

**Call for Papers
Academy of Homiletics
Annual Meeting 2022
Louisville, Kentucky
December 1-3, 2022**

The Academy of Homiletics (AOH) is issuing a call for papers for its December 1-3, 2022 meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Our theme for the conference is “Re-Imagining the Center.” We are soliciting papers that enumerate on this theme. Please review the workgroup below and email directly to the Workgroup of your interest.

2022 WORKGROUPS OF THE ACADEMY OF HOMILETICS

Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies	History of Preaching
Identity and Imagination	Justice Ethics, and Preaching
Pedagogy	Performance Studies
Preaching and Culture	Preaching, Media, and Technology
Preaching, Environmental and Climate Crisis	Rhetoric
Theology of Preaching	

We will continue to use the traditional format in which we have two sessions for workgroups. Half of the workgroups will meet on Friday morning December 2 (10:30am – 1:00 pm) and the other half in the afternoon (2:30pm – 5:00 pm). Each workgroup is allotted 2 ½ hours divided into four thirty-minute sessions with ten-minute breaks between papers. This will allow for a maximum of four papers per group. Some workgroups, however, may have plans to fill some of those slots with book reviews, panel discussions, or sermons. Directions for specific workgroups can be found below. ***Due to logistical concerns, all papers must be presented in-person!***

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR ALL WORKGROUPS

Eligibility:

- Papers must be submitted by Academy members or by sponsored doctoral candidates (PhD, ThD, DMin) who have completed all coursework in a homiletics-related field.
- Papers by doctoral students are to be submitted only by a sponsoring member of the Academy on behalf of the candidate.
- Each workgroup is allotted 2 1/2 hours (four thirty-minute sessions with ten minute breaks between them).

Copyright and Open Sourcing:

While in the past, Academy papers have been archived and made available to members only, at the 2015 meeting, the AOH membership voted to begin making papers accepted by the Academy and presented at the meeting available to the public through <http://commons.ptsem.edu>. If you do not wish for your paper to be included in this open source format, simply notify the convener of the workgroup to whom you submit your paper at the time of your submission. Copyright for the paper is retained by the author.

Deadline Dates:

- An initial informal abstract, keywords, and identification of the workgroup the paper is intended to be submitted to the 1st Vice President by **Monday, August 15, 2022**.
- Papers must be submitted by email attachment to workgroup conveners by **Thursday, September 15, 2022**, and must follow the formatting instructions below to be accepted.
- Papers will be vetted by workgroup conveners and submitted to the First Vice President by **Friday, October 14, 2022**.
- The First Vice President will collect and publish the book of papers to the Academy website by the Web Editor no later than **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**.

Formatting:

Submit papers only in Word format, using Times New Romans, 12-point font, with Times New Roman 10-point font for footnotes. Maximum paper length is ten pages, single-spaced, including footnotes. Papers referencing historical documents can include longer excerpts of those documents, etc., in an appendix if needed that does not count as part of the ten-page limit. Follow the current Chicago Manual of Style (Turabian) for footnote citation. Do not insert page numbers.

The paper's heading should be centered, in bold font, and include the following information:

TITLE OF PAPER
Author's Name, Academic Rank, and Title
(or Ph.D./Th.D./D.Min. Candidate and Program)
Sponsor: Name of Sponsor with Academic Rank and Title
(for doctoral candidates only)
School of Institution, City, School Web Address
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Abstract:

Authors must submit a 100-150-word abstract of their paper in a separate Word file at the time of submission.

PAPER SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL WORKGROUPS:

HERMENEUTICS AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Workgroup investigates questions about the interpretation of biblical texts for preaching. Papers may explore a variety of issues, including, but not limited to: hermeneutical theory; the text-to-sermon move; the interpretation and homiletical appropriation of particular biblical texts, books, or genres; the homiletical implications of different methodological approaches to the Bible; and hermeneutical reflection on particular instances of practice. Submissions addressing this year's theme are encouraged and will be given preference.

