**Appointment Status:  Non-Tenure Track**

The Hartford Institute for Religion Research invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Hartford Seminary. The appointment is for two years, with the possibility of an extension.  The start date is September 1, 2020 (or as soon as possible) with a project end date of June 30, 2022. We seek applications from scholars whose research addresses issues at the intersection of religion and congregational research.

Applicants should be scholars of the social scientific study of religion or religious studies, and experience with religious congregations as organizations is essential.  However, scholars whose interests are in other disciplines such as cultural studies with a focus on race, class or gender in the United States are also encouraged to apply.

Fellows will be expected to conduct fieldwork, to know ethnographic methods, to be proficient in both office and research software (either quantitative or qualitative), to stay abreast of current literature, and to function as part of a working research team with four research staff and national teams of researchers, scholars and graduate assistants. Fellows will also be encouraged to pursue their own research interests within the bounds of the project and to create their own written products for publication or presentation at professional conferences.  Fellows will be expected to teach one course per academic year at Hartford Seminary.

Applications received by August 24, 2020 will be given full consideration; however, the search will remain open until suitable candidates are found.

Basic Qualifications: Should have received the Ph.D. within the last 5 years in a social science or humanities field with interests in congregations or other religious organizations, but will accept applications from ABD students with expected graduation date by May 2021. Experience in ethnographic methods preferred. Must be able to work with diverse constituencies, be able to conduct research on-site at various congregations, demonstrate technical proficiency, and be able to communicate well both orally and in writing. The successful candidates must demonstrate the ability to work both independently and with teams of researchers in a time-sensitive project.

Questions concerning the position should be addressed to Dr. Scott Thumma

Salary $50,000. Medical benefits and housing are included.

A complete application includes a cover letter outlining relevant education and training experience, an abbreviated CV, and names and contact information for three references.   Please send to Dr. Scott Thumma ([sthumma@hartsem.edu](mailto:sthumma@hartsem.edu) ).  Applications received by 8/24/2020 will receive full consideration.