

WALTER AND BETTY STROMSETH FUND
FOR INTERCULTURAL AND INTER-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Colleagues,

The [Walter and Betty Stromseth](#) fund for intercultural and interreligious education supports course development, workshops and training, and/or speakers on an annual basis. Faculty and staff members are invited to submit a brief (250-word maximum) proposal, tentative timeline, and budget for funding up to \$2,000 to support activities in the 2022/23 academic year ending August 31, 2023 for the following:

- ❖ **The development of courses that increase understanding of major world cultures and their religious traditions.** These may be new courses, new units in an existing course, or the revision of an existing course. These may be individual, team-taught or paired courses. While all proposals for new or revised courses that meet the purposes of the Stromseth Fund are welcome, those that address the new General Education requirements will receive priority. Courses should address the ethical resources of the major religions for cooperatively addressing global issues of poverty, health care, and environmental preservation. The budget for the proposal can include faculty stipends for course development/revision or for team-teaching.
- ❖ **Speakers and visiting scholars; symposia.** Proposals to bring to campus (virtually in 2020/21) representatives of major world cultures and religious traditions to participate in a public campus event, make presentations to college classes, and/or speak at programs of one of the College's Centers and Institutes, as well as the development of faculty-led symposia; or
- ❖ **Workshops.** Workshops for faculty members or students. Workshops and other programming for students should explore the challenges and opportunities of integrating cultural and religious pluralism and understanding into their projected professions and career areas. The proposal budget can include stipends (see the [Professional Development Grant budget form](#) for guidelines).

Please also state whether you have received the support of your department chair or immediate supervisor for this project (no letter of support is required).

Proposals are due April 19. A proposal form will be made available in March 2022.

The recipients of the first two rounds of Stromseth Fund awards are:

- Trish Beckman and Kiara Jorgenson, for "Learning from Place. A Minnesotan Ecospirituality"
- Anant Rambachan, for purchase of books to be used in conjunction with a scholar's visit to Religion 248: Theologies of Religion and Interreligious Dialogue
- Gregory Walter and Deanna Thompson, for a workshop to develop courses for the new "Religion, Faith and Values" OLE Core requirement
- Ryan Dulkan: "Reading the Bible in its Jewish Context(s)"
- Alyssa Melby, Deanna Thompson, "Reimagining Service in an Interreligious Context"
- Rehanna Keshgi, "Community Engaged Somali Music and Dance Course Development Project"