

# Religion & Webinar Teaching Resources/ Study Guides

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## Resources from Panelists

Mira Sucharov, Professor of Political Science at Carleton University

- Syllabus for Op-Ed Writing & Social Media Engagement Course
- <https://carleton.ca/polisci/wp-content/uploads/REVISED-PSCI-4809-Sucharov-W19.pdf>
  - “With the rise of digital and social media, op-eds (which stand for “opposite the editorial page” and which are also known as opinion pieces) are becoming an increasingly important way for experts to communicate about a range of political and social issues. This seminar will help you hone your own op-ed writing skills around an array of research-based issues, while providing a forum through which to consider how social media dynamics shape debate. Since clarity, precision and the use of logic and evidence are key components of the op-ed form and of constructive social media use generally, the course will serve to sharpen your digital citizenship skills and improve your overall writing.”
- Book
  - [\*Public Influence: A Guide to Op-Ed Writing and Social Media Engagement\*](#)
    - “How can twenty-first-century scholars and other experts engage with wider audiences beyond their peers? In *Public Influence*, Mira Sucharov walks readers through the ins and outs of op-ed writing and social media engagement. Enlivened with discussions of an array of hot-button issues and sharp analysis of the delicate dynamics of social media, this book is essential reading for anyone who wants to harness the opportunities of public engagement in this vital digital age.”
  - Borders and Belonging
    - “In this gripping and honest memoir, Mira Sucharov shows what a search for a political and emotional home looks like. Sucharov suffered from childhood phobias triggered by her parents’ divorce, and she sought emotional refuge in Jewish summer camp. But three years spent living in Israel in her twenties shook her to her core. Ultimately, encounters with colleagues, students, friends and lovers force her to confront what it means to be able to write, advocate and teach about Israel/Palestine in a way that balances affirmation with authenticity.”
- Major question more people should be thinking about
  - What should be the relationship between our own communal allegiances and our commitment to political and other related principles?
- Be on the lookout for:

- “Together with Omar Dajani I'm working on three projects: a book on Diaspora attachment to Israel/Palestine, a podcast on the past, present and future of Jaffa in light of Jewish-Palestinian shared society and refugee return, and a children's book introducing the history of the Nakba.”

Monique Moultrie, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Religious Studies at Georgia State University

- Articles & Texts
  - "Putting a Ring on It: Black Women, Black Churches, and Coerced Monogamy”
  - [#BlackBabiesMatter: Analyzing Black Religious Media in Conservative and Progressive Evangelical Communities](#)
- Books
  - [A Guide for Women in Religion](#)
    - “The Guide for Women in Religion is an indispensable resource for everyone from undergraduate students to emerita professors involved in the field of religion. ... This work reflects the multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-disciplinary nature of the field. It is designed to encourage creative, collaborative approaches, and to help women avoid being coopted. Writers presume that teaching is but one career option with publishing, the non-profit sector, work in religious institutions and the like all good choices for which training in religious studies is useful. They offer guidance on how to handle graduate school, dissertation writing, job interviews, promotions, health care, retirement, on-line teaching, resumes, publications and much more. This guide is not for women only. Supportive male colleagues, hiring committees and departments will also want a copy for ready reference.”
  - [Passionate and Pious: Religious Media and Black Women’s Sexuality](#)
    - “In *Passionate and Pious* Monique Moultrie explores the impact of faith-based sexual ministries on black women’s sexual agency to trace how these women navigate sexuality, religious authority, and their spiritual walk with God. Providing churchwomen a space to candidly discuss these issues, these popular ministries exist largely beyond the traditional church, with dialogues about sex taking place in chat rooms and through text messages, social media, email, and other media.”
- Website with other articles, lectures, and presentations
  - [Media – Dr. Monique Moultrie](#)
- Major question Dr. Moultrie seeks to answer in her work or research:
  - “I pursue freedom projects and my wheelhouse is sexuality. I'm interested in questioning the nexus of when people feel sexually free while acknowledging being ethically bound to others/creation.”
- Teaching Style
  - [View of Vol. 4 No. 1 \(2023\): Changing Scholarship \(atla.com\)](#)

Andrew Whitehead, Associate Professor of Sociology at IUPUI (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis) and Director of the Association of Religion Data Archives, IUPUI

- Books

○ [\*American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church\*](#)

- “Power. Fear. Violence. These three idols of Christian nationalism are corrupting American Christianity. Andrew Whitehead is a leading scholar on Christian nationalism in America and speaks widely on its effects within Christian communities. In this book, he shares his journey and reveals how Christian nationalism threatens the spiritual lives of American Christians and the church. ... American Idolatry encourages further conversation about what Christian nationalism threatens, how to face it, and why it is vitally important to do so. It will help identify Christian nationalism and build a framework that makes sense of the relationship between faith and the current political and cultural context.”

○ [\*Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in The United States\*](#)

- “The President of the United States brags about sexually assaulting women, cheats on his wife with Playboy models and porn stars, and claims he's never asked for God's forgiveness. Yet, majorities of both white evangelical and mainline Protestants continue to support him. Why do Americans in these religious groups embrace a politician who seems to violate their basic standards of morality?... The answer, Andrew Whitehead and Samuel Perry argue, is a strain of thought that they call "Christian nationalism," the belief that the United States is - and should be - a Christian nation. At its heart, Whitehead and Perry argue, Christian nationalism is about a fight to preserve a particular kind of social order, ... Taking America Back for God illustrates the tremendous influence of Christian nationalism on debates about the most contentious issues dominating American public life.”

- Podcast

○ American Idols

- In this podcast series, Dr. Whitehead, and other leaders in the field, journey to uncover the threats and problems of White Christian Nationalism in the United States and its impact on the American church. This podcast follows Andrew Whitehead's journey through Christianity and seeks to answer questions regarding White Christian Nationalism.