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## Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Position (Qualitative Focus)

*Appointment Status: Non-Tenure Track*

The Hartford Institute for Religion Research invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace (formerly Hartford Seminary) with a Qualitative Research Focus. This appointment is for two years, with the possibility of an extension. The start date is as soon as possible or November 1, 2022. We seek applications from scholars whose research addresses issues at the intersection of religion and congregational research. We are looking for an individual who is adept in qualitative methods and analysis. This position is part of an on-going national study of congregational life and the impact of the pandemic on churches entitled *Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations: Innovation Amidst and Beyond COVID-19* (EPIC): [www.covidreligionresearch.org](http://www.covidreligionresearch.org)

Applicants should be scholars of the social scientific study of religion or religious studies. 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. Having experience with religious congregations is essential.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will be expected to be familiar with ethnographic methods and analysis, to conduct fieldwork, to be proficient in both office and research analysis software (especially NVivo), to stay abreast of current literature, and to function as part of a working research team with five research staff and a large number of national researchers, scholars, and graduate assistants. The Fellow 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. The Fellow may have an opportunity to teach one course per academic year at Hartford International University if they desire.

Applications received by October 15, 2022 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. We will accept applications from ABD students with expected graduation date during 2022. Experience in ethnographic methods and analysis is required. Must be able to work with diverse constituencies, be able to conduct research

on-site at various congregations, be able to contribute to mixed-methods data analysis, and be able to communicate well both orally and in writing. The successful candidate must demonstrate the ability to work both independently and with teams of researchers on a time-sensitive project.

Questions concerning the position should be addressed to Dr. Allison Norton ([anorton@hartfordinternational.edu](mailto:anorton@hartfordinternational.edu)).

**Compensation and benefits:**

Salary: \$50,000 annually. Relocation funds, medical benefits, and a housing stipend of \$1,200 per month are included.

**How to apply:**

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 your application materials to Dr. Scott Thumma ([sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu](mailto:sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu)). Applications received by 10/15/2022 will receive full consideration.