CALL FOR PAPERS

CTSA CONVENTION, Cleveland
June 11-14, 2020

TOPIC SESSION: Practical Theology

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM:

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CONVENTION THEME: “All You Who Labor...”: Theology, Work, and Economy

SESSION DESCRIPTION: The Practical Theology session seeks to develop theological perspectives on the ecclesial, social and political practices that capture this year’s theme of work and economy. We invite papers that investigate social and pastoral consequences of enormous economic changes driven by the technological revolution, climate change, and globalization, and that analyze various practical responses.

In particular, we suggest reflection upon the exploitation of workers (unemployment, underemployment, the “gig economy,” migrant labor, pressures to overwork, etc.), upon contemporary efforts to rediscover human dignity and meaning in work, upon the range of political reactions fueled by economic imbalance, or upon the roles that churches and other faith communities might play or fail to play with regard to these issues.

We give particularly close consideration to papers that reflect a methodology of scholars engaged with the communities and practices they discuss. We are also eager to bring together presentations that either complement or contrast with each other in ways that encourage productive discussion during the session. Proposals may outline a complete session of this sort, or the session may be constructed by the Practical Theology administrative team.
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL:

• Your paper proposal should be not more than 250 words.
• You should also include a 100 words précis that will be posted on the CTSA website should your paper be accepted.
• Please provide the name and institution of all participants (convener, moderator, presenters), and contact information, including e-mail.
• Indicate whether you will be requiring A/V equipment.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBMITTING PAPER PROPOSALS

• CTSA guidelines require that those making proposals ordinarily be associate or full members in good standing with their dues paid up. Anyone with an associate or full membership application on file can also submit a proposal if they expect to be accepted for membership in the upcoming June convention.
• No member may present a paper/respond to a paper/participate on a panel more than once at a given convention. An exception is made for members of under-represented groups. Presentations made to the Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology are included in this rubric.
• Members cannot have a speaking role for more than two consecutive years in a three-year period.

Deadline: September 1, 2019.

Please submit proposals to: William Clark (wclark@holycross.edu), and be sure you receive confirmation of your submission.

You will be notified by e-mail whether your paper has been accepted by September 14, 2019.