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Student Newsletter

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Introducing Kierkegaard: Philosopher, Theologian, Human

With the start of another year, we were inspired to share Kierkegaard with new students. Some of our student workers—Ella, Grace, and Kiara—worked together to showcase some of the Library's rare Kierkegaard artifacts and contextualize them within his life. We begin with his baptism in Copenhagen's Church of the Holy Spirit and move through his life, ending with photographs of various memorials throughout Denmark. Highlights of the display include an 1849 first edition of the famously insightful (and difficult) *The Sickness Unto Death*, and a poetry book that Kierkegaard carried around in his breast pocket! The display is up for a few more weeks. We hope you stop by to learn a bit about our philosopher.

"To give in the slightest with regard to principles is to give them up, and to give up one's principles is to give up one's self"
-Søren Kierkegaard
The Moment p. 319

Welcome to the Kierkegaard Library, Dawna!

Please join us in welcoming Dawna Hendricks as the Kierkegaard Library Coordinator. Dawna holds a B.A. in Psychology and an M.A. in Philosophy, both from the University of Arkansas. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Sciences (MLIS) from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. In addition to library expertise, she has extensive experience teaching philosophy, including courses in Existentialism. Dawna is currently teaching a biomedical ethics course at St. Catherine University. When she is not

working, teaching, or studying, she enjoys playing flute and often performs with the Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra. She always makes time to spend with her husband and their goldendoodles Emma and Lily. Since her very first day, Dawna's passion and commitment has been apparent. We are grateful for you, Dawna!



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Summer at the Kierkegaard Library

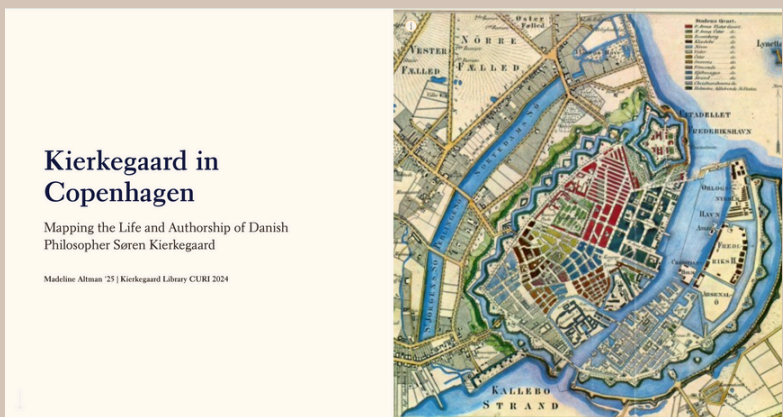
By *Chloe Revier '25*, CURI 2024 Student Researcher

Summer at the Hong Kierkegaard Library is about the flowering of connections. It is about coming together to use the Library as a vessel to ride the sea of interdisciplinary studies. I was lucky to have started my CURI project on the same day that the Kierkegaard Summer Institute began. Being able to observe this program was beautiful. The students in the Junior Research Fellows program progressed through the beginning stages, quickly developing friendships as they encouraged each other to dig deeper in thought. The Library buzzed with intellectual curiosity, each scholar focused on different aspects of Kierkegaard, taking turns proposing theses and ideas to each other. I could feel myself being motivated to think with more passion, to work with more purpose, and to appreciate things more freely. Summertime at the Kierkegaard Library is a refreshing medium for growth, connection, and knowledge.



Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (CURI) at the Kierkegaard Library

Madeline Altman '25 worked alongside Prof. Brian Söderquist to create an interactive virtual map highlighting important places in Kierkegaard's life. Using entries from Kierkegaard's journals and passages from his pseudonymous texts, Altman contextualizes Kierkegaard's thought and theory to sites throughout Copenhagen. In Altman's own words, the website combines "the biographical significance of the given



sites for Kierkegaard and includes, for each site, an introduction to a work from this authorship that is related to the site." We encourage you to take the time to enjoy her work!

Over the course of two months, **Chloe Revier '25** worked alongside Prof. Anna Söderquist to create a short documentary film about the Hong Kierkegaard Library. Around 10 minutes long, this film highlights the past, present, and future of the Library while maintaining a special focus on research opportunities and the Rare Books Collection. The



central goal of this project was to capture and tell a meaningful story about the collection. Revier researched best practices for creating a video with content from a special collection, learned how to use relevant and compelling content for video storytelling, gained skills in making and editing a video for online sharing, and practiced interviewing and information gathering.



View their CURI projects above!

Kierkegaard Library Student Workers

Kiara Fitzpatrick '25, Lead Student Worker and Publications Assistant, is from Kirkland, Washington and studies French and Philosophy. This is her third year working at the Hong Kierkegaard Library. Kiara runs the Library's social media and is excited to continue working on *The International Journal of Kierkegaard Research* this year.



