



"Theological Research and The Church"

A Graduate Workshop-Conference | March 21-23, 2014 | Boston University School of Theology

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Center for Practical Theology and the School of Theology Doctoral Student Association are excited to announce its second graduate conference:

The theme, "Theological Research and The Church" seeks to explore growing trends in contemporary ecclesiological reflection with a particular emphasis on the relationship between empirical studies and systematic reflections. This student-led conference will be organized around four streams of inquiry: Ecclesiology and Ethnography; Feminism and The Church; Sociological Perspectives on Congregations; and Contemporary Catholic Ecclesiology.

The format of the conference is intended to help graduate students advance their work through inter-disciplinary engagement with scholars and colleagues in roundtable dialogs, interviews, and collaborative workshops.

Roundtables will bring doctoral students together, along with faculty for responses, for presentations and generative dialog on each stream of inquiry.

Workshops will facilitate opportunities for related student works-in-progress to receive constructive feedback from a faculty and other graduate students.

Faculty participants will include leading scholars from Boston area schools as well as from across the US and UK.

Participate!

Student participants will be limited and selective with priority given to those currently engaged in research on the church. All meals will be provided during the conference and limited scholarships will be provided to help with housing and travel costs.

Call For Papers and Workshops | Deadline: February 21, 2014

All papers presentations must contribute to one or more of the four roundtables (broadly construed): (1) Ecclesiology and Ethnography, (2) Feminism and the Church; (3) Congregational Studies; or (4) Contemporary Catholic Ecclesiology.

Paper proposals should include a 500-word abstract along with a 250-word rationale for how the paper will contribute to the roundtable you hope to participate in.

Workshops may either (1) propose a topic beyond the scope of the roundtables or (2) take up a practical skill related to furthering research on the church. Proposals for workshops may be proposed individually or in panel up to 4 participants.

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