

## [Call for Applications: Workshop “Public Scholarship of Religion in an Age of Hypermediation”](#)

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### **Call for Junior Scholar Applications**

#### **2020 Spring Workshop, “Public Scholarship of Religion in an Age of Hypermediation”**

**May 6-10, 2020, Boulder, Colorado, USA**

The research project “Religion and Public Scholarship in the Media Age,” announces a call for applications from Junior Scholars (early-career faculty, post-docs, or dissertation-level doctoral students) to participate in a four-day collaboration and mentoring workshop. Participants will take part in a series of conversations and interactions with the project’s Working Group (below) focused on emerging critical questions focused on the challenges of public scholarship in contemporary media cultures.

The present era has been said to be defined by “hypermediation” where the speed, acceleration, logics, layerings, contradictions and affordances of ubiquitous mediation have become the conditions of contemporary knowledge-building. This calls into question traditional approaches to public scholarship which conceive of it according to a “publication model” where scholarship is seen as a hermetic resource that simply needs to be shared along known and taken-for-granted avenues of dissemination. Hypermediation means that this model is too simple and at least fails to account for the range of ways and locations that religion and knowledge of religion are produced today.

Applications are sought from scholars whose work responds to or addresses these conditions, or who wish to engage their work with evolving discourses about public scholarship. In addition to participating in dynamic conversations with Working Group members, successful applicants will have the opportunity to present their work in a seminar setting and receive feedback from other participants and from Working Group members. We intend these four days to be an opportunity for engaged scholarly interaction and dialogue, and to form a network of interaction and collaboration on these important questions. These ongoing conversations may well form the basis for further opportunities, including publications of various kinds and in various forms.

Applicants should prepare a dossier with a brief letter of proposal, a current CV and an example of

recent written scholarship and send these materials to: [cmrc@colorado.edu](mailto:cmrc@colorado.edu)

Note "Spring Workshop Application" in the subject line.

Applications will be considered until January 31, 2020 and successful applicants will be notified soon after. All expenses for travel and attendance will be paid by the project.

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