PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING
Summer 2021

Sacred Writes is pleased to announce we are now accepting applications for our 2021 public scholarship training session. We provide all training fellows with a $1000 stipend. In the interest of promoting public health, this year’s training will run remotely from May–August 2021.

We welcome applications from scholars of religious studies, theology, Islamic studies, biblical studies, or related fields who have successfully passed doctoral exams and been granted A.B.D. status. Independent scholars, contingent faculty, advanced graduate students, and scholars working in applied religious studies are encouraged to apply.

ABOUT OUR TRAININGS

Sacred Writes designed our trainings to address a gap between disciplinary expertise and effective communication strategies. Scholars of religion and theology are in a unique position to provide crucial textual, cultural, and historical context for pressing current issues like healthcare legislation, climate change, and immigration reform. But most of us lack the training to do that sort of public-facing work. Doctoral programs prioritize formal communication that emphasizes scholarly expertise over accessible writing. Institutions seldom reward or recognize tenured and tenure-track scholars for public scholarship. Senior mentors often lack experience in non-academic publishing.

Sacred Writes’ trainings provide scholars with opportunities to acquire skills, identify resources, push disciplinary boundaries, and build communities of accountability and support to produce public scholarship on religion. Topics covered include: pitching and writing an op-ed; building a professional brand; using social media to promote and amplify scholarship; collaborating with journalists; cultivating camera-readiness; crafting strategies for communicating with a variety of audiences; and assessing the personal and professional risks of public scholarship.

TO APPLY

Visit our website, sacred-writes.org, for a link to the online application. Questions about public scholarship trainings may be directed to the Program Director, Megan Goodwin, at sacredwrites.neu@gmail.com. Applications are due 30 January 2021.