



Currents, Perspectives, and Ethnographic Methodologies in World Christianity

CALL FOR PAPERS 2019

An International, Interdisciplinary Conference *organized by*
The World Christianity & History of Religions Program (Dept. of History & Ecumenics)
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

March 15 (Friday) – March 18 (Monday) 2019

Recent decades mark a watershed in World Christianity as an emerging academic field, its development into an interdisciplinary endeavor in particular. Reflection on the complexity of Christianity as a pluricultural, global phenomenon has been robust. As was highlighted by our 2018 conference, World Christianity as a field has been shaped in large part by its distinctive historiography and diverse methodologies. In 2019, our primary focus will be ethnographic. Accordingly, a wide range of questions about the nature and relevance of ethnography to the study of World Christianity will be explored, along with the difference ethnography makes (or could make) in providing granular accounts of local Christianities around the world. Likewise, in view of the fact that ethnographic research is being increasingly incorporated into studies of World Christianity at a time when concepts of 'culture' are rigorously contested and the loci of research extraordinarily diverse, what are the major challenges scholars face? The conference seeks to explore and reflect on past practices and new directions, drawing on case studies representative of the currents and eddies of Christianity in the majority world and beyond. In short, the conference seeks to inquire into the state of the field and provide a common interdisciplinary space for intellectual encounter and exchange.

- ✚ Paper or panel proposals should be submitted via email to:
worldchristianityconference@ptsem.edu
- ✚ **Proposal Deadline: September 30, 2018**. Include: *name, institutional affiliation and status, email address, contact phone, paper/panel title, and abstract* (not to exceed 250 words).
- ✚ Notification of successful proposals will be made by **October 20, 2018**.

- ✚ Conference Registration: early-bird registration begins on **October 25** and ends on **December 31**. A higher fee will be charged thereafter.
- ✚ **Conference fees:** (*including refreshments, lunches, and the conference banquet*)
 - **\$155.00 – early bird / \$185.00 – late registration** (*faculty based in USA, Canada and Europe*)
 - **\$100.00 – early bird / \$120.00 – late registration** (*faculty based in the Global South, graduate students/retirees*)
 - **Accommodations:** Limited availability (single/shared rooms) at Erdman Center on the Princeton campus. Other options for accommodation will be announced later.
- ✚ Limited travel subsidies will be available for selected participants from the Global South with accepted paper/panel proposals.

✚ **Conveners: Afe Adogame, Raimundo Barreto, Richard F. Young**