

Job Market Panel

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Leadership Series

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Saturday, 1:00-3:30 PM

Convention Center 321

Job Market Realities, Strategies, and Opportunities

What is the status of the job market, within and outside of the academy, for those holding or pursuing graduate degrees in religious studies and theology? In order to encourage graduate students to realistically diagnose and strategically respond to a difficult academic market, the Graduate Student Committee is dedicating this year's Special Topics Forum to "Job Market Realities, Strategies, and Opportunities." This event will feature panelists who will present on 1) the true state of the job market, 2) strategies for successfully navigating these realities, and 3) how to pursue opportunities both within and outside academia toward the end of vocationally fulfilling employment. Panelists will include grad students, recently hired professors, active search committee members, and PhD's enjoying extra-academic vocations. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with the panelists, addressing particular issues and interests. Please join us for what promises to be an important and informative time!

Panelists:

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Maren Wood, Lilli Research Group, Washington, D.C.
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion
Kate Ott, Drew University
Presider: Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia

Sunday, 9:00-11:30 AM

Sheraton Inner Harbor – Severn II-III

Cultivating Leadership for the New Academy and Civic Engagement: Interrogating Leadership Skills, Styles, and Contexts

The aim of the Leadership Series is to facilitate the personal and professional development of graduate students through leadership development by providing them with resources, strategies, professional networks, and practical skills that will enable them to face new and evolving leadership challenges.

Public Leadership, Private Religion: Community-Based Advocacy and the Role of Religious and Theological Language
Emily Michelle Ledder, Emory University

Taking Initiative: Skills for Making Your Own Leadership Opportunities in Academia
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara

Prophetic Leadership in the Wake of Tragedy
Linwood Blizzard, Boston University

Understanding Leadership Styles in a Multi-Cultural Society
Remi Alapo, UTS - The Interfaith Seminary

Ignatian Pedagogy and the Cultivation of Graduate Student Leaders
Kyle Schenkewitz, Saint Louis University

Presider: Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology

Student Lounge Roundtables

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The Student Lounge is open to from Sat.-Mon. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. 1-hour Student Lounge Roundtables will be held throughout the day. Refreshments are often available! This year the Student Lounge is in **Sheraton Inner Harbor-Severn II-III.**

SATURDAY in the Student Lounge:

9-10 am, Graduate Student Business Meeting and New Member Welcome

All student members are invited to share their input!

10-11 am, Digital Tools for Dissertation Writers

Jennifer Adler, Vanderbilt University

11am - noon, Employment Beyond the Academy

Maren Wood, Lilli Research Group
Nathan Schneider, Brooklyn, NY

4-5 pm, How to Thrive in Grad School: The Tips You Won't Find in your Departmental Handbook

Raj Balkaran, University of Calgary

5-6 pm, Grant-Writing 101: Crafting a Successful Proposal

Elizabeth Mary Rohlman,
University of Calgary

SUNDAY in the Student Lounge:

1-2:30 pm, Publishing Options for Grad Students

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester

3-4 pm, Tips for Finding Academic Employment: Beyond Publish or Perish

W. David Hall, Centre College and
Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University

4-5 pm, Exploring Pedagogies for Religious Studies Educators Within and Outside of Academia

James Dennis LoRusso, Emory University
Sabrina Misirlall, Montclair State University

MONDAY in the Student Lounge:

ONLINE ACADEMY SERIES

9-10 am, Expanding the Classroom: Online Tools to Enhance Learning

Justin Tanis, Graduate Theological Union

10-11 am, Rewarding Online Teaching

David Walsh, Arizona State University

11-noon, Blogging to Learn in Religious Studies Classrooms

John Soboslai and Martha Smith Roberts, UC Santa Barbara

1-2 pm, Leveraging Web-Based Technologies for Teaching in the Humanities

Jeremy Kidwell, University of Edinburgh

2-3 pm, Publishing Your Research Online – for Your Peers and for the Public

Joseph Blankholm, Columbia University

3-4 pm, Using Social Media to Develop Your Academic Brand

Roundtable led by Krista Dalton, Columbia University

Be sure to fill out a feedback form at the end of each event you attend. The Graduate Student Committee appreciates your honest feedback!