

# CALL FOR PAPERS GRADUATE CONFERENCE

## *Engaging Particularities:*

*New Directions in Comparative Theology, Interreligious Dialogue,  
Theology of Religions, and Missiology*

*Sponsored by the U.S. Jesuit Assistancy for Mission and Interreligious Dialogue*

**BOSTON COLLEGE  
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In keeping with the 1995 General Congregation of the Society of Jesus' initiatives on interreligious dialogue, the U.S. Jesuit Assistancy for Mission and Interreligious Dialogue and the Boston College Theology Department announce their seventh annual student conference in the areas of comparative theology, interreligious dialogue, theology of religions, and missiology. This conference is open to graduate students at Jesuit institutions and other schools of higher education.

This student conference is a cooperative venture, meant to provide an opportunity for the sharing of research and the collaboration of ideas. As we do not have concurrent sessions, we create an intimate, community environment. This is therefore an excellent conference to begin discussion on emerging research, and we encourage your participation.

We are currently accepting proposals on themes from various disciplinary perspectives (ethics, systematics, history, scripture, philosophy, etc.) in the four areas of comparative theology, interreligious dialogue, theology of religions, and missiology. Proposals concerning new and creative methodological approaches to our awareness of and response to religious pluralism in these four areas are encouraged especially.

We are also welcoming papers for a panel entitled "Contested Spaces for Authentically Lived Religion." One example of a contested space for authentically lived religion is that an increasing number of Christian Americans find sacred space in yoga and mindfulness meditation. Some questions this panel seeks to explore are: Do selective religious practices that may fuse a number of spiritual/bodily practices from different traditions unleash new authentic religiosity or do they create a dilution of authentic religiosity? Do they propose new matter from which to interpret religious belonging and theology? (For more details please visit our website: [http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/theology/comparative/eng\\_part/eng\\_part\\_2009.htm](http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/theology/comparative/eng_part/eng_part_2009.htm) )

To submit a proposal, please email an abstract of no more than 250 words to Christopher Conway at <conwayce@bc.edu> *by December 1, 2008*. Please include your contact information, your institution and program, and the category into which you are submitting your proposal (comparative theology, interreligious dialogue, theology of religions, or missiology). Some funds are available for participants to help supplement travel expenses. For information or questions contact Christopher Conway [conwayce@bc.edu](mailto:conwayce@bc.edu). Further information on the U.S. Jesuit Assistancy for Mission and Interreligious Dialogue can be found at <http://puffin.creighton.edu/jesuit/dialogue/>.