Call for Postdocs, Database of Religious History (DRH)

The Database of Religious History (DRH; religiondatabase.org), based at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, Canada, is currently hiring two postdoctoral research fellows. Contingent upon additional funding, this may be expanded to five positions.

Candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. (earned within the last five years) in a field relevant to religious history (religious studies, area studies, history, archaeology). Responsibilities will include serving as a DRH Editor and taking responsibility for filling out DRH coverage in their area of expertise, through entry contributions of their own and recruitment of colleagues. They will also be expected to participate in the academic life of the project, contribute to workshops, and attend conferences in their field. Candidates are advised to familiarize themselves with the basics of the project (what an entry looks like, the different polls and types of entries, how the DRH is structured, etc.), in order to understand the nature of the work involved, before submitting an application. We particularly welcome experts in pre-modern African and American religions.

Salary is CAD 60,000 per year, and fellows will be expected to relocate to UBC. We can currently only guarantee one year’s funding for the initial two positions, but hope to secure funding by the Spring that will expand the number of positions and make them renewable for up to three years.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

Applications should include a cover letter, CV and two letters of recommendation, to be submitted via email to Adam Barnett at adam.barnett@ubc.ca, by March 27, 2020. Questions about the positions can be directed to the Managing Editor, Willis Monroe (willismonroe@gmail.com).