

## Dr Brent Hagerman

Religion and culture is thrilled to celebrate Dr. Hagerman's 100<sup>th</sup> course.

Dr. Hagerman is an incredibly versatile instructor.

He has taught a wide range of classes in multiple departments and multiple faculties at Laurier, and via diverse modes of delivery, including in-person, VA, and VS.

A partial list of the courses he has taught just in the Department of Religion and Culture includes:

"Evil and its Symbols" (RE104)

"Studying Religion" (RE104)

"Christianity and Modernity on Television"

"Religion and Popular Culture" (RE220)

"Gendering the Divine" (RE224/WS224)

"Religion and Culture of the African Diaspora" (RE285)

R&C's Capstone Research seminar (RE407)

And of course, what is probably the most popular 300-level course on campus (and perhaps the only online course in Arts at the 300-level that fills up fastest) "Religion and Sexuality" (RE374).

Note that the preceding list does not include several courses that are no longer in the catalog which no one remembers except him and hundreds of future artists and agronomists, writers and researchers; priests and politicians.

Across all those courses, Brent has brought energy and defended integrity.

He has promoted justice for contract faculty as a past negotiator for WLUFA.

It should be no irony that the professor now famous for teaching "Religion and Popular Culture" is himself so popular.

In the words of a member of his doctoral committee, Dr. Carol Duncan, "Brent is a teacher, scholar, musician and music journalist. He brings his interdisciplinary scholarship and multiple professional experiences to teaching and pedagogy. He is a dedicated professor who focuses on his students' development."

"Brent has published books on King Yellowman (resulting from dissertation research) and Bob Marley."

His teaching has even brought Laurier courses some fame *outside* of Laurier: "Brent's *History of Rock* course was featured in the Waterloo Record newspaper back in 2021."

On the occasion of this proud achievement, the entire department of Religion and Culture is proud to congratulate Dr. Brent Hagerman for his long and continuing contributions!

Thank you, Brent.

Submitted by: Erich Fox Tree