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## Call for Paper Proposals

Deadline: February 28, 2018

### Teaching Mission in a Technological World

The Association of Professors of Mission extends an open call for paper presentation proposals for its annual meeting. Those interested in presenting at APM should submit a proposal title with a 150-200 word abstract and a 30 word biography to Linda F. Whitmer, APM president at [lwhitmer@johnsonu.edu](mailto:lwhitmer@johnsonu.edu) by February, 28, 2018.

**Theme:**

Teaching mission in our digitally integrated world has challenged, informed, and transformed both learner and educator. What is the impact of technology on the global intercultural studies classroom? So many things are happening almost daily that are advancing our focus and our discipline, as we educate and grow together. The internet and social media allow cultures to interact and learn from each other. Bibles are being distributed via computer chip. Virtual churches are springing up on the internet allowing for some measure of fellowship even at a great distance. Development workers are using new techniques to aid those in need. People groups are exposed to each other's understanding of who God is. Schools are developing online courses and degrees. In each step, we strive to expand and grow our mission focus. Our students live in this ever-changing and digitally enhanced world. How is it happening? Where is it happening? How can we help our students answer the questions they have?

Technology is with us to stay. Some level of social media will be with us for the foreseeable future. The rapid advancement of technology and the increasing attention to social media around the world have led to an accelerating trend of human interaction. In essence, technology, at the heart of missiological education, is changing what we do, what we know, and how we know the multifaceted face of the discipline. As our shrinking world is providing opportunities for expanding theological and cultural awareness, cultures interact and learn from each other. What are the ways that these changes are impacting the missiology we teach?

The goal of this conference will be to examine the intersection of the numerous facets of missiology and technology. Questions of "How is mission theology changing?" "How are cultural groups reacting and responding to each other and to God?" "How are educational institutions using and being challenged by technology?" "What are the issues of justice, gender, and diversity that are arising from today's technologically active world?" "How are we preparing our students who are constantly plugged in for the reality of this mission field?" should be addressed.

We invite missiologists and mission educators to submit individual paper proposals. Full information can be found at <https://www.asmweb.org/content/apm>. Questions not answered there can be directed to Linda F. Whitmer, APM president (2017/18), at [lwhitmer@johnsonu.edu](mailto:lwhitmer@johnsonu.edu).

### **Themes for Proposal:**

This year's meeting will consider the teaching of mission in our current technological world, seeking to examine the manner in which biblical and missiological models are being impacted by the fast paced and ever-changing interactions between cultures, peoples.

While papers may focus on any topic of missiological relevance, preference will be given to those that focus on the conference theme, "Teaching Mission in a Technological World". Presentations will be loosely grouped around the following sub-themes; however, these are by no means an exhaustive list of the possible topics which may pertain to our theme.

- **Theological Perspectives on Missiology** - What biblical or theological factors seem to be developing because of our increasing global interaction? How has our missiological understanding of God grown as a result of our global technologically enhanced world? What theological insights have developed due to technological advances? How have developments in world interaction impacted the way we teach mission theology and other theological issues?
- **Anthropological Perspectives in Mission Education** – What are the factors that contribute to our understanding of culture that enhance or challenge our teaching roles as mission educators? How does interfaith relationships affect teaching and learning in mission? How does social media impact mission teaching in a world where cross-cultural workers often have constant connection to home and are not pressured to adapt?
- **Technological Innovations in Mission** – What are the historical changes that have taken place in mission (e.g. movement from radio to TV to Internet, etc)? What are some case studies in which the way we do mission has changed due to innovations in technology? How might the APM professors better engage in technological innovation for teaching mission?
- **Gender, Justice, and Diversity** – How have issues of gender been impacted by cultural groups interacting? What are diversity issues that need to be addressed in the classroom as we educate missiologists for the next generation? Social justice issues are increasingly prevalent in the minds of our students. How can we help them transverse these issues? Case studies are welcome.
- **Other Subjects** – Topics of particular interest to APM contributors but not directly related to the conference theme may be submitted and will be considered.

**Association of Professors of Mission** will meet June 14-15, 2018 at St. Mary's College on the campus of Notre Dame University, South Bend Indiana.

**SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS** Paper proposal deadline: February 28, 2018  
Notification of accepted papers: March 15, 2018 Submission of completed papers and confirmation

of meeting attendance: May 15, 2018 For the purposes of online publication of presentations, submitted papers may be up to 5,000 words in length including notes and references (about 20 double-spaced pages) and should conform to the style guide of the journal *Missiology: An International Review*, available at: <http://asmweb.org/assets/pdf/Style-Guide-2011.pdf>. The full text of all papers approved for the conference will be made available to the members of APM online as *The Proceedings of the Association of Professors of Mission, 2018*

Presentations at the meeting will be limited to 15 to 20 minutes (about 5-7 pages of text, if read), plus additional time for discussion depending on the number of presentations accepted. Please direct all submissions and questions to **Linda F. Whitmer, APM President at [Lwhitmer@johnsonu.edu](mailto:Lwhitmer@johnsonu.edu)**.

**Registration materials will be available on the website in the Spring 2018.**

**We look forward to seeing in June!**