



SACRED WRITES

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP

Commonweal (1 partnership available)

Sacred Writes is now accepting applications from scholars for a funded writing fellowship with *Commonweal*. Applicants must have graduate-level training in religious studies, theology, biblical studies, or a related field. This partnership is open to faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students who have not previously held a writing fellowship with one of Sacred Writes' media partners. The deadline for applications is [14 June 2021](#).

The goal of this partnership is to elevate, support, and amplify Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian voices writing at the intersection of religion, politics, and culture. *Commonweal* is particularly interested in scholars whose research focus is reflective of and attuned to U.S. demographics, emerging populations, and interreligious experiences.

ABOUT COMMONWEAL

Commonweal is an independent journal of religion, politics, and culture edited by Catholic laypeople that inspires readers to seek a more just and inclusive future for our church and society. Approaching its one hundredth year of publication, *Commonweal* remains committed to its tradition of critical thinking, clear writing, and journalistic excellence. It is published in print eleven times a year, with a combined July/August issue, and is read by a highly educated audience of 20,000; the website, updated daily with new stories, averages a quarter-million page views per month. Through its publishing work in multiple media and its conversation-oriented events, *Commonweal* leads rigorous discussions about faith and conscience, all centered on the primacy of the common good. A robust social-media presence, popular email newsletter, and twice-monthly podcast complement *Commonweal's* editorial content.

SCOPE

Commonweal will host one Sacred Writes fellow to write two articles drawing on their scholarly expertise—one enterprise feature-length piece (3,800–4,000 words) and one shorter topical or spiritual piece (approximately 1500 words)—for online and print publication. Sacred Writes will compensate the fellow [\\$3,000](#) for their time, labor, and expertise.

The scholar selected will complete two articles between [1 July and 2 December 2021](#). Articles can take a variety of forms, for example: narrative analysis; contemplative and spiritual reflection; or literary criticism. The scholar will work with an editor from *Commonweal* to refine their pitches and article revisions. The following are suggested article themes:

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Regional Catholicism

Focus on analyzing historical and current Catholic experiences and regional cultures (e.g. African/Black American, Latino, Asian-Pacific Islander, and Native American Catholics) to describe the complexity of American Catholicism through the lens of local communities throughout the United States.

Interreligious Commentary

Focus on analyzing interreligious dialogue, nones, and non-religious spiritual and cultural experiences, and ecumenical commentary.

TO APPLY

Please submit the following materials through the online form, available at sacred-writes.org/apply.

- A 1- to 2-page cover letter explaining which topic or topics you would like to write about and how your scholarly expertise can help frame and inform a piece
- C.V. (include any relevant public scholarship experience, magazine articles, podcasts, videos etc.)
- Writing samples, including pieces written for general audiences (magazine articles, etc.)

Applicants may be interviewed by phone or video.

