Public Theologies of Technology & Presence

Scholars of religion and theologians examining technologies' impacts on human relationships

Request for Proposals

The **Institute of Buddhist Studies,** with the support of the **Henry Luce Foundation**, invites proposals from scholars across the academic disciplines specializing in any religious traditions, and from theologians from all religious traditions, to participate in a three-year research initiative and series of meetings addressing the impacts of technologies on human relationships.

This program seeks to identify and cultivate new models of public theology (broadly construed) that powerfully address a central concern of contemporary life: The ways in which technologies reshape human relationships and alter how people are or are not "present" to each other.

Thirteen scholars of religion and theologians will receive grants of $10,000 each to support individual research projects on technologies and interpersonal presence. Grantees will gather yearly to share and hone their research and its applications, explore opportunities for collaboration, and take advantage of significant Silicon Valley and media resources.

Scholars of religion and theologians possess powerful toolsets through which to examine, critique, and advise technologists and consumers regarding technology and presence.

The detailed request for proposals is available at **http://www.shin-ibs.edu/luce/**

The deadline for the submission of proposals is *May 7, 2018*

Address questions about the program or the application process to Program Director Dr. Steven Barrie-Anthony: stevenba@shin-ibs.edu, (510) 500-9722.