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2024–2026 Young Scholars in American Religion Cohort Members

Ten scholars have been chosen to join the 2024-2026 cohort for the Young Scholars in American Religion program. The cohort brings with them vast professional experiences and research interests relating to the study of American Religion. During their two years in the program, these scholars will be mentored by R. Marie Griffith and Kristy Nabhan-Warren.

Meet the 2024-2026 Cohort Members



**Kevin M.
Burton**
Andrews
University



**Samah
Choudhury**
University of
Chicago



Aaron Griffith
Duke Divinity
School



**Matthew
Harris**
University of
Chicago
Divinity School



**Candace
Lukasik**
Mississippi
State University



**Adeana
McNicholl**
Vanderbilt
University



**Carolina
Ortega**
Indiana
University,
Bloomington



**Sarah
Riccardi-
Swartz**
Northeastern
University



**Andrew
Walker-
Cornetta**
Georgia State
University



**Kayla Renée
Wheeler**
Xavier
University

To learn more about the newest Young Scholars cohort and short biographies of each member, please click the link below.

2024-2026 Cohort Member Bios

The Young Scholars program is designed to support the next generation of leading teachers and scholars in American religion, who are already at work in our colleges and universities today. Made possible through a grant from Lilly Endowment, the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture assists these early career scholars in the improvement of their teaching and research and in the development of professional communities. In addition to its historic concentration on teaching and research, the Young Scholars Program now includes sessions devoted to such other professional topics as constructing a tenure portfolio, publication, grant writing, and department politics.

Join Us for Religion & Antisemitism

The first episode of [Religion &](#) season 5 will take place live via Zoom on Thursday, September 19, at 3 p.m. Please join us for a conversation at the intersection of religion, American culture, and the history of antisemitism. This panel will feature the authors of and experts featured on the podcast *Antisemitism, U.S.A.* to discuss the long history of antisemitism and how the fields of religious studies and American religious history think through the significance of that form of discrimination and violence in relation to the rest of American history.

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