2016 Conference on Medicine and Religion

Approaching the Sacred: Science, Health and Practices of Care

March 4-6, 2016
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Call for Abstracts
We invite abstracts for 75-minute panel and workshop sessions, 15-minute paper presentations, and posters that address issues at the intersection of medicine and religion, including but not limited to the conference theme. We also invite student participation in an essay contest. All proposals must be submitted online by 11:59:59 p.m. CST, Thursday, August 20, 2015.

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Conference Theme
Contemporary medicine sees itself as fundamentally scientific—grounded in the best available evidence from the scientific disciplines. Those disciplines—including psychology, neuroscience, genomics and epidemiology—both build on and inform particular accounts of human health and wellbeing. This conference considers how these “scientific” accounts relate to underlying normative views of human health, whether secular or religious, and in particular to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

How should practices of caring and healing within particular religious communities and traditions be influenced by contemporary scientific discoveries? What are exemplars of faithfully using scientific insights for the benefit of human health? What distinctive contributions can different religious traditions bring to the moral and societal challenges brought about by new scientific discoveries?

The 5th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion invites students, health care practitioners, scholars, and religious leaders to take up these questions and their implications for contemporary medicine, and to do so with reference to religious traditions and practices, particularly those of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

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