Call for Proposals

This Group solicits proposals in the following areas:

- For a cosponsored session with the Interreligious Interfaith Studies Group, in a religiously diverse world, increasingly people from different religious traditions are coming together to create coalitions to protect and restore their local ecosystems. We invite proposals exploring the impact of this intersection of environmentalism and interfaith cooperation on environmentally-oriented spiritualities and/or the spirituality of particular religious traditions. Proposals that include alternative formats or modalities for engaging these questions (beyond a twenty-minute paper) are particularly welcome
- For a cosponsored session with the Korean Religious Group, Christian spirituality in Korea as well as in other parts of East Asia manifested in the past or the present embodied, for example, in beliefs, events, persons, practices, or experiences. We especially encourage proposals that discuss how Christian spirituality has been influenced by the religious and sociopolitical context of Korea/East Asia, whether through conscious or unconscious adaptation or through outright reaction against it. Proposals that compare Korean and other East Asian forms of Christian spirituality are also welcome
- Ethnography and ethnographic studies as a methodological lens for the study of Christian spirituality. The intrinsically interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary character of Christian spirituality as an academic discipline is by now well established. As the field matures we seek engagement with bodies of knowledge and disciplinary methodologies not yet extensively employed in the study of spirituality. Papers may treat any expression of lived religious experience; however, proposals should clearly articulate the project's grounding in ethnographic methodology/ies and make clear as well how the field of Christian spirituality will shape research question/s and analysis of findings
- Henry David Thoreau famously wrote, "In wildness is the preservation of the world." Was he right? If so, what are the implications for Christian spirituality? We solicit proposals that explore the relation of wilderness, wildness, or the wild however defined and Christian spiritual experience

Mission

This Group serves as a forum for scholars working in the interdisciplinary field of Christian spirituality. It is committed to the following:

- Developing, refining, and demonstrating appropriate methodologies for the academic study of spirituality
- Exploring models for describing and facilitating interdisciplinary conversation on the nature of spirituality among religion scholars of all perspectives and religions
 - Initiating discussion in the field of global spirituality, both religious and secular
 - Articulating the connections between scholarship and spiritual practice
 - Insuring diversity in denominational affiliation, gender, race, and ethnic backgrounds
- Focusing on the retrieval and contemporary assimilation of issues of central interest to the field itself

Our AAR sessions and panels are intended to expand dialogue, understanding, research, writing, and teaching in the area of spirituality in general, and of Christian spirituality in particular.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs but **anonymous** to Steering Committee members.

Questions?

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