

## **What Things Can You Do with an Expertise in the Academic Study of Religion in the World of Work?**

**Short answer:** Anything you want!

**Long Answer:** Based on a survey of SBC graduates the range of careers after 1909 is unlimited: 8 Lawyers

- 6 Independent authors
- 6 Clergy
- 10 PhDs. in Religion
- 7 Doctors and medical practitioners
- 25 Secondary and Primary school teachers
- 12 Public Service (U.S. and state governments)
- 7 International service agents
- 3 Publishers
- 2 Journalists
- 7 Artists
- 3 Gallery owners
- 10 Private Business owners

### **What are the skills you obtain?**

Religion is a centering phenomenon, i.e. it seeks to establish its worldview at the center of societies. By understanding how religions do this in multiple contexts, students acquire the following skills:

1. Historical frame of reference -dynamism of human constructions over time
2. Sociological frame of reference
3. Psychological frame of reference
4. Humanistic frame of reference - anti-scientific and anti- reductionist
5. Understanding of cultural values and value formations
6. Area studies and language expertise (cultural studies)
7. Philosophical skills: analysis, inductive and deductive logic
8. Dialectical skills - how religion interacts with other ways of knowing and social constructions over time
9. Diversity sensitivity and management skills- art of negotiation