



SACRED WRITES

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP

Religion News Service: Hispanic Religions

Sacred Writes is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for a funded media partnership with **Religion News Service (RNS)**. Applicants must have training in religious studies, theology, or related field. Priority deadline for these applications is **1 December 2018**.

ABOUT RNS

Religion News Service reports on religion and its intersections with political and cultural issues. Their mission is “to inform, illuminate and inspire public discourse on matters relating to belief and convictions.” RNS distributes stories to the nation’s leading newspapers, news magazines, online media outlets, broadcasting firms and religious publications.

The scholar selected by Sacred Writes for this assignment will partner with RNS staff reporters.

SCOPE

This media partnership focuses on Hispanic religion(s), especially Hispanic Catholicism and Pentecostalism. Preferred start date is **2 January** (flexible). The collaboration between the Sacred Writes scholar and RNS will last five months, during which time the scholar will pitch stories; provide background memos & interviews; and co-write stories with RNS reporters as appropriate. We expect the scholar to contribute to 4-5 articles, for which Sacred Writes will provide a \$3000 stipend and up to \$1000 for travel expenses.

TO APPLY

Please keep your audience in mind: you'll be writing for smart folks who aren't experts in religious studies or theology. Submit the following materials:

- a one-page cover letter specifying the partnership you're applying for and detailing any relevant experience in producing public-facing scholarship
- a short pitch that provides a newsworthy and nuanced take focused on the topic of the specific partnership for which you're applying. What new insights can your expertise lend to the subject? Why are you the best person to write these pieces? Include 5-7 proposed headlines/angles on the topic you'd like to see in popular media coverage of the subject.
- CV, including public scholarship credentials (if any)

We are especially interested in applications from scholars who have demonstrated a commitment to shaping public conversations about religion and communicating their expertise to non-experts. RNS and Sacred Writes staff will confer during the application review process to ensure a productive collaboration between the scholar and the media outlet.

Please send your materials as one PDF to **sacredwrites.neu@gmail.com** with the subject line **“RNS partnership.”**