler, PHRE, Faculty Respondent

3:30 p.m.

GUTHRIE STROH, “Deconstruction and Sublation: Dialectics Under Erasure”

Dr. Natalie Alexander, PHRE, and Dr. Chad Mohler, PHRE, Thesis Directors

Dr. Stephen Pollard, PHRE, Faculty Respondent

3:55 p.m.

CALVIN NGUYEN, “Contractarianism Ethics”

Dr. Chad Mohler, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. Stephen Pollard, PHRE, Faculty Respondent

Thursday, April 20

3:00 p.m.

MATT McELRATH, “Examining Moral Permissibility of First Trimester Abortion”

Dr. Chad Mohler, PHRE, Thesis Director

Dr. Dereck Daschke, PHRE, Faculty Respondent