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## In The Core Classroom: “Holy Stuff” Ignite Seminar



# What is Holy to Me:

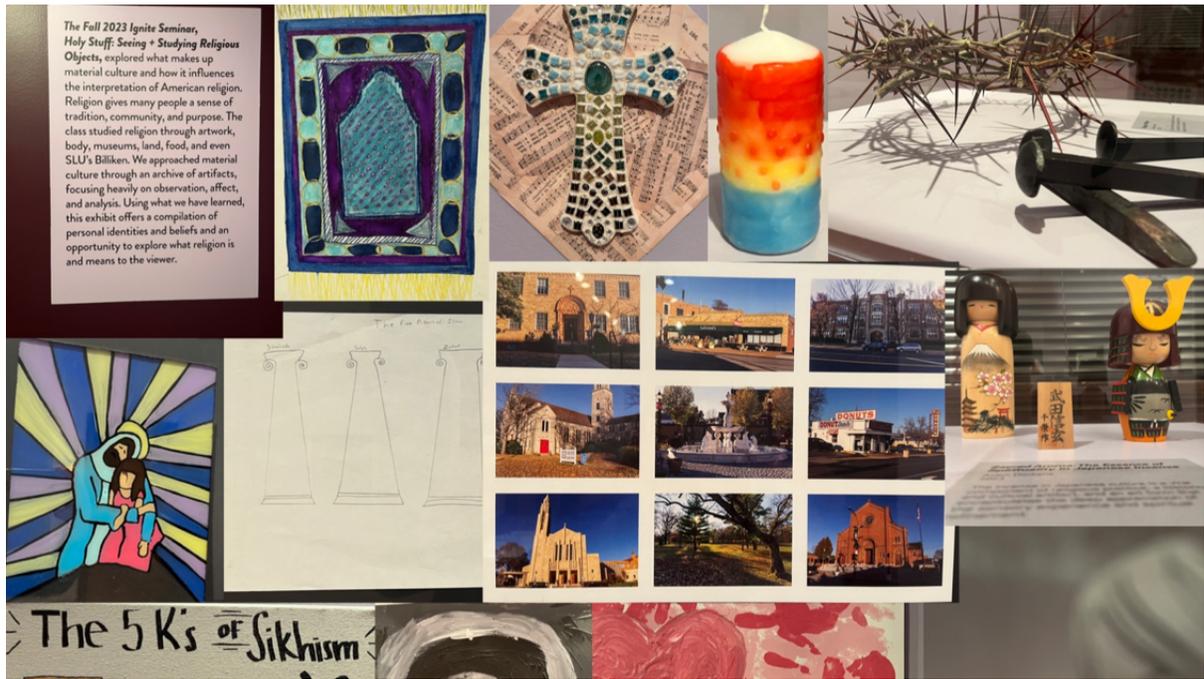
## Sacred Objects through Our Identities

### **"Holy Stuff" Ignite Seminar: Dr. Rachel Lindsey, Ph.D., Theological Studies**

Dr. Rachel Lindsey, Associate Professor of Theological Studies, has always been a fan of museums and galleries. As a historian of American religion and material and visual cultures, she often considers the question, "How do we think about religion as an object of display?" She saw her Ignite Seminar as an opportunity to introduce first-year students to religion in a new way, by deemphasizing texts as the main point of entry to religion and familiarizing students with SLU's on-campus museum resources.

This past fall, Dr. Lindsey partnered with SLUMA to curate an art exhibit for her Ignite Seminar "Holy Stuff." Students from an array of religious backgrounds collaborated to form the exhibit's central question: "What is holy to me?" They then constructed their personal responses to this question by creating individual religious icons to showcase in their exhibit entitled: What Is Holy to Me: Sacred Objects Through Our Identities, which was on display at SLUMA from December 7, 2023 to February 11, 2024.

The impact on students was clear. "My biggest takeaway," observed Maggie Schneider, double major in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and Music, "is that religious beliefs and cultural practices are more similar than we think. Approaching the course topic from different perspectives enhanced my understanding of religions other than my own." Through this process of knowledge creation, students were exposed to and utilized diverse research methodologies to powerfully convey their personal convictions beyond the classroom. Some images from the exhibit are below.



## Core Guest Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Powers

*Entocolletus cyathorum*  
*Gliceria sepium*  
*Picrocarpa rostrata*  
*Lucrea candida*  
*Dalbergia retusa*  
*Aspidium panamense*  
*Steridema macrophylla*  
*Trichillia AMERICANA*  
*Tabebuia ochracea*  
*Cupania guatemalensis*

*Passarina*  
*Lonchocarpus falcipari*  
*Guayana ulmifolia*  
*Byrsonima costaricensis*  
*Diphysa americana*  
*Baccharis sagittata*  
*Lonia acutata*

**ESTADUAL CAMINHO DOS GERAIS SIEM REAP**  
*Microstigma*  
*Centrosema*  
*Virg. umbellata*  
*Angkor Wat*  
*Suplinia flaviana*

### Global Explorers: An Art and Science Workshop

**Dr. Jennifer Powers**  
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### **Dr. Jennifer Powers, Professor of Plant and Microbiology University of Minnesota**

Earlier this month, the Core hosted guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Powers, Professor of Plant and Microbiology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Powers conducts ecological research across the globe and couples her love of science and nature with art. On February 12, she led a student workshop that focused on scientific observation while also allowing participants to relax and play with art and its intersection with the natural world. Dr. Powers' on February 13 second workshop invited faculty from across the university to consider how STEM fields can incorporate global perspectives into undergraduate coursework and research.

Dr. Powers' visit was designed to help raise awareness on campus of this year's assessment of undergraduate students' proficiency in **Core Learning Outcome 6: All SLU graduates will be able to recognize transnational or global interdependence.**

**Teaching a STEM class and want to know more about incorporating Global Interdependence into your course?** Check out the Core Instructor Resources for Equity and Global Identities linked below.

**Equity and Global Identities Resources**

# Upcoming Core Events and Deadlines

## Ignite Events

- Feb. 27** Ignite Faculty Brown Bag Lunch #1, DB 404, 12-1 pm CST
- Mar. 26** Ignite Faculty Brown Bag Lunch #2, DB 404, 12-1 pm CST
- Apr. 30** Ignite Faculty Brown Bag Lunch #3, Pere Marquette, 12-1 pm CST
- April** Ignite Faculty Discussion: Madrid, Zoom, Day and Time TBD

## Collaborative Inquiry Events

- Feb. 27** Collaborative Inquiry Workshop #1, Zoom, 9:30-10:30 am CST
- Feb. 28** Collaborative Inquiry Workshop #1, Pius 010, 12-1 pm CST
  
- Mar. 20** Collaborative Inquiry Workshop #2, Zoom 8:30 - 9:30 am CST
- Mar. 20** Collaborative Inquiry Workshop #2, Pius 010, 12-1 pm CST

Questions about upcoming events? Email us at [core@slu.edu](mailto:core@slu.edu)



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