Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Is there a Global War on Christians?

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Religious Studies

Hours required p/week: 5
Credits anticipated: 2

Over the last 20 years, it has become increasingly common for many American Christians, politicians, and religious freedom activists to speak of a “global war on Christians.” This project intends to give a long historical and social genealogy of where this idea comes from and what its implications are for understanding contemporary Christianity world-wide.

Research assistant's duties:
The undergraduate research assistant's duties would include: compiling multiple thematic bibliographies; internet searches for white papers and government reports; reviewing specific internet sites for articles and materials relating to religious persecution.

Required skills, languages or qualifications:
English. Familiarity with the history of Christianity and the historical study of religion is beneficial. Thorough familiarity with online research databases is especially desired.

Skills student will acquire:
The student will be able to refine research skills, including how to assess the relevance of sources for a research project, how to organize those sources, and how to think about combining contemporary and historical sources in an argument.