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Friday, November 16, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM

McCormick Place North – 140

Steve Young, McHenry County College, Presiding

There are few times in the history of the United States in which the study of religion has been more important than it is today. But this is also a time in which the study of religion faces much discussed challenges. Increasingly, departmental leaders are pressured (for example) to rely more heavily on part-time faculty, to reduce their budgets, to become more efficient by increasing class sizes or numbers of majors, and to present purely utilitarian arguments on behalf of the importance of studying religion.

Designed for both novice and seasoned department leaders, the 2012 Leadership Workshop brings together seasoned experts who will highlight some of the most successful responses to the pressures faced by the leaders of religious studies (along with humanities and social science) departments. In plenaries, panels, and breakout sections, participants in this workshop will identify practical skills and learn more about the best ways for departments to create situations in which the study of religion can survive and flourish.

Panelists:

Joseph Favazza, Stonehill College

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

Edwin David Aponte, New York Theological Seminary

Courtney Bender, Columbia University

Ted Trost, University of Alabama

Rosetta Ross, Spelman College

The cost for the workshop is \$60, which includes registration and a meal. The cost of the registration fee is [this form](#)