

Title: ASSEMBLY podcast co-host

Description: The Political Theology Network (PTN) seeks two co-hosts who are enthusiastic about re-launching and developing our podcast ASSEMBLY, with the support of the managing editor and website editorial team. We especially welcome applications from co-hosting pairs that demonstrate in their own work the wide ambit of political theology (for example, an anthropologist and a rabbi, an interfaith activist and a political theorist, or some other combination). We would also welcome creative proposals for incorporating podcasts already in existence that might come under the PTN umbrella.

The PTN supports the development of an emerging academic field, cultivating the next generation of scholars and pivoting the field toward meaningful public engagement. The PTN is organized around several nodes—the journal *Political Theology*, the website politicaltheology.com, annual conferences, and more.

The PTN’s website, politicaltheology.com, features a blog, a podcast, announcements about the field, and a pedagogy section that allow it to reach a broader audience.

The website has built an active community of followers, indicated by its nearly 4000 Facebook “likes” and approximately 15,000 unique visitors each month. Content from the website informs or is derived from content in the print journal, creating a bridge between high-level scholarship and accessible writing. In early 2018, the website design was completely overhauled, giving it a modern look and compatibility with the latest technology. In 2018, The PTN also began experimenting with a podcast, ASSEMBLY, that features dialogues between activists, scholars, and religious leaders. Seven podcast episodes have been released on themes including economic justice, Black Lives Matter, and political theology in film.

Compensation and term: The podcast co-host will receive an annual stipend of \$4,500, will require an average of 5-7 hours per week with periods of greater and lesser intensity for the term of the grant (August 2019 – August 2021), and will have the opportunity to access travel funds for the PTN and other guild conferences.

Responsibilities:

Podcast development and recruitment

- Designing, in consultation with the editorial team, podcast episodes that can catalyze interest across in political theology across and beyond the PTN;
- Soliciting a broad and diverse set of guest voices on topics that demonstrate the religious, disciplinary, and vocational diversity of the network while offering intellectually rigorous analysis of current issues in the field (and on the street).

Writing, editing, and publishing

- Writing and recording intro and outro materials for episodes;
- Recording and editing interviews and episodes;
- Publishing podcast episodes on politicaltheology.com and disseminating it through social media networks.

Organizing

- Participating in bi-monthly editorial meetings;
- Participating in the PTN conferences and use these conferences as an opportunity to recruit content creators;
- Promoting the PTN among professional networks.

Capacities:

- Highly organized and self-motivated;
- Excellent technological skills and the willingness to learn new technologies;
- Experience with podcasting software (audacity, garage band, etc.) or willingness to learn these technologies is a must;
- Excellent writing and speaking skills;
- Sensible audio aesthetic;
- Working knowledge of the field of political theology (whether in connection with Christian theology, some other tradition of religious thought, or political theology in secular, critical theory contexts) and willingness to reach in and beyond your professional networks to solicit diverse voices;
- Comfort with initiating conversation with scholars, religious leaders, activists, and others;
- Competent with Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as Google Drive;
- Previous experience with web-based content management systems (like WordPress) and group project management software (like Slack) is a plus.

