

Call for Proposals

This Group invites submissions on the following themes:

- For a possible cosponsored session with the [Indigenous Religious Traditions Group](#), we invite papers on the intersection of contemporary indigenous traditions and paganism related to indigeneity, authenticity, and legitimacy. These may, for example, analyze how claims of indigenous status are used in relationship with political and theological issues or how groups deploy strategies around the issue of "authenticity"

- The major metaphors of any religious tradition speak to ways humans connect with the Divine. Ancient — and some contemporary — forms of Paganism frequently employed notions of sacrifice and reciprocity. Modern Wicca, to name one tradition, consciously rejects the notion of sacrifice and replaces it with sexual intercourse as a metaphor both of internal psychological integration and as cosmic creation and fertility, from the Great Rite to the Dance of the Maypole. We invite papers on how these metaphors persist, interact, and manifest within historical and contemporary Paganism and how they frame interactions among participants

- Is there really such a thing as Pagan "theology," or is the term itself too embedded within an Abrahamic religious context? Should Pagan theology more accurately be described as praxology, or theories of Pagan praxis? What would Pagan praxology look like and how would it advance our understanding of religion?

Mission

This Group provides a place for scholars interested in pursuing studies in this newly developing and interdisciplinary field and puts them in direct communication with one another in the context of a professional meeting. New scholars are welcomed and supported while existing scholars are challenged to improve their work and deepen the level of conversation. By liaising with other AAR Program Units, this Group creates opportunities to examine the place of Pagan religions within a hypermodern society and to examine how other religions may intersect with the

dynamic and mutable religious communities that make up Paganism today.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposals are **anonymous** to Chairs and steering committee members until **after** final acceptance/rejection.

Questions?

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