



SACRED WRITES

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING

Summer 2024

Sacred Writes is pleased to announce we are now accepting applications for a session of our public scholarship training program, to be held virtually from May-July 2024. **We provide all training fellows with a \$1000 stipend.** This session will be made up of twelve scholars who focus on public scholarship around **race, justice, and religion**, funded by the Henry R. Luce Foundation.

We welcome applications from scholars of religious studies, theology, or related fields from A.B.D. status and beyond who are committed to sharing their research with non-academic audiences. For more details on eligibility, see our [FAQ](#). Independent scholars, contingent faculty, and scholars working in applied religious studies are encouraged to apply, as are scholars from groups traditionally marginalized within and beyond the academy.

ABOUT OUR TRAININGS

Sacred Writes: Public Scholarship on Religion, hosted by Northeastern University, is designed to address a gap between disciplinary expertise and effective communication strategies. Scholars of religion and theology are in a unique position to provide crucial context for pressing current issues. But most of us lack the training to do that sort of public-facing work.

Sacred Writes' in-depth, cohort-based training program provides scholars with opportunities to acquire skills, identify resources, and build the communities of support necessary to produce public scholarship on religion. Our newly revised curriculum asks you to reflect on scholarly "vocation" and purpose, as well as practice concrete skills. There are eight units: Why Go Public?; Risks, Rewards and Responsibilities; Rethinking Your Expertise; Communicating with the Public; Social Media; Op-Eds and Explainers; Interviews; and Next Steps. Each includes a 45-minute training podcast and slide deck, discussion questions, and applied learning exercises. The training will also include scheduled group meetings, led by trainers Sacred Writes alum Dheepa Sundaram and Associate Director Brook Wilensky-Lanford. **NOTE: those meetings will be held on Thursday afternoons, 3pm EST, May 9th through July 18th. Please keep this time in mind when you apply.**

Estimated total time commitment for the training is approximately forty hours, spread over three months. Since our founding in 2018, we have equipped more than 100 scholars to do this work, resulting in the creation of more than 450 pieces of public scholarship. You can see [examples of work](#) by training alums on our website, sacred-writes.org.

TO APPLY

Visit our website, sacred-writes.org to learn [more](#) or go ahead and fill out the Google Doc [application](#). Questions about the training may be directed to Associate Director Brook Wilensky-Lanford, at sacredwrites.neu@gmail.com. Applications are **due Monday, March 25th**. We will notify applicants of their status by mid-April.