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John G. Turner and Edward Rhodes Named 2016-17 Fenwick Fellows

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Dean of Libraries and University Librarian John Zenelis has announced that, due to the exceptionally high caliber of the applicant pool's research proposals, the Fenwick Fellow



committee has selected two recipients to receive the award for 2016-2017. The new Fenwick Fellows are Dr. John G. Turner, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences; and Dr. Edward Rhodes, Professor of Government and International Affairs, Schar School of Policy and Government.

Professor Turner's research proposal, *They Knew They Were Pilgrims: Plymouth Colony and the Making of American Liberty*, is a current book project under contract with Yale University Press and set for publication in 2020, the four hundredth anniversary of the *Mayflower*. The project uses the history of the Plymouth Colony Pilgrims to explore themes such as religious persecution and refugees, religious and political liberty, and conflict between Christian purity and religious pluralism.



With his project, *Digital Curatorship of Historical Documentation: The Rise and Fall of Liberal Republican Foreign Policy, 1920-1932*, Professor Rhodes anticipates creating a fully searchable digital collection of primary documents dealing with American foreign policy during the 1920-1932 period; an edited and annotated compilation of key documents from this period, designed for pedagogical purposes as well as research; and a scholarly monograph documenting and explaining the intellectual roots and principle policy features of American foreign policy during this period.

Professors Turner and Rhodes will present the results of their work in spring 2018 at the annual Fenwick Fellow Lecture hosted by the University Libraries.

ABOUT THE FENWICK FELLOWSHIP:

The Fenwick Fellowship is awarded annually to a Mason tenured, tenure-track, or multi-year appointment term faculty member to pursue a research project that uses and enhances the University Libraries' resources while advancing knowledge in his or her field. The winning proposal(s) is recommended to the Dean of Libraries and University Librarian by a six-member selection committee including three instructional faculty members and three librarians, with one of the Associate University Librarians serving as administrative coordinator. The recipient(s) is provided with a fully equipped and furnished research office in Fenwick Library and an award of \$5,000 to support the recipient's research project. The terms for this year's Fellows begin on August 29, 2016 and will end on August 11, 2017.

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