Dr. Marcela Mendoza (Gender and Women’s Studies; above, left) will discuss tribal warfare among hunter-gatherers in the Bolivian Gran Chaco region as well as indigenous alliances there that resisted settlers’ encroachment on their lands in the 19th century. Dr. Matt Nielsen (Global and International Studies; above, right) will discuss how a critical rereading of colonial Spanish accounts of indigenous violence in northeastern South America can expose colonial propaganda and shed new light on indigenous peoples’ territoriality and politics.

Dr. Vyacheslav (Slava) Karpov (Sociology; pictured above, left) will discuss how Ukraine’s post-Soviet resurgence of religions has generated a pluralistic and tolerant atmosphere in the country today. Drawing from his work on Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, Henry Ford, and John E. Fetzer, Dr. Brian Wilson (Comparative Religion; pictured above, right) will discuss the use of spiritual biography to explore the religious diversity of the Midwest.