

CALL FOR PAPERS

Annual Meeting • Oct. 31 - Nov 1, 2008 • Chicago, IL

Submission of themed panels, that engage important theoretical issues in the academic study of religion (both historical and contemporary), is preferred and NAASR is particularly interested in the themes of:

- (De)Secularization and “Integrism(e)”: the history of *Integrisme* is connected to French Catholic theological ideas about the state. However, we are now seeing widespread movements toward the re-integration of religion and the state: the revival of political theology; entrenched political institutions founded in religious anthropologies and cosmologies. NAASR invites papers on such re-configurations and re-imaginings of state, citizen, and religion in the light of these realities.
- The Role of Biblical Studies in Academic Religious Studies and/or the role of Theology (including non-Biblical theologies) in Academic Religious Studies.
- The Testability of Cognitive theories, particularly the question of the symbiotic vs. parasitic nature of religion as evolutionary adaptation. What assumptions are built in to this discourse?

Panels on other themes and individual paper proposals are also welcome.

Proposals for panels must be submitted to the address below and must include the name of the organizer, who will be responsible to ensure communication and coordination between panelists. Panel proposals must include a title for the panel, a short statement of the topic under consideration and its significance for the academic study of religion. Proposals must also include a list of proposed readers of papers, their paper titles, and abstracts of their papers including the name of the session's chair and/or respondent. Individual paper proposals must include the name of the presenter, a proposed title, and abstract for the paper.

In making your proposal, please note the time constraints: proposed panels must fit into a session of approximately two hours. Special consideration will be given to panels that include only three papers and a respondent, thus leaving time for general discussion of the issues presented.

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E-mail submissions are preferred and will be accepted until April 15, 2008

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