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Religion and Sexuality Initiative

ANNOUNCEMENT
Research Seminar in Religion and Sexuality
June 9-18, 2009

Emory University is pleased to announce a summer seminar in religion and sexuality. The seminar will bring together advanced doctoral students and recent recipients of the Ph.D. to survey current research in the field and to develop their works in progress. The seminar aims to help participants write their dissertations or books while encouraging them to establish collaborative conversations with other scholars writing on related topics.

The seminar will understand both “religion” and “sexuality” broadly. Though its staff will have done specialized work mostly in ‘Western’ religious traditions and expressions of sexuality, participants’ projects may cover a wide range of religions and sexual cultures. The seminar welcomes the various methods in religious studies, ethics, and theology, from the most focused ethnography to the grandest normative construction. It especially seeks the participation of scholars from outside the United States.

The seminar will be directed by Mark Jordan (Emory University / Harvard Divinity School). Senior scholars from Emory and other institutions will lead sessions in their areas of research. Large portions of the seminar’s time will be devoted to discussing participants’ writing in workshop format. Members of the seminar will be able to use Emory’s specialized library collections in sexuality and religion.

The seminar is limited to twelve participants. Thanks to a generous grant from the Carpenter Foundation, Emory is able to pay for their travel to Atlanta and their lodging and meals during the seminar.

Participants in the seminar should be either doctoral candidates or recipients of a doctorate awarded *after* August 2004. They should be working on a dissertation or book manuscript centrally concerned with religion and sexuality.

Applications are due **February 15, 2009**. Invitations to the seminar will be issued by March 15. Details of the application and further information about the program are available online at <http://www.emory.edu/religions&humanspirit/RSX.htm>. Questions may be directed to the seminar’s Assistant Director, Juana Clem McGhee, jmcghee@emory.edu.

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