Ways of Knowing:
Fourth Annual Graduate Conference on Religion
at Harvard Divinity School
October 22-24, 2015

Would you like to design a mini-conference without the worries of publicity, funding, and organization? The fourth annual "Ways of Knowing" conference, the graduate conference on religion at Harvard Divinity School, seeks Boston-area doctoral students who are interested in designing and moderating a special topic module for this year's conference in October 2015.

A special topic module functions like a mini-conference within the larger event. A module is organized around a specific theme pertaining to the study of religion, and is composed of three to five panels related to this theme. Each module thus gathers a group of 12-20 graduate students from around the world who are writing on a particular theme, question, or approach to the study of religion, and provides the opportunity for deeper reflection, conversation, and connection among this group.

Successful module topics will be widely circulated as part of the broader Ways of Knowing Call for Papers. Conference staff will be responsible for all aspects of conference organization (including publicity, communication with panelists, program construction, logistics, etc.). As module organizer(s), you will be responsible for:

1) Reviewing all paper proposals submitted to your module. You will select the strongest proposals and organize panels from them. This review process will begin on July 1st and will be completed by July 31st.
2) Chairing the panel sessions for your module, which includes introducing the speakers and moderating Q&A.

We are also open to working with module organizers to facilitate intellectual exchange among panelists before, during, and after the conference. This might include pre-circulating papers for certain panels, scheduling a time for panelists to meet informally during the conference, or offering the possibility of sharing contact information among module panelists.

If you have a thematic interest that you would like to explore in this mini-conference format, we encourage you to submit a proposal that includes the following details:

1) A Call for Papers that specifies the module theme in 100-200 words. We are open to a wide range of possibilities. For last year's special topic modules, please visit our conference website: www.hds.harvard.edu/gradreligionconference
2) Your name(s), degree programs, and research fields. We welcome and encourage collaborative efforts, should two students want to co-chair a module.

Deadline for module proposals: **May 4, 2015**

Please send proposals and any inquiries to the Conference Coordinator, Kirsten Wesselhoeft, at wesselh@fas.harvard.edu