



**Science for Seminaries**  
A PROJECT OF AAAS DIALOGUE ON SCIENCE, ETHICS, AND RELIGION



Science for Seminaries Newsletter, Fall 2018

## Fostering dialogue between scientific and religious communities since 1995

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### Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural Science for Seminaries newsletter! Science for Seminaries, a project of the [AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion \(DoSER\) Program](#) and created in consultation with the [Association of Theological Schools \(ATS\)](#), brings forefront science and science resources for future religious leaders to use in their own ministerial context. Now in its second phase, we are pleased to offer a quarterly newsletter to share special announcements, upcoming deadlines, and pertinent news. More information about the project can always be found on the [Science for Seminaries website](#).

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### Special Announcement

#### Grant Applications Now Open for 2019 Cohort

AAAS DoSER invites Letters of Interest (LOIs) from ATS member seminaries interested in expanding the role that science plays in theological education. AAAS will award up to 9 schools with 18-month grants in the amount of \$75,000.

Grant winners will receive AAAS support in the seminary's efforts to integrate science into at least two core courses and produce at least one campus-wide science-themed event. The project's goal is to assist future clergy members to engage with science thoughtfully and constructively, and ultimately to create an atmosphere in places of worship in which science is relevant and important to their communities.

**Application deadline: October 2, 2018**

Every grant application consists of two parts: an initial Letter of Interest (LOI) and, if invited, a detailed Full Proposal. For more details about the project and to apply, please visit the [Science for Seminaries website](#).

[Apply for a Grant](#)

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## News

### Introducing the 2018 Cohort

Over the past few months, AAAS DoSER has welcomed seven seminaries as the first cohort in the second phase of the Science for Seminaries project. This project will assist a diverse group of seminaries to integrate science into their core curricula. As many as 32 seminaries will be chosen to participate over the next four years, joining the 10 seminaries that already completed a very successful pilot program.



The seven seminaries range widely in denomination, location, and employment of science. The project leaders for these seminaries have already attended the AAAS Curriculum Meeting as well as the recent Faculty Enrichment Retreat. The 2018 Cohort includes: Bethany Theological Seminary (Richmond, IN), Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (St. Louis, MO), McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL), Mundelein Seminary (Mundelein, IL), Nazarene Theological Seminary (Kansas City, MO), Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology (Hales Corners, WI), and Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary of Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI).

[Read more about the 2018 Cohort](#)

### 2018 Faculty Enrichment Retreat

In August, project leaders, scientific and theological experts, and participants from ten other seminaries gathered near the Maryland Chesapeake Bay for the Science in the Curriculum Faculty Enrichment Retreat. The retreat provided an opportunity for faculty to converse across denominations, have fruitful one-on-one conversations with scientists, engage on a variety of topics at the intersection of science and faith, and build pedagogical skills essential to science integration. The workshop also helped to expand the Science for Seminaries project, as DoSER welcomed ten faculty from seminaries not currently receiving a grant. Applications for the 2019 Faculty Enrichment Retreat will open in January. During the retreat, participants created new relationships and networks for partnerships across broader seminary and scientific communities.



[Read more about the Faculty Enrichment Retreat](#)

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## Other News from DoSER and AAAS

### DoSER in Motion

DoSER was pleased to participate in a variety of meetings in the past few months. At the Festival of Science and Religion, organized by the [Think-Write-Publish Science and Religion project](#) at Arizona State University (ASU), program representatives discussed AAAS' engagement activities, sharing best practices for science dialogue with cultural competency and sensitivity to a broad range of worldviews. We also organized symposia, roundtables, and workshops at annual meetings of various scientific societies as part of the "[Engaging Scientists in the Science and Religion Dialogue](#)" project. The presentations provide an opportunity for scientists and faith leaders to discuss a range of topics at the intersection of science, faith, and culture. Videos of these presentations can be found on [DoSER's website](#).



[More information about the Engaging Scientists project](#)

### Network to Engage Scientists and Religious Communities

A major goal of AAAS DoSER is to grow a network of scientists, faith communities, public communicators, and organizations that are interested in constructive dialogue and engagement on science and society topics. The Engaging Scientists Network is currently in the beta stage. We would like to encourage you, as a community leader, to learn more and sign up for the network.

Engaging Scientists Network

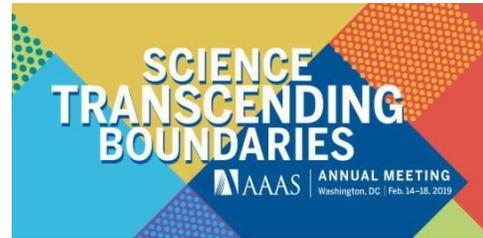
### Coming Soon: AAAS DoSER Holiday Lecture

Join DoSER for our holiday lecture in Washington, DC at the AAAS headquarters in December. These annual public lectures highlight forefront science topics through dialogues between scientists and religious leaders. This year we will bring in experts from the scientific and religious community to discuss human genetic diversity. Prior holiday lectures have covered a broad spectrum of topics, including artificial intelligence, cooperation and creativity in human evolution, neuroscience and mortality, and exoplanets and life beyond earth.

More information about the 2018 Holiday Lecture will be posted soon on the [DoSER website](#). To view previous lectures, visit [DoSER's video resources](#).

## Registration and housing open for the AAAS Annual Meeting

The AAAS Annual Meeting brings together leading scientists, educators, policymakers, and journalists to discuss cutting-edge developments in science, technology, and policy. The event will be held February 14-17, 2019 in Washington, DC. This year's theme, Science Transcending Boundaries, highlights ways science is bringing together people, ideas, and solutions from across real and artificial borders, disciplines, sectors, ideologies, and traditions. DoSER will be hosting workshops, symposia, and a reception throughout the meeting.



[Register and learn more about the AAAS Annual Meeting](#)

## Invest in Dialogue

Did you know that DoSER is funded by the generosity of donors and grants? Supporting DoSER's vital work of facilitating conversations between scientists and religious communities is as easy as clicking the link below. Your investment will help us fortify our current engagement projects and expand our work into exciting new areas. Email us at [doser@aaas.org](mailto:doser@aaas.org) to learn more.

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