

## **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 8/24: Conference on Sermon Studies, October 11-14, 2018**

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Conference

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Location:

Quebec, Canada

Subject Fields:

Communication, Humanities, Islamic History / Studies, Jewish History / Studies, Religious Studies and Theology

The Center for Sermon Studies at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia announces its second annual Conference on Sermon Studies, to be held October 11-14, 2018, in Montreal, Quebec.

The conference is multidisciplinary and interfaith. The organizers' goal is to bring scholars, practitioners, and interested laypersons together to discuss sermon texts and the art of preaching from a variety of academic and religious perspectives.

The theme for 2018 is "Space, Place, Context." Topics related to the theme might include

- Sermons delivered on special occasions (coronations, funerals, natural disasters, etc)
- The relationship between space (cathedral, chapel, outdoor setting) and sermon
- Interdenominational and interfaith pulpit exchanges

We are also interested in projects focusing on all aspects of the sermon, including

- Preaching in antiquity and the medieval period
- Preaching by women
- Jewish and Islamic preaching
- Preaching in areas other than Britain and the United States

In addition to traditional panels of papers, the program will include

- "Pop-up" or "unconference" sessions, in which the topic/agenda are determined during the conference
- Workshops and continuing-education opportunities. These could run longer than the typical conference session (from several hours to a half-day), with participants discussing "best practices" for sermon preparation and delivery, giving and receiving feedback on drafts, or even giving sample sermons.

### **Proposals**

All proposals must be submitted online at [http://mds.marshall.edu/sermon\\_conference/2018](http://mds.marshall.edu/sermon_conference/2018). Please

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provide the following information:

- *For individual papers* (20 minutes): Title, abstract (150-250 words), contact information, and a 1-2 sentence biographical sketch.
- *For complete panels* (Three 20-minute papers): A session title and abstract (150-250 words), titles and abstracts for each paper (also 150-250 words), and biographical and contact information for each participant.
- *For roundtables*: A session abstract (150-250 words), along with biographical and contact information for each participant.
- *For workshops*: An abstract stating the workshop's topic and goals, along with biographical and contact information for each facilitator.

### Publication

Accepted abstracts will be published as part of the online program. After the conference, participants will have the option of contributing their complete papers to the online proceedings and/or submitting revised/expanded essays to [Sermon Studies](#), a peer-reviewed open access journal.

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