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## Visit our new Online Forum

We are pleased to announce an exciting new development at the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. Ever interested in creating and sustaining a culture of conversation among groups of scholars working in American Religion—be it through the journal, the Young Scholars in American Religion program, or the Biennial Conference—we want to provide the sort of thoughtful conversation we need in the field on a regular basis. To that end, the Center is beginning an *online version* of its popular “FORUM” section that appears annually in the journal. This Online Forum will appear monthly beginning in February and will, in many ways, mimic what we do in the Biennial Conference; namely, we will ask three notable scholars from various perspectives to wrestle in 1500 words with a topic or question, then provide space for conversation by others in the field. We invite you to read the first Online Forum [here](#), where Sylvester Johnson, Kathryn Gin Lum, and Rhys Williams grapple with what the term “American” means in “American Religious Studies.”

## Call for Papers: The Bible in American Life Conference, August 6-9, 2014

The *Bible in American Life Report* will be available on the Center’s website soon. The result of survey questions on both the General Social Survey and the National Congregations Study III, the report will offer deep sociological data about the use of the Bible in the daily lives of American Christians. As part of the project, the Center will host a conference in Indianapolis, August 6-9, 2014, with speakers from multiple disciplines to give historical and cultural analyses of the Bible in American life outside religious services (or at least in conjunction with services). We invite you to read the [Call for Papers](#) and submit a proposal. Travel, food, and lodging will be covered; all speakers will receive a \$1000 honorarium.



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