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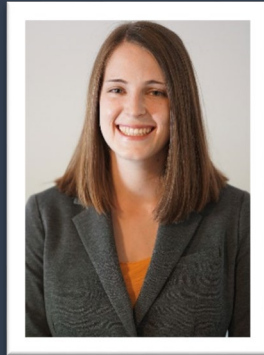
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Boyer 130, 4:00-5:00 pm

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Liberation Theology:

*The Power of Religion in  
Revolutionary Movements*

By Kate Preudhomme, Dec. '20



*This thesis examines the role of liberation theology in the Nicaraguan revolution of 1979. It analyzes the impact of the theology on the political conscientization of the Nicaraguan people. Ultimately, this thesis seeks to counter the assumption that religion invariably acts as a conservative political force.*



**Religious Unity and Good Governance:  
Examining France and the US' Treatment  
of Muslims**

By Jairus Kuplen, Dec. '20



In this presentation  
Jairus will examine  
how France and the  
United States have  
reacted to growing

domestic Muslim populations, and, in turn, analyze the effects of these countries' policies on religious expressions and political discourse. This presentation will take a comparative look at each state's philosophy and governance in order to examine which policies are beneficial, and extrapolate larger lessons on peacebuilding and developing national identities. Ultimately, as the religious demographics in the US become more diverse, with this presentation Jairus explores how our government should posit itself to promote harmony and enhance our democracy.

