

Call for Papers: Canadian Theological Society 2014 Annual Meeting

May 26-28, 2014

Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

The Congress theme for 2014 is "Borders Without Boundaries." It invites consideration of the connections between the academy and communities, boundaries in virtual realities, and new conceptions of rural and urban environments. The theme encourages scholarship which engages these lived realities and the ways in which they intersect. Theological reflection on these diverging social, cultural, and natural spaces fosters investigation into the historical, ethical, critical, theoretical, and practical disciplines.

To cohere with this program, the Canadian Theological Society invites proposals on the theme "Borders Without Boundaries." We also invite proposals on any topic in theology. We invite submissions in two formats:

1. 20/20 Presentations

We will again follow the 20/20 format used in previous years, inviting presentations of 20 minutes with 20 minutes of discussion to follow. Typically the presentation will be an account of a larger research project. Since members work in a variety of fields and specializations, attention should be given to presenting advanced work in an accessible way.

Submission

Submit a proposal that includes:

- Title of presentation;
- Proposal of a maximum 300 words (with word count), which includes an abstract, the problem your scholarship engages, and the contribution you plan to make;
- Requests for audio-visual equipment (A/V equipment will be available only if it is requested in the proposal);
- On a separate page, please include:
 - Presenter's name, institution or professional affiliation, and contact information.

2. Panels

We invite panels on issues that are relevant to members, especially as related to the theme of the annual meeting. Panel proposals should be developed to foster dialogue among the panelists and with those attending in the audience. Thus, we discourage panels that consist only of reading several papers.

Submission

Submit a proposal that includes:

- Title of panel;
- Length of panel (40 or 80 minutes);

- Proposal of a maximum 300-400 words (with word count), which includes an abstract, the problem your scholarship engages, the contribution you plan to make, and how you plan to foster dialogue among panelists and audience (e.g., use and allotment of time);
- Requests for audio-visual equipment (A/V equipment will be available only if it is requested in the proposal);
- On a separate page, please include:
 - Convener's name, institution, and contact information. The convener will be the link between the panel and the CTS;
 - Names, institutions and contact information of all members of the panel;
 - Either the name and contact information of the moderator, or a request that CTS provide a moderator.

All proposals should be submitted in a Word, .rtf, or .pdf file by email attachment by January 17, 2014 to:

Timothy Harvie, CTS Program Chair
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We will confirm receipt of all proposals submitted by email. **If you do not receive such an email confirmation within 3 days of submitting your proposal, call Timothy Harvie at 403-254-3742.**

Selection Criteria

In selecting proposals for 20/20 presentations or for panels, the committee will consider:

- The clarity and significance of the proposal;
- The quality of the contribution to scholarship;
- The relationship of the presentation to the thematic focus of the annual meeting;
- The contribution of the presentation to a diversity of perspectives and approaches;
- The potential for inspiring discussion and engagement among the members.

Our goal as a Society is to foster collegial discussion of members' work and of the work of other Canadian theologians. All presenters and attendees are encouraged to participate in as much of the program as possible. We welcome all members, students, and other interested persons to join us this year at the annual meeting in St. Catharine's, Ontario.