

Anthropology and Sociology of Religion

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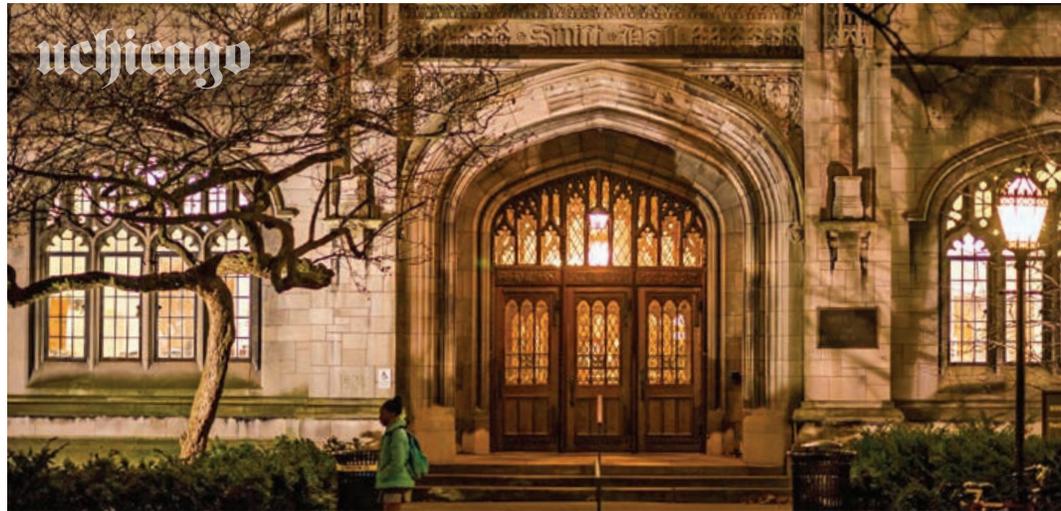
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Firmly grounded in an approach that treats the study of social structures and culture as interrelated, the Anthropology and Sociology of Religion (ASR) area's major questions include the following: What is the role played by religious actors and institutions in a given social/cultural setting? What is the contribution of religious practice in the legitimation or contestation of authority? How are domains of religious interests socially and culturally configured? How do religious commitments impact processes of social transformation and how are they in turn impacted by them? How do religious disciplines contribute to the shaping of particular affects, sensibilities, and virtues?

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Rory Johnson, PhD 2010

"Precious Memories: The Acculturation of Memory in African American Religion"
Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion,
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"In the Shadow of Salvation: Sufis, Salafis, and the Project of Late Islamism in Contemporary Sudan"
Associate Professor of Religion, Carleton College

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- **Interpretation of Ritual** (Lincoln)
- **Modern Enchantments: The Occult, the Paranormal and the Extraterrestrial** (Doostdar)
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- **Ethnographic Methods** (McRoberts)
- **Urban Structure and Process** (McRoberts)
- **Feminism and Islamic Studies** (Doostdar)
- **Classical Theories of Religion** (Wedemeyer)
- **Comparative and Global Christianities** (Heo)
- **Witchcraft** (Doostdar)
- **Religion and the Cold War** (Heo)
- **Shi'ism and Modernity** (Doostdar)
- **Revelation or Revolution? The Question of Interior Worlds** (Bayer)
- **Psychology and Religion: Two Problem Children of Modernity** (Fong)
- **Spirits of Capitalism** (Heo)
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- **Urban Structure and Process** (McRoberts)



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