Religion and Culture in the Americas Seminar

2021-2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS Submission
Deadline: Friday, June 4, 2021

The Religion and Culture in the Americas Seminar explores topics in religion and culture broadly from interdisciplinary perspectives including social history, biography, cultural studies, visual and material culture, urban studies, and the history of ideas. We are interested in how religious belief has affected society, rather than creedal- or theological focused studies.

The Seminar provides an opportunity for scholars to share papers that use new methods, unveil archival discoveries, and offer new interpretations. Two scholars whose work enriches or compliments their own may consider submitting proposals for a paired presentation. Papers are pre-circulated. Presenters make a 10 to 15 minute presentation followed by a short commentary by a scholar in the field, followed by a discussion with seminar participants. The Newberry is unable to provide funds for travel and lodging for presenters and respondents, but can assist in locating discounted accommodations.

The seminar typically meets on selected Fridays from 3:00-4:30 pm. In AY 2021-2022, some sessions will be held online and some may meet at the Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, Illinois.

The Seminar’s organizers for 2021-2022 are: Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame; Karen Johnson, Wheaton College; Malachy McCarthy, Claretian Missionaries Archives; Rima Lunin Schultz, Independent Scholar; Christopher Allison, the McGreal Center at Dominican University; and Kevin Schultz, University of Illinois Chicago. For more about the seminar please visit our website: http://www.newberry.org/newberry-seminar-religion-and-culture-

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at https://www.newberry.org/seminar-proposalform and upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining the relationship of the paper to your other work, your goal in presenting, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via e-mail.

The Religion and Culture in the Americas Seminar is co-sponsored by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, the McGreal Center at Dominican University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Wheaton College.