Educating Religion
Graduate Student Conference
May 11 - 12, 2014
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Sunday, May 11

7:00pm “The Hard Questions of Religion and Education” — A Conversation
Ari Kelman, Vanessa Ochs, John Modern, Parna Sengupta, and Lee Shulman

Monday, May 12

9:00am “Religion: The Student Experience” — Stanford undergraduate share their experiences and expectations of studying religion at a university with Parna Sengupta

10:15am “Religion: The Teacher Experience” — Brad Stoddard, Mike Hamilton, Maha Elgenaidi and Daniel Tuzzeo respond to the undergraduates, share their personal experiences with teaching religion in different institutions, and discuss the peculiar challenges of teaching religion.

12:00pm Lunch

1:30pm “The Public Facing Scholar” — Kris Norris, Brendan Randall, and Jillian Green share their thoughts on the scholar of religion’s role in shaping conversations outside the university.

3:10pm “Who are We to Teach Religion?” — Mijal Bitton and Zainab Kabba lead the attendees in a seminar discussion on authority, persona, and audience in the teaching of religion.

7:00pm “The Religion Machine” — John Lardas Modern (Franklin & Marshall) delivers his keynote lecture on new attempts at “measuring” religion in the brain and what that says about our society and the peculiar phenomenon we call religion.

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