

Special Issue of *MTSR*
“Identity and Power”

MTSR invites 150-word abstracts for a forthcoming issue devoted to the topic of “Identity and Power.” By this phrase we mean how people construct, use, and negotiate identity in relation to power (broadly conceived). Abstracts/papers might engage with critical race theory, gender theory, post-colonial theories, and socio-economic theories, among others, demonstrating how those conceptions of identity and power influence work in the academic study of religion. Questions we would like to see addressed include: How do scholars within the academic study of religion incorporate such theories and issues? How does the construction of religious boundaries intersect with other theories and issues of identity/power? How do scholars in a particular subfield(s) address/redress issues of identity and power? How do recent calls to decolonize the field contribute and/or detract from the engagement with these theories and issues?

We look forward to receiving abstracts that address these issues from a diverse set of methods and subfields within the academic study of religion, including, but not limited to, history, ethnography, textual studies, and political theory/theology. Our goal is to receive abstracts from those whose data derives from diverse religious traditions, geographic locales, and time periods. We welcome submissions that survey a particular field and/or demonstrate one way that a scholar (including potentially the author of the submission themselves) engage such questions and theories.

Abstracts due: February 01, 2021

Notification of acceptance: February 15, 2021

Final papers (ca. 7-8k words) due: October 01, 2021

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