

Arts, Literature, and Religion

Proposals are invited for presentations on the following themes: world religions and world literature; Dante and interpretations of Dante in literature, art, and film; religion, ethics, and film; sacred space and architecture; contested representations (or misrepresentations) of religion in media and film; utopia, apocalypse, and the eschaton in art, literature, and film. We also welcome papers for an open session in arts, literature and religion. All presentations should be 25-30 minutes. Please send multimedia requests with your proposal. Email submissions strongly encouraged. Send proposals to:

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Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion

The Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion section has an open call for papers. Papers and proposals in relation to all aspects of Asian religious practice and thought, both historical and contemporary, are invited. However, papers in the areas of "Asian religions and medicine" and continuing our discussions on "Islam after September 11" are of special interest. Papers related to religious art in Asia and those that employ audio-visual equipment are also welcome. (Overhead projectors and slide projectors may be available if requested before March 1, 2004. If using a Power Point presentation please make your own arrangement for a data projector). Send proposals to:

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Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis

Papers or panel discussion proposals are invited on any topic in ethics or cultural analysis including: social ethics, biomedical ethics, theological ethics, the history of ethics, ethical issues in church-state relations, the use of Scripture in ethics. Also of interest are reflection on the global military situation, globalization, and issues of just-war and pacifism. Send proposals to:

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History of Christianity

The History of Christianity section has an open call for papers. All submissions in the field of History of Christianity will be considered, but papers in the following areas are of special interest: Augustine of Hippo; war and peace issues; ecumenism; church and state issues; Christianity in the Southwest (region of the U.S.); Hispanic Christianity; historical methodology and historiography. For a joint session with the Philosophy of Religion and Theology section, we invite submissions on the impact of eschatology on the development of Christian thought and practice. Send proposals for this joint session to the chairs of both sections. Send proposals to:

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Philosophy of Religion and Theology

Proposals are invited in all areas in philosophy of religion or in theology. Possible topics include (but are not limited to) the following: theology of gender or sexuality, the interaction between philosophy of religion and philosophy of science, and the theological dimensions of Christian dialogue with other religions. For a joint session with the History of Christianity section, we invite submissions on the impact of eschatology on the development of Christian thought and practice. Send proposals for this joint session to the chairs of both sections. Proposals involving multiple presentations or panel discussions (no more than 3 participants) focused upon a single topic, figure, or publication will be especially welcome (either have each panelist provide an abstract, which is preferred, or supply credentials of panelists). Proposals featuring interdisciplinary or inter-institutional participation, and which promise to stimulate productive discussion, will be favored. Proposals for individual presentations will also be given serious consideration. Proposals should be brief (not more than 2 pages), with the title of presentation and some sense of the argument. Include a return address, contact number, and, if possible, an e-mail address. Please do not submit proposals as e-mail attachments; paste them into the body of the e-mail. Submit proposals to:

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Reflections on the Teaching of Religion

Proposals are invited for presentations during a Sunday morning session on the topic of pedagogical innovations and strategies for incorporating the study of women, gender, and/or sexuality into religious studies classrooms. Especially welcome are proposals concerning creative classroom exercises/assignments, effective curriculum design, negotiating student resistance, and navigating relationships between advocacy and objectivity in the classroom. Submit proposals to:

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Theta Alpha Kappa

Student members of Theta Alpha Kappa chapters in the Southwest Region are invited to submit papers for presentation at the regional meeting. Open to all topics. One session will be devoted to the best papers. Submissions must come from the chapter advisor and include the presenter's name, the entire paper (preferred) or an abstract of the paper (acceptable) and name of the school. Submissions must be made electronically to:

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