Grace Heinz '25, Library Assistant, is a French and Philosophy major from Stillwater, Minnesota. This is her second year at the HKL, after her interest in existentialism was piqued following her study of Kierkegaard on the J-term in Copenhagen. This semester, she focuses on resource acquisition and cataloging our collection.

Chloe Revier '25, Media Assistant, is from Finlayson, Minnesota, and studying English and Film and Media Studies. In her first year on staff, Chloe works alongside fellow staff and faculty to create educational videos and materials to spread awareness of different aspects of the library, specifically the Rare Book Collection and the HKL's history.



Ella Nielsen '27, Generalist, is an English and Religion major from Shakopee, Minnesota. This is her first year working at the HKL. Ella is fascinated by Literature and Library Science. She is involved in social media efforts, building display cases, and general library maintenance.

Philosophy Film Club

Join like-minded cinephiles and philosophers to watch films and enjoy discussions! Past showings include films such as *Everything Everywhere All at Once*, *Stalker*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Being John Malkovich*, and more!

Check out our Instagram (@hklstolaf) for more information on future showings!

Existential Course Opportunities at St. Olaf

Are you interested in an in-depth, interdisciplinary study of existentialism? Check out the Philosophy Department's "Kierkegaard and Existentialism" integrative track!

Key themes include anxiety, despair, identity, meaning, nihilism, and freedom.

Interim 2025 Courses

PHIL 241: Philosophical Theology (B. Söderquist)
REL 225: God, Evil, and Human Suffering (D. Scopatz)

Spring 2025 Courses

PHIL 233: Kierkegaard and Existentialism (B. Söderquist)
PHIL 236: History of Modern Philosophy (A. Söderquist)
REL 207: Christian Theology & the Moral Life (P. Jochen)
REL 225: God, Evil, and Human Suffering (D. Scopatz)
REL 244: The Death of God (G. Walter)

Scholars at the Kierkegaard Library

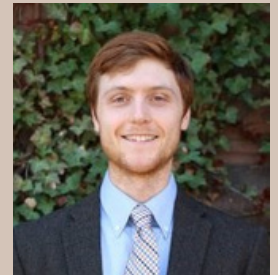
Victor M. Fernandes, Kierkegaard House Foundation Fellowship 2024-2025



Victor M. Fernandes is a Brazilian PhD in Philosophy from UNISINOS (Brazil/RS) with a focus on Kierkegaard studies. His Master's thesis, which explored Kierkegaard's critique of the Hegelian system in the *Concluding Unscientific Postscript* (1846), was chosen as the best for the Brazil 2016-2018 period by ANPOF (National Association of Graduate Studies in Philosophy). His PhD dissertation investigated Kierkegaard's relationship with the concept of "category", reconstructing a table of categories with an ontologically grounded approach. Besides Kierkegaard, his other interests include metaphysics and the works of Aristotle, Kant, Hegel, and Heidegger.

Hong Kierkegaard Library Advanced Research Fellows: Fall 2024

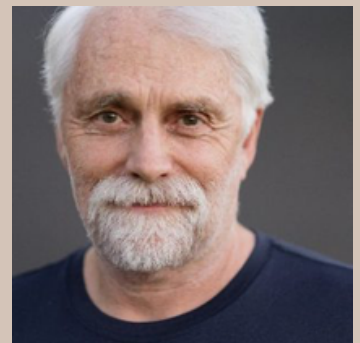
Dr. Maxwell Parlin joins us as an HKL Advanced Research Fellow from October-December. His interests unite literature, philosophy, and religion: Dostoevsky and the Russian novel, and Kierkegaard and the Existential tradition. His current book project interprets Dostoevsky's major fiction in light of Kierkegaard's concepts. Before coming to St. Olaf, he received his PhD from Princeton University.



Presley Martins, originally from Passa-Quatro, Brazil, has studied Kierkegaard since his master's program and continues this research at the doctoral level. His work delves into Kierkegaard's philosophical and theological concepts—repetition, faith, love, and hope—and their intricate relationships. He also examines Kierkegaard's use of fictional language, with the perspective that this intersection is crucial to grasping the nuances of Kierkegaard's thought.

Gordon Marino, Hong Kierkegaard Library Senior Research Fellow: 2024-25

Dr. Gordon Marino returns to the Kierkegaard Library! Dr. Marino is an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, and he was Curator of the Kierkegaard Library for nearly 20 years, retiring in 2022. His areas of specialization include History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, and, of course, Kierkegaard and Existentialism. We encourage you to take opportunity of his enthusiasm to meet with students! Email marino@stolaf.edu to make an appointment and bring any existential or Kierkegaard related questions!



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