Call for Proposals: Faculty Seminar Program
DEADLINE: December 15, 2017

The Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict (CSRC) advances multidisciplinary research and education on the dynamics of religion, conflict, and peace. It serves as a research nexus and catalyst that fosters exchange and collaboration across the university as well as with its broader publics—local, national, and global.

Program Goals:
CSRC’s faculty seminar program aims to foster cross-disciplinary conversations and collaborations among faculty on the intersections of religion and conflict across a broad range of themes. Faculty seminars can vary in size and structure and typically meet monthly with formats and readings selected by the seminar leaders and participants. CSRC will provide financial and logistical assistance for meeting space, speakers, and seminar activities. We are particularly interested in projects that engage religion in relation to themes such as political discourse, ethics, democracy and self-government, revolution, refugees, migration and immigration, civil society, science and technology, violent conflict, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding broadly construed. Other topics may also be proposed. Awards for faculty seminars have an upper limit of $4,000, reserved for those proposals that include visiting speakers. Anticipated start dates for seminars is Fall 2018, with planning beginning in spring or summer.

Application Process:
Proposals should be no more than one page in length (500 words), should outline the focus of the group and its intellectual significance for the study of religion and conflict and/or peace, should provide a brief description of the proposed activities of the group, and should describe the qualifications of the seminar facilitator or co-facilitators to lead the seminar. Ideally, co-facilitators will represent two different disciplines or fields of study. A list of likely seminar participants and their disciplinary backgrounds and a budget with appropriate justification should be attached to the proposal.

Selection Criteria:
The selection committee will make awards based upon the following criteria: a) the intellectual significance of the topic and relation to center themes; b) the seminar’s potential to advance new insights or lines of inquiry for individual and collaborative research, teaching, or curricular innovation (e.g., co-taught courses); and c) the identification of a sufficient number of scholars interested in the topic.

Budget Guidelines:
Budget items may include summer salary, research stipends, ERE (fringe benefits), books or reference material, consultants, speaker costs, and other miscellaneous costs associated with meetings and consistent with ASU policies. Please contact Matt Correa for more specific guidelines as needed.

Timeline:
The application deadline is December 15, 2017, 11:59PM. Final funding terms will be negotiated between the Center and the awardee. Funds will be available upon acceptance of the award. Please direct inquiries and send applications to:

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