Call for Proposals

This Group invites individual paper and group proposals on any aspect of Native traditions in the Americas — North, Central, and South. We especially encourage proposals in the following areas (topics not listed in order of importance):

- Native ethical categories — i.e., reciprocity, hospitality, interrelatedness

- Native traditions in urban centers — Chicago or elsewhere

- Negotiating boarding school grief and/or historical trauma

- Religious traditions in the Midwestern United States, including the 250th anniversary of Pontiac’s War

- Contemporary Native leadership and religious revitalization

- Prophecy and the spiritual implications of 2012 — for possible cosponsorship with the Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group
- Representation and/or appropriation of Native traditions in media, popular culture, and society

- The role of museums, exhibitions, and expositions in the study, teaching, and representation of Native religious traditions

- The marginalization of traumatic and genocidal histories in the academy — for possible cosponsorship with the Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
Mission

This Group sees its mission as the promotion of the study of Native American religious traditions and thereby the enrichment of the academic study of religion generally, by engaging in discourse about culturally-centered theories and encouraging multiple dialogues at the margins of Western and non-Western cultures and scholarship. The Group is committed to fostering dialogue involving Native and non-Native voices in the study of North, Central, and South American Native religious traditions and to engaging religious studies scholarship in robust conversation with scholarship on other facets of Native cultures and societies.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are visible to Chairs but anonymous to steering committee members.

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Method of Submission