Convener:

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Participation:

Academy members are encouraged, but not required, to make a long-term commitment to the group. Visitors from other groups who wish to attend only one of the scheduled papers are welcome to come and go from the session as they wish.

Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

Full-length Submission Guidelines and Procedures are allotted 15 minutes for the presentation, with 15 minutes designated for discussion.

HISTORY OF PREACHING: Preaching and the Social Sciences

This workgroup welcomes papers that explore preaching and worship in critical conversation with social sciences, especially history, sociology, ethnography, and anthropology. Potential submissions may fit broadly into categories that examine 1) sermons, worship, and homiletical themes in historical contexts, 2) sociological studies about preaching and worship in contemporary communities or traditions, and/or 3) interdisciplinary work that draws upon critical methods from social sciences to develop deep descriptions about a homiletical theme, particular preacher(s), collection of sermons, or worshiping communities.

The co-conveners are enthusiastic supporters of research from newer voices at the Academy, including submissions from candidates in graduate programs. The theme of each Academy meeting will guide conversations about potential panel discussions and partnerships with other workgroups. At the same time, the co-conveners welcome submissions of thoughtful research that may fall outside the year's theme.

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

- Please submit papers to **all conveners**.
- Papers submitted to the group will be evaluated by a small “jury” of the co-conveners. If a paper concerns an area, figure, era, or style that is not familiar to the co-conveners, they will ask someone with relevant competence to evaluate it. The standards will be the standards for things like evidence, sources, and claims that are appropriate for the particular descriptive discipline involved. We will also look for clarity of thought, significant arguments, and, of course, a clear focus on preaching.
- Submissions can be accepted in the form in which they are submitted, accepted on the condition of some revisions, or simply refused. All papers will receive comments designed to help the author take the paper to the next level.
- Multi-media submissions are welcome, especially when the media contribute to the work of rich description. For instance, archival recordings that could be played in a workgroup session might significantly enhance the quality of a paper.

IDENTITY AND IMAGINATION

The Identity and Imagination group considers the theological implications and horizons of identity and imagination for homiletics. “Identity” indicates how self-examination and embodiment in all of their array empower preaching. “Imagination” articulates how freedom of thought emboldens homiletic inquiries that may not easily fit within other Academy workgroups. For example, papers that situate proclamation as more than an ecclesial practice and exclusively Christian -- that explore religious pluralism and interreligious dialogue -- fit within the auspices of the group. In general, papers, panel proposals, and sermon colloquia that explore embodied, adventurous, and multidisciplinary approaches to homiletics are all warmly welcomed.

Convener:
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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

Members are encouraged to submit academic papers or sermons related to the description of the Workgroup or the conference theme. In order to ensure ample time for discussion, sermons should not exceed 15 minutes. We also welcome graduate student contributions that are appropriately scholarly and have garnered appropriate home institution and advisor support. Please e-mail submissions in one message to both conveners by the Academy deadline and contact conveners by e-mail in a shared message with any questions.

JUSTICE, ETHICS, AND PREACHING

This workgroup welcomes papers that advocate for preaching about societal issues and concerns related to justice and ethics. Topics may include (but are not limited to) issues such as immigration policy, racism, white supremacy, sexism, classism, sex trafficking, domestic violence, etc.

Topics related to the conference theme are welcome and must be related to the focus of the workgroup. Papers should provide suggestions about how to preach effectively on these topics. Other topics may be considered.

Convener:
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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

No more than four papers will be accepted for any given annual meeting to allow for meaningful discussions. At least one slot each year will be reserved for a graduate student paper. Though papers are generally accepted on a first come, first serve basis, papers may be denied for poor academic quality.

PEDAGOGY

The Pedagogy Work group explores and demonstrates theory and method on matters pertaining directly to the teaching of preaching. The convener and assisting members will attempt to provide balance between papers discussing theories of teaching and papers that demonstrate specific teaching practices for homileticians to consider. We prefer but are not limited to pedagogical philosophies and/or practices that have been tested in homiletics classrooms or field experiences.

