

UF RELIGION

NEWSLETTER



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- Religion Major, **Jordan Evans** was selected as a 2025-26 CLAS University Scholar. She will be conducting research under the guidance of **Professor Poceski**. Her project explores resiliency, relationships, and religion in the garden space for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- UF Alum and Religions Minor, **Reed Jeffries**, has been accepted into law school at Northwestern. She had been given a letter of recommendation from **Erin Prophet**, a previous faculty member from the department

EVENTS

- The department will host a reception 4/25 to honor this year's Jaberg Award recipients.
- Classes at the university ended on Wednesday, 4/23. **No more school!!**



Jordan Evans



Reed Jeffries

PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Ali Altaf Mian gave an invited talk on "Spiritual Sovereignty and the Transformation of the Sufi Tradition in Modern Islam" for the Center of Middle Eastern Studies and the Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures at the University of California-Berkeley, *March 12, 2025*



PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. **Ali Altaf Mian** was invited to give a talk for the Center for South Asia and the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies at Stanford University on “Prophetic Humor: Jokes and the Practice of Tradition in Muslim South Asia”, *March 13, 2025*
- Dr. **Ali Altaf Mian** gave an invited talk on “Discipline and its Discontents: Desire as a Problem-Space in Modern Islam.” at the King Fahd Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Religious Studies Program at the University of Arkansas, *March 19, 2025*
- Dr. **Ali Altaf Mian** gave an invited talk for the Mead-Swing Lecture Series on “Genres of Desire: Poetics and Politics of Eros in Modern Islam”, *April 18, 2025*
- **Macodou Fall** joined Professor **Cheikh Anta Babou** of the University of Pennsylvania for a panel, “*New Perspectives on Mouride Dahiras*,” which discussed the role of community organizations within the Senegalese diaspora. This event was held in Baltimore, MD, as a part of the 10th Annual Convention of Shaykh Ahmadou Bamba Foundation of North America (FONCAB), *April 19, 2025*

PUBLICATIONS

- Religion Minor **Peyton Harris** and co-author **Aayushi Patel** wrote an article, “Academic Freedom Under Scrutiny: Legal and Educational Implications of Florida’s Higher Education Reforms.” Their article has been accepted by the *Harvard Undergraduate Law Review* and will be published in May 2025. Their research was conducted with the support of the University Scholars’ Program Award, for Peyton, and a Haskell Fellowship from the Bob Graham Center, for Aayushi, both of whom were mentored by **Dr. Anna Peterson**.

