

Practical Matters

A Transdisciplinary Multimedia Journal of Practical Theology and Religious Practices

The Initiative in Religious Practices and Practical Theology at Emory University announces the launch of

Practical Matters,

a new online journal supported by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Pushing the boundaries of both the study of religious practices and the discipline of practical theology,

Practical Matters

will publish “matters” in a variety of media and genres, illuminating each of these areas and drawing connections between them.

Practical Matters

plans to publish 2-3 issues per year, featuring work by and for scholars, practitioners, and teachers.

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Practical Matters

is now accepting scholarly submissions for peer review on the theme of

Imagination.

Without imagination, human beings could neither come to know their world as it is nor consider possibilities for the future.

Journal submissions should explore imagination in religious practices and/or practical theology through the themes of **Understanding Imagination**, **Imagining Transformation**, and **Engaging Practices of Imagination**. Possible topics for exploration include, but are not limited to, the following—

Understanding imagination

- relationships of imagination to creativity and fantasy
- types of imagination (e.g., religious, theological, moral, liturgical, pastoral political)
- links among imagination, sense experience, and perception
- imagination in relation to location and embodiment

Imagining transformation

- imagination, ritual, and religious community
- imagination and possibility
- dangers and perversions of imagination
- imagination and difference
- imagination in political life

Engaging practices of imagination

- imagination in teaching theology and religion
- imagination in religious belief and practice

Films, soundscapes, artwork, photo essays, and other media and formats will be considered along with traditional academic papers. Submissions will be published in the first issue of Practical Matters (Fall 2008).

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Future Issues: Youth (Spring 2009) and Ethnography and Theology (Fall 2009).