This interdisciplinary initiative builds on existing networks between faculty, students, community members, and other professionals with research, teaching, and service interests in religion’s contribution to the common good.

**The Religion and the Common Good Seminar explores:**

- The ways religious communities reach beyond the bounds of their own community to benefit people of other faiths or of no particular faith.
- What constitutes the common good from a religious faith perspective.
- Differences between religions in approaching various common goods.
- How religions prevent or promote common goods within society or segments of society.
- Religious teachings and practices that motivate members to seek the good of others, and inter-religious service for the common good.
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Z. Miller Learning Center — Rm 150  
*Religion Courses, Self-Authorship, and the Pursuit of the Common Good* |
| Dr. Robert L. Foster (Lecturer, Department of Religion, UGA) and Josh Patterson (PhD Student, Institute of Higher Education, UGA) |
| **SESSION TWO:** October 17, 2017 — 7pm  
Z. Miller Learning Center — Rm 248  
*Universal Compassion: Modern Buddhists and Altruism* |
| Gen Monrub (Resident Teacher, Kadampa Meditation Center, Atlanta) |
| **SESSION THREE:** Nov. 14, 2017 — 7pm  
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| Hisham Qureshi  
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| Darris Means  
(Associate Professor, College of Education, UGA) |
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*Augustine on Love, Conflict, and the Goods We Hold in Common* |
| Richard Miller, Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Religious Ethics, University of Chicago. |
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UGA Student Panel |