

RELIGION AROUND BILLIE HOLIDAY

The Piediscalzi Lecture in Religion and American Culture



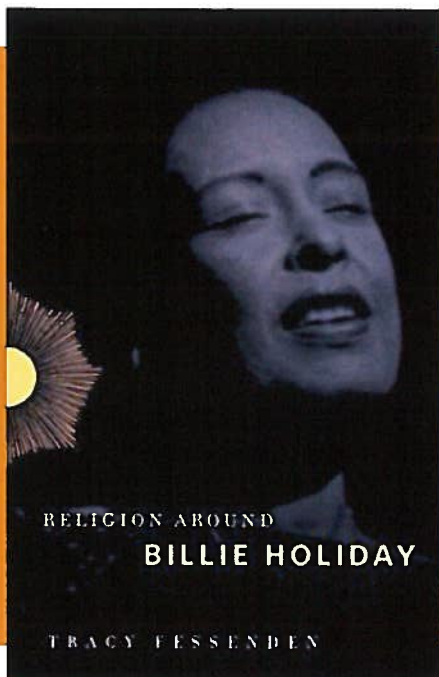
Thursday, March 29
3:30–5 p.m.

Endeavour Room
156A–B Student Union

Tracy Fessenden, Ph.D., is The Steve and Margaret Forster Professor in Comparative Mythology at Arizona State University. She will discuss the surprising ways in which famed jazz singer Billie Holiday and her music were shaped by religion. Her multimedia presentation will explore Holiday's biography as well as the history of race and American music. Fessenden is the author of *Religion Around Billie Holiday*, published in 2018.

Please join us for a conversation about this remarkable topic. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Department of Religion at (937) 775-2274 or wright.edu/drpc.



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