Convener:
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Participation:

Participants are invited to stay with the workgroup for its full session and to consider making a long-term commitment. Neither is required as guests are always welcome.

Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

- The Convener and another group member will read all papers submitted to this workgroup. If more papers are submitted than can be accommodated the Convener will ask members of the group to help decide which papers are most deserving. Earlier submissions will receive earlier approvals. The group wants to supply a safe space for the exploration of new ideas so its goal is not to exclude papers. The convener may, however, refuse papers lacking in correct style or academic quality.
- Papers addressing the theme of the 2021 meeting will be given preference so far as they are related to homiletical pedagogy.
- 30 minutes will be allotted per paper. Presenters are encouraged to limit summaries of their paper to 10 minutes to allow ample time for discussion of the work by the group.

PERFORMANCE STUDIES

The Performance Studies group explores preaching as performance: an embodied, dramatic event involving the preacher, texts, community, and Spirit, an interplay of performers and participative audience. Recent papers have focused on the theological and performative implications of call and response traditions in the African American church, performance of scriptural texts as a way to name and engage trauma, and the role of digitally-archived sermon performances in homiletic pedagogy. Growing out of the pandemic, our conversations around online performance (and teaching online performance) have been particularly generative. While the breadth of our conversations as a workgroup is broad, preference is given to papers that engage the theme of the Annual Meeting. This year's theme is: "Reimagining the Center." How does performance decenter and recenter preaching and homiletic scholarship? Papers should follow the stated guidelines and deadlines for the Academy.

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PREACHING AND CULTURE

The Preaching and Culture Workgroup is concerned with cultural approaches to homiletics. Our globalized, multicultural world drives us to take the relationship between preaching and culture seriously by critically analyzing current practices of Christian preaching grounded in traditional Western rhetoric and hermeneutics. It also challenges us to reconstruct homiletical theories more relevant to our changing cultural context for preaching. Papers providing insights into postmodern, postcolonial, intercultural, or intergenerational preaching are welcome. Those dealing with preaching on social and ethical issues emerging from local and global cultural contexts, such as race, gender, sexuality, immigration, climate change, economic and power disparity, abortion, disability, religious pluralism, etc., are also welcome. Moreover, we encourage you to submit your work on Asian and Asian American preaching, African American preaching, Native American preaching, Hispanic preaching, or other racially and ethnically distinctive preaching. The workgroup will help you strengthen the scope of your research through constructive conversation.

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

- Please email submissions to both conveners. Both conveners review all submissions. While we hope to accept each proposal in its submitted form, the workgroup conveners may ask for additional revisions, recommend another group for the proposal, or decline the submission.
- We encourage graduate students to submit their papers sponsored by a member of the Academy.
- In addition to essay submissions, we welcome the submission of guild-appropriate sermon manuscripts with analyses and proposals for panel discussions and book reviews. Please consult the workgroup conveners via email before proposal submission.
- A maximum of four sessions, including paper presentations and panel discussions, will be offered, thirty minutes per each. Presenters are encouraged to limit summaries of their papers to ten minutes to allow sufficient time for the discussion of the work by the group.
- Multi-media presentations are encouraged.
- We encourage all participants to read contributions in advance for full and lively participation.
- Visitors are welcome.

PREACHING, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

The Preaching and Media Workgroup will engage the potential intersections between Preaching and Social Media and Technology, especially considering this year's theme and the experiences of preachers today. Technology is playing a larger and more integrative part of 21st century culture. How can preaching, media, and technology aid in creating a preaching renaissance? This work group will look at the ways preaching using media and technology intersect, how and why media and technology can be used in worship, why it might not be useful in some situations and contexts, and the theological and practical implications for their possible utilization in our preaching, especially regarding the theme of a preaching renaissance.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

Since this workgroup is a relatively new addition to the Academy of Homiletics, the members are encouraged to submit any academic papers related to the description of the Workgroup. In addition, sermons and book reviews are welcome. If you want to preach a sermon and discuss it, your preaching should be no longer than 10 minutes. Please feel free to contact the convener if you have any questions.

