

# Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

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## *Interdisciplinary Study of Religions Section*

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The Interdisciplinary Study of Religions (ISR) section of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS) (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/ais/>) aims to bring comprehensive, integrated insights from multiple disciplines to the study of religions as complex human phenomena. Insights may be brought to bear on religions or religious phenomena from humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, along with other areas such as arts and professions. Commonly religions are understood to include ideas and behaviors that engage super-human agency through diverse strands of human culture from history to the present-day. In a context of multiple approaches to such complex phenomena, this section seeks to establish and highlight critical interdisciplinary insights that may be overlooked or neglected by single discipline studies of religions.

The ISR section seeks *panel, poster, and/or paper proposals* on any interdisciplinary topic related to the study of religions -- **submitted as a 150-200 word abstract to [bennettc@oakland.edu](mailto:bennettc@oakland.edu) no later than 15 February 2017**. A reply regarding acceptance will be returned by 22 February 2017 to allow those that may not be included in the section to re-propose to the AIS conference at-large (not within the section) by the deadline of 1 March 2017. Accepted proposals for the section will be submitted together to conference organizers by 1 March 2017.

Special interest is given to studies that discuss/employ/integrate two or more disciplines from across natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, arts, and/or professions. In particular the ISR section of AIS seeks:

- problem- or case-based work on religions or religious phenomena that explicitly employs/integrates two or more disciplines;
- interdisciplinary methods, concepts, or media as applied to scholarship/research on religions or religious phenomena; and/or
- work explicitly engaging consilience in the study of religions, including “second wave” consilience

*To submit a proposal, join the section, and/or be included in announcements, contact Benjamin Bennett-Carpenter at [bennettc@oakland.edu](mailto:bennettc@oakland.edu) -- or simply join the Interdisciplinary Study of Religions facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1499549833675663/>*