

CALL FOR EDITOR/EDITORIAL TEAM,
JOURNAL FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF RELIGION
Application deadline 15 April 2016

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion is seeking a new editorial team for the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion. The new editorial team will begin processing manuscripts January 1, 2017. The current editors will complete the first two quarterly issues of the journal in 2017. All interested parties should contact Marie Cornwall (marie.cornwall@outlook.com), chair of the Publications Committee.

SSSR is a multi-disciplinary quarterly journal published by Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. It is generally considered the premier journal in the social scientific study of religion; in 2014 the ISI "impact factor" for JSSR was .958 and the journal was ranked 57th among 142 sociology journals. Although ISI ranks the journal with other sociology journals, submissions come from a variety of disciplines, including psychology, political science, economics, public health, communication, religious studies, and anthropology.

In recent years JSSR has averaged 30-32 new paper submissions per month or approximately 365 manuscripts a year. With the increase in manuscripts, the current acceptance rate is 14 percent. Given the high volume of submissions, council is now encouraging applications from an editorial team—either editor, co-editors, or editor with associate editors. Applicants are encouraged to consider any and all configurations given the budget provided by SSSR.

The editor's stipend is \$12,000 per year, paid as \$3000 when each issue of the journal is submitted to the publisher. In addition, council has approved a budget of \$15,500 which may be used to cover co-editor, associate editor, or book review editor stipends or office expenses. This money may also be used to hire student help. The SSSR expects that the editor's home institution, in return for being closely associated with the production of a leading journal, will be willing to provide material support for the editorial team. This can take the form of, for example, office space, a computer, access to IT support, release time, travel funds, graduate assistants, etc.

Informal enquiries to Marie Cornwall are welcome at any time, but the deadline for the submission of formal applications is 15 April 2016. Submission of applications should be by email to marie.cornwall@outlook.com. Interested parties are invited to contact members of the publication committee:

Christopher Ellison (Christopher.Ellision@utsa.edu)
Stephen Mockabee (mockabst@ucmail.uc.edu)
Gerardo Marti (gemarti@davidson.edu).

Letters of application, no longer than 3 pages, should be specific about:

- * The editorial team's qualifications and experience
- * The composition of the editorial team (e.g., co-editor[s], associate editors, Book Review editor and office staff)
- * The division of responsibilities between members of the editorial team
- * Goals and plans for enhancing the journal's development
- * The level of support available from the host institution(s)

Please attach a c.v. for each member of the editorial team along with a letter of support from an authorized official of the host institution (negotiation of more precise arrangements will take place with the SSSR after selection of the editor)

The SSSR Publications Committee intends to complete the process of reviewing applications, seeking any additional information, and making a recommendation to Council by August of 2016. Council will make a decision at its meeting in October 2016.