

Religion and Culture in the Americas Seminar

2020-2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 15, 2020

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. The discussion is open to the 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 will meet on selected Fridays during the academic year, 3-5 pm, at the Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, Illinois. The Seminar's organizers for 2020-2021 are: Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame; Karen Johnson, Wheaton College; Malachy McCarthy, Claretian Missionaries Archives; Rima Lunin Schultz, Independent Scholar; Deborah Kanter, Albion College; and Kevin Schultz, University of Illinois Chicago. For more about the seminar please visit our website: <https://www.newberry.org/newberry-seminar-religion-and-culture-americas>

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at <https://www.newberry.org/seminar-proposal-form> 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.

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