Analysis of academic norms for the study of religion focuses on the construction of a secondary discourse that accomplishes the following: 1) Treats all religious phenomena as primary sources; i.e., the object of study; 2) Adheres to common academic practices in the humanities and social sciences, as appropriate for the research question under investigation; and 3) Incorporates self-critical reflection on the problematic of scholarly, secondary discourse vis-a-vis the primary, intramural discourse of the people and practices studied. These three goals are necessary to adequately formulate the study of religion as a discipline of scholarship in alignment with the humanities, social sciences, and sciences.

The readings and discussion questions for each segment listed below are posted here.

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and Katja Rakow, University of Heidelberg
*The Problem of "Genuine Religion" and Dominant Normative Claims*

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, and Monica Miller, Lewis and Clark College
*Analytical Research in the Eye of a Normative Claims Storm*

Jorunn Buckley, Bowdoin College, and Robert Baum, University of Missouri
*Human Rights and Researcher Responsibilities toward Threatened or Minority Populations*

Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama, and Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
*Falsifiability, Objectivity, Method, Theory, and Norms*
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