

CALL for PAPERS

For the 2016 North American Paul Tillich Society meeting we seek papers or panel proposals related to any of the following topics.

A Tale of Two Pauls. Paul Ricoeur and Paul Tillich were both European transplants that taught at the University of Chicago, although at different times. We seek paper proposals bringing together the work of these two thinkers. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address any of the following questions. Is there evidence that Ricoeur was influenced by the work of Tillich, and if so where and how? How might we compare and contrast the influence of Mircea Eliade (a colleague of both at Chicago) in the work of Ricoeur and the late essays of Tillich? In light of their respective methods for crossing borders between theology and philosophy, what is the continued relevance of their approaches for contemporary work in philosophical theology and/or philosophy of religion? Proposals will be considered for a co-sponsored session with the Ricoeur Group of the AAR. **Please submit paper proposals for this session directly through the AAR PAPERS system. (Due March 2nd)**

Tillich and Political Theology. The past two decades of Tillich scholarship have seen significant analysis of how Tillich's theology and philosophy of religion were crucial to forming his political activity and thought. This analysis spans a diverse series of issues and periods in his life, including his early socialist writings, differences in wartime and peacetime political reflection, and the relevance of his theology of culture to politics. We seek papers or panel proposals that describe the continuing relevance of Tillich's political theology today. This may take the form of either the direct application of Tillich's work to a contemporary problem or a constructive political theology rooted in Tillich's thought.

Interreligious Dialogue. In his final lecture before his death, "The Significance of the History of Religions for the Systematic Theologian," Tillich famously elaborated on the importance of the 'Religion of the Concrete Spirit.' He is wrestling with a tension between pluralism and commitment that is undeniably self-critical. As issues of radicalization, religious intolerance, and the de-

crease in religious participation by Millennials in America have become familiar tropes in news media, Tillich's later writings have only become increasingly relevant. We seek papers that explore how Tillich's reflections on the tension between pluralism and commitment speak to current issues in interreligious dialogue and the emerging field of interfaith studies.

As always, Tillich-related papers or panels on other themes will be seriously considered, with specific themes for the meeting determined by the merit of proposals received. Proposals submitted to the AAR Tillich Group will also be considered with permission of the author.

Please send all paper and panel proposals (including a 150 word abstract) by April 1st to *both*:

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