

**Call For Papers**

**Iliff Conference on Religion and Media**

**Proposal Deadline: April 17, 2014**

**Conference: May 22, 2014**

Over the past decade the study of media, religion and culture has broadened out from interests in media representation to the religious uses and aesthetics of media, the significance of media for religion in public life, and the role of media technologies for new forms of religious life and practice. The Canterbury conference will explore what happens as public encounters with religion are increasingly mediated, and as religious life takes place through a multiplicity of mediated practices and networks.

Paper proposals of 500 - 700 words, should define the topic, and indicate how it both draws on course readings and discussion and extends beyond them.

Some of the questions that may be addressed in conference papers include:

* The role of media in shaping religious and cultural understandings
* Emergent networks of meaning, religion, and power
* Theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of religion and media
* The role of religious and humanitarian organizations in cross-national justice and media initiatives
* Media and human rights
* The way new media shape religious identity and practice
* Media, religion, and authority
* Religious conflict and media representation
* Growing up multi-cultural and multi-religious in a mediated world
* Religion, globalization and cosmopolitanism
* The role of media in the emergence of global religious and cultural movements
* Diasporic media and transnational religious communities
* Media, religion and global politics
* The mediatization of religion
* Religion, media, and the global marketplace

Proposals should be sent to Prof. Jeffrey Mahan, (jmahan@iliff.edu ) by April 17, 2014. Notification of acceptances will be sent out from April 24, 2014.

Note: revised from the actual CFP for the meeting of the International Society for Media, Religion and Culture, which will meet in Canterbury, UK in August.