PREACHING, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CRISIS

Newly formed in 2022, this workgroup is intended to meet for three years in order to foster a sustained and focused conversation about intersections between homiletics and environmental issues, especially the climate crisis. This workgroup provides a forum for raising awareness about and equipping homiletics professors for instructing their students on preaching about topics such as anthropocentrism, colonialism, food and faith, environmental racism, and ecological justice.

There is an urgent need for homileticians to address preaching and the environment given the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2021 showing that the next decade is a critical window of opportunity for limiting the worst effects of global warming and preparing communities for impacts of the climate crisis. Research conducted by Leah Schade surveying congregations has shown a rising interest in having their clergy address climate change and other environmental issues from the pulpit. As well, her surveys of clergy indicate that there is a growing number of preachers who are in need of homiletical support for crafting sermons that provide biblical and theological framing for the climate crisis and other environmental issues.

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

This workgroup builds on previous AOH themes on preaching and creation (2018), unmasking whiteness (2019), trauma (2020), and decentering (2022) as its approach is interdisciplinary and intersectional. For example, scholars may consider preaching and the environment from biblical, pedagogical, performative, rhetorical, or liturgical perspectives. The conveners invite papers, sermons, and proposals for panel discussions that will address the climate crisis and other environmental issues and speak to the core of our homiletical discipline. A goal for this workgroup is to curate submissions for an edited anthology on preaching, environment, and the climate crisis.

RHETORIC

The Rhetoric Workgroup provides a forum for exploring questions related to the human dimension of preaching's craft traditionally identified with both the classical and contemporary traditions of rhetoric. From antiquity rhetoric has been taught as the art of reasoning in matters of contingent discourse trading in probable judgments rather than certain knowledge, in communicating contextually applied truths rather than communicating universal truths. Rhetoric then provides homiletics with resources to examine aspects of the craft of preaching, focused on how potentially diverse listeners may be influenced to become receptive to sermonic appeals, whether explicitly or implicitly embedded in this reasoning. It also focuses on developing increasing awareness of what counts as contextually meaningful sermonic reasoning resources. This includes context and meaningful sermonic language use (including figures of thought and speech), contextually meaningful sermonic designs, and contextually meaningful forms of sermon delivery. In general, contributors are encouraged to either address the theme for the Academy meeting that year or contribute to disciplinary knowledge out of their own scholarly project(s). Occasional forums on selected subject may be held.

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THEOLOGY OF PREACHING

As teachers of preaching, we are tasked with helping our students develop a theology of preaching that will deepen and develop through a lifetime of breaking open God's Word. We explore our theological vision as we consider questions such as: Who is the God whom I preach? What is the action of God in preaching? How do we understand and articulate the act of preaching and the role of the preacher within the community and in the mission of the church? How is our theology of preaching formed and articulated, consciously or unconsciously by our social location, ethnicity and culture? Our responses to these and other similar questions constitute our theology of preaching.

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedure:

- Please submit papers to **both conveners** by the Academy deadline.
- We recognize that while some Academy members have a long-standing relationship with a particular working group, others prefer to hear a variety of papers. We welcome all who wish to attend, whether that attendance is for the entire session or one particular paper. We strongly encourage participants to read and reflect on the papers they will hear, so that they may participate fully and fruitfully in the discussions.
- For 2022, the Theology of Preaching Workgroup will accept up to 4 papers for presentation. Doctoral students who have completed all of their course work are invited to submit a paper **via their advisor**, who should be a full member of the academy. Preference will be given to submissions related to the conference theme, "Re-Imaging the Center." If more than four papers are submitted, the conveners will select those to be presented. No papers in need of significant editing for content, length or language will be considered.