



## 2011 Southwest Regional Meeting

**March 4–6, 2011  
Marriott Hotel, DFW Airport  
Irving, Texas, USA**

The Southwest Commission on Religious Studies invites members of constituent organizations to submit paper proposals for the 2011 Regional Meeting. Proposals should be submitted to the person designated in each Section. Please indicate if the proposal is being submitted to more than one Section. Proposals may be submitted to more than one Section, but in order to accommodate as many people as possible, papers must not be read more than once during the meeting. Unless otherwise indicated, the deadline for paper proposal submission is October 11, 2010.

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### **Arts, Literature, and Religion**

The Arts, Literature, and Religion Section invites proposals for papers, or panels of papers, on any topic concerning the intersection of the arts, literature, and religion. Of special interest are those pertaining to the teaching of art and literature in religious studies courses or of religion in art or literature courses; papers that conduct reviews of current books addressing the

intersection of the arts, literature, and religion; and papers examining the intersection of the arts, literature, and religion in popular culture. Proposals for papers or panels should not exceed 500 words and should include title, brief description, and an indication of the main arguments of the presentation (Word attachment preferable). Send proposals to Katherine Downey, The Hockaday School, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:kdowney@hockaday.edu).

### **Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion**

The Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion Section invites paper proposals on any topic concerning all aspects of Asian religious practice and thought, both historical and contemporary. However, papers in the areas of teaching Asian religions; sex and gender; Islam; and religion and altered states of consciousness (trance, possession, psychotropic drugs) are especially encouraged. Proposals should not exceed 500 words and should include a title, brief description, and an indication of the main arguments of the presentation. Submission by Word attachment is preferable. If using a PowerPoint presentation, please bring your laptop and make your own arrangements for a data projector. Please let Mark Dennis know if you have any special audiovisual requests. Send proposals to Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:mark.dennis@tcu.edu).

### **Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis**

Proposals for papers and panel discussions are invited on any topic intersecting ethics, society, and cultural analysis, including: ethics, pedagogy, and race; Christian social ethics; Jewish ethics; Islamic ethical perspectives; and Buddhist ethics. Topics of interest also include constructive treatments of contemporary ethical issues, such as poverty and economic justice, health care, immigration bioethics, environmental ethics, ecofeminism, ecowomanism, medical ethics, bioethics, theological ethics, sexual ethics, and the use of Scripture or tradition in ethics are also invited. Also of interest are reflections on globalization, interreligious ethical discourse, interdisciplinary methods in ethics, Womanist ethics, Mujerista theological ethics, Latina/o ethics, Native and indigenous religious ethical perspectives, LGBT ethics, and Feminist ethics. Send proposals to Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:melanie.l.harris@tcu.edu).

### **History of Christianity**

The History of Christianity Section has an open call for papers. All submissions in the field will be considered, but papers that deal historically with the following themes are of special interest: hospitality; marriage and family; and war and violence. Reflections on a particular historical methodology used in one's research are also encouraged for a roundtable discussion. Proposals for regular panels or the roundtable should not exceed 500 words and should include title, brief description, and an indication of the main contents of the presentation. Send proposals to Elizabeth Flowers, Texas Christian University, [flowers@tcu.edu](mailto:flowers@tcu.edu). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

### **Philosophy of Religion and Theology**

Proposals are invited in all areas of philosophy of religion or theology. Proposals involving multiple presentations or panel discussions (no more than three participants) focused upon a single topic, figure, or publication will be especially welcomed. Either have each panelist provide an abstract (preferred) or supply credentials of panelists. Proposals that feature interdisciplinary or inter-institutional participation, and that promise to stimulate productive discussion, will be favored. Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words, and the preferable means of submission is a Microsoft Word attachment. Send proposals to Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma, [huskey@ou.edu](mailto:huskey@ou.edu). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

### **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: 1) The presenter's name and contact information; 2) The entire paper (preferred) or an abstract of the paper (acceptable); 3) The name of the school; and 4) Venue for which the paper was prepared (i.e., honors project, senior thesis, etc.). In the event that there are more proposals than can fit in one session, local chapter advisors may be asked to select the one best submission from their schools. Submit proposals to Derek Dodson, Baylor University, [dodson@baylor.edu](mailto:dodson@baylor.edu). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .