University of Denver Religious Studies Program Produces Successful and Fulfilled Graduates

National survey shows DU alumni report high degree of satisfaction with education

DENVER – Aug. 5 2015 — University of Denver (DU) Religious Studies graduates report a high degree of satisfaction with their chosen field. DU’s Department of Religious Studies, together with thirty institutions across the nation, participated in the American Academy of Religion’s (AAR) assessment of undergraduate religious programs in the U.S.

The AAR survey addresses the utility of a degree in religious studies, including the long-term impacts on career trajectory and how the study of religion shapes students’ values and behaviors. DU alumni work in a variety of fields and report an increased ability to work effectively with individuals from varied cultural backgrounds. “I’m pleased that this national survey affirms what people in the liberal arts have always known: a religious studies degree is a strong foundation for the increasingly critical skill of working with individuals across cultures and for having successful careers with positive effects on society and people,” said Danny McIntosh, dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. “I never stop being impressed by the amazing things our alumni accomplish.”

According to the survey, 40 percent of respondents pursued advanced degrees in religious studies or theology, and an additional 52 percent pursued advanced degrees in non-related fields.

“Our students have the unique opportunity to work with world-class faculty in small classes where they can get the individual attention they need to pursue their research interests,” said Sandra Dixon, associate professor in psychology of religion.
The University of Denver’s religious studies department is housed in the Division of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and offers undergraduate, master’s, graduate certificate and PhD programs.

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Founded in 1864, the University of Denver is committed to engaging with students in advancing scholarly inquiry, cultivating critical and creative thought, and generating knowledge. The University strives to educate the 21st-century citizens and leaders needed in its organizations and communities. The University of Denver ranks among the country's top 100 national universities, and the Institute of International Education ranks it No. 1 among national doctoral and research institutions in the percentage of undergraduate students participating in study abroad programs. For additional information, visit the University’s Media Relations website, or follow the University on Facebook and Twitter.