Call for Papers

NEXT is a peer-reviewed journal of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder featuring insightful work from the next generation of religious studies scholars.

NEXT now welcomes submissions of original research papers from all disciplines engaging any topic in the critical study of religion. We are particularly interested in including a roundtable discussion of articles addressing the topic of “Religion and the Global Rise of Populism.” This could include (but is not limited to) papers addressing questions relating to gender and power relations, the role of textual analysis in unpacking doctrines of supremacy, ethnographic approaches to understanding religiously-motivated violence, and intersectional methodologies that strive to account for dimensions of race, class, gender, and sexuality in religious studies scholarship. We encourage graduate work from a breadth of theoretical paradigms and methodological approaches ranging from 2,500 to 5,000 words.

In addition, we are interested in reasoned essays of 500 to 1,500 words addressing the following question: How might religious studies scholarship shape or be shaped by our contemporary political climate?

The deadline for all submissions is December 20th, 2017 to: http://scholar.colorado.edu/next/ by following the right-hand link for “Submit Article.”

Submission Requirements
- All submissions should be double-spaced (except block quotes), in .docx format, with 12-point Times New Roman font and one-inch margins.
- Please follow the Chicago Manual of Style for footnotes and bibliography and refrain from using headings and subheadings in the document’s body.
- Each submission should include a cover page identifying the author’s name and affiliated institution, as well as the submission’s title.
- Keeping with CMS conventions, each page should include a header with pagination and the submission’s title.
- Excepting the title page, the submission should have no identifying information.
- Accepted authors will be asked to submit a short academic biography, subject to light editing.

All work will first be evaluated by the Chief Editor; pieces to be published will then be evaluated blindly by an editorial board composed of graduate students.

Questions, clarifications, and inquiries via email to Chief Editor Joshua Shelton at: <next@colorado.edu>.