



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE CONFERENCE
FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION – CALL FOR PAPERS**

APRIL 17-18, 2015

**RELIGION,
CONFLICT,
& BOUNDARY
MAINTENANCE**



How do religious groups construct, manage, and police boundaries? What role does conflict play in the production of socio-cultural and religious identities? How do individuals and/or societies interpret adversity and mediate between competing concerns? We are interested in exploring the various avenues of religion where conflict can be found, whether that is a broad, theoretical exploration of the relationship between religion and opposition or a highly focused topic. If submissions allow for it, we would like to devote a subsection of the conference to the relationship between religious and social boundaries and idealized evil, especially in cases when that has developed as a form of demonology.

Paper proposals should be submitted by February 6th, 2015. Please include an abstract (150-250 words) and an academic CV. Decisions will be made by February 20th; final papers, due by April 3rd. Please direct all inquiries and submissions to iugradconf@gmail.com.

We are looking for conference presentations that approach the intersection of religion and conflict through various styles, historical eras, methods, and interpretations. Other viable paper topics might include (but are not limited to):

- ❖ religion and legal conflict
- ❖ religion and sexual identity
- ❖ religion and ethical conflict
- ❖ ritual and performativity
- ❖ methodological and theoretical considerations in the identification and study of “religion” and “conflict”
- ❖ religion and peacemaking
- ❖ religious conflict as depicted in popular culture
- ❖ contested interpretation and authority in myth and text
- ❖ interpretations of war
- ❖ portrayals of religion and conflict in journalistic accounts
- ❖ institutions, power, and resistance

Keynote Speaker:
[Sean McCloud](#),
**University of North
Carolina at Charlotte**