

Fordham Graduate Theology Conference:  
**MARGINAL PERSONS AND THE  
MARGINS OF PERSONHOOD**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Submissions Due: Monday March 21, 2011

Conference: Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

At: Fordham University, Lincoln Center, NYC

Keynote: Virginia Burrus of Drew University

The Theology Graduate Student Association at Fordham warmly invites submissions from graduate students in the disciplines comprising religious studies and theology. Students whose research is primarily textual/biblical, sociological, historical, philosophical, ethical, or constructive are all invited to submit and attend. Examples of topics within the scope of the theme include:

**The dynamics of marginalization:** the involvement of religion in economic, political, or colonial exploitation/liberation; religious hybridity or self-location at margins; boundaries drawn with religious rhetoric—past and present; the exclusion and erasure of people from the historical record; the value, function, and criteria of orthodoxies and heresies.

**The notion of 'personhood' in religious contexts:** the definition and significance of personhood as a category; the propriety of conceiving of God as personal; controversy over the "persons" of the Trinity; the relation of animals and angels to personhood; the unique rights of persons, and the politics of recognizing personal rights; religion as a "personal matter," not a public concern; personhood as rhetoric or ontology.

**Abstracts, no longer than 350 words, should be sent via email to [fordhamtgsa@gmail.com](mailto:fordhamtgsa@gmail.com) by Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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