

Title: Symposia Editor

Description: The Political Theology Network (PTN) seeks a symposia editor who, with the current managing editor and symposia editor, will recruit and curate excellent written conversations about pertinent topics in political theology. The symposia editor will be an organizer of people and content and will help to build the quality and density of relationships across the network.

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. Some of the 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. The PTN also has begun experimenting with a podcast, *Assembly*, that features dialogues between activists, scholars, and religious leaders.

Compensation and term: The symposium editor will receive an annual stipend of \$3,000, will require an average of 5 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:

Symposia development and recruitment

- Designing, in consultation with the editorial team, topics of conversation that can catalyze interest across the PTN;
- Solicit a broad and diverse set of contributors to submit essays for symposia that illustrate the religious, disciplinary, and vocational diversity of the network while offering intellectually rigorous analysis of current issues in the field (and on the street);
- Recruiting and supporting with the managing editor special symposia editors for specific content areas or conversations.

Editing and publishing

- Editing submissions for rigor and substance;
- Uploading and publishing essays on the PTN’s website.

Organizing

- Participating in bi-monthly online 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;
- Excellent written communication skills;
- Ability to edit written content for both substance and form;
- 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.

