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Announcing the open call for papers and reviews

The editorial team of *Symposia: The Journal of Religion* announces that we have moved to an open call for papers. We will accept paper submission on a rolling basis, and will publish issues bi-annually. Please submit your papers when they are ready!

Symposia is a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal for the academic study of religion. Its primary focus is on the phenomenon called “religion,” as explored through multiple approaches including those of anthropology, philosophy, sociology, and history. *Symposia* encourages authors to question and critique the limits and boundaries of disciplinary knowledge, by critiquing categories central to the approaches of each in order to yield new reflections and fresh perspectives on religious phenomena and the study of religion in general.

The theme for Volume 8 is “Rites of Passage.” Religions traffic in the business of moving peoples from one stage of life to the next. Whether in terms of coming-of-age ceremonies, or the transition from life to death, religious rituals and their concomitant philosophical reflections are capable of compartmentalizing an entire life into distinct stages. However, certain rituals that inaugurate people into new forms of life are not available to all others, indiscriminately. As for example in the case of shamanic initiations, initiates display some characteristics that, from the perspective of religious leaders, single them out for this activity. Nor are the temporal limits of the ritual initiation always clear, as in some narratival constructions with clear beginnings, middles, and endings. We invite, in addition to the general and open call for papers, papers that address issues surrounding liminality, transition, rites of passage, and initiation.

Articles with a maximum of 25 pages will be considered in both French and English. Submissions are made online: <http://symposia.library.utoronto.ca>

Book reviews

Book reviews should be a maximum of 1000 words of any academic publication relevant to the study of religion and released within the last two years in order to be published. We particularly welcome books that deal with issues related to the theme for this issue, “Rites of Passage.” If you are interested in doing a book review, please email Ian Brown at ianphillip.brown@mail.utoronto.ca with the name of the author, book and publisher.