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The preliminary research for the “Sacred in the Suburbs” project began in May 2012.

The main focus has been to chart the diversity of religious architecture in Nassau

County. This research has been completed by two Hofstra students under the direction

of Professor Sophie Hawkins in the Department of Religion. Rebecca Gianarkis

(Religious Studies and Philosophy) and Dan Jones (Fine Arts) have worked

collaboratively to produce a website that foregrounds the architecture of Quaker

Meeting Houses, Russian Orthodox Churches, Hindu Mandirs and Islamic Masjids and

cultural centres. The Diversity Grant has thus enabled students the opportunity for

meaningful, socially-engaged research, and furthered their skills of negotiating cultural

difference.