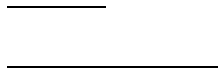


## **FYRA Descriptions 2024-2025**



**Position Title: First Year Research Scholar in Religion, Gender, and/or Environmental Humanities**

**Criteria: The Wittenberg University Department of Religion will offer a First Year Research Award for the academic year 2024- 2025 to an incoming student to work with Prof. Travis Rector. This student will have a demonstrated academic ability and/or research interest in Religion, Gender, Animal Studies, and/or Environmental History.**

**Expectations: FYRA Scholarship recipients will devote between 6 and 8 hours per week across their first year to FYRA program and their research related project, according to the FYRA Learning Contract agreed upon by the sponsoring professor and the scholarship recipient. Recipients will also be expected to participate in a regular meeting of FYRA recipients, present their results in an appropriate forum and submit a copy of their presentation to the appropriate university office. FYRA Scholarship recipients will also participate in an assessment of the FYRA program. (The FYRA Scholarship is not part of a student's work study award)**

**Research Activity: The First Year Research Award recipient will assist Dr. Travis Rector, Assistant Professor of Religion, in his research on early Christian depictions of Jesus of Nazareth, as understood through perspectives drawn from religious studies, gender studies, and the environmental humanities. The FYRA Scholarship recipient will have the opportunity to be involved in many aspects of Dr. Rector's research, which may include: archival and library research, resource searches via electronic databases, literature review, and other research activities.**