



CALL FOR PAPERS

BOSTON COLLEGE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE *on the* HISTORY OF RELIGION

MARCH 23-24, 2018

Representing Religion

From illuminated manuscripts to Buddhist stupas to the Pope's twitter account, the representation of religion has taken many forms over time. Further, the question of who represents religion -- lay people or priests, men or women, believers or non-believers -- has been a central debate. This conference seeks to explore the varied formats, means, and meanings behind how religion is represented in art, culture, the media, and practice. By exploring themes ranging from authority and politics to pedagogy, reception and format, this conference will examine the history of religious representation in public and private spheres from the medieval to the modern period.

We welcome proposals for individual papers and full panels, from both established scholars and graduate students in all academic disciplines, on topics that consider the representations of religion throughout history. We hope to include papers that explore these questions in Christian and non-Christian contexts alike, and encompass a wide geographic scope. Suggested themes for papers include, but are not limited to,

- Secular representations of religion
- Religious art and architecture
- Visual and written interpretations of other religions
- Public history and pedagogy
- Material culture
- Race and religion
- Gender and sexuality
- Politics and the public sphere
- Religious and secular media
- Religious practice and ritual

Individual paper proposals should include a 300-word proposal, paper title, and a one-page CV. Panel proposals for two to three presenters should include a 250-word panel abstract (including panel title), a 300-word proposal for each individual paper (including paper title), and a one-page CV for each presenter.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 15, 2017.

Please submit your proposals to the conference committee at bchistoryofreligion@gmail.com. Further conference details including a schedule, registration form, and travel information will be available at a later date.

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