



Fall, 2023

Director's Corner



It's been a busy summer for DoSER, and fall is full of even more great things! See below for information on an exciting new grant opportunity (applications open until September 18th!) and a "save the date" for our 2023 December Dialogues.

It was wonderful to meet many friends of DoSER at convenings this summer, including the American Scientific Affiliation meeting in July, the Scientists in Synagogues Welcome Workshop in July, and the Parliament of the World's Religions in August. We'll be at many more meetings

this fall, so make sure you come find us! Read the list below or visit our social media accounts (<u>Facebook</u> and <u>X</u>) to learn where we'll be! Sadly, fall also marks a farewell to DoSER's Project Coordinator, Ophir Cohen-Simayof, as she heads off to Harvard Divinity School to pursue her master's degree. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing about all the amazing things she'll do in the future!

As a reminder, you can always view our fantastic resources and latest news at ScienceReligionDialogue.org.

-- Katy Hinman, Director, AAAS

New Project Alert!

Climate Science in Theological Education



DoSER is excited to announce a new focus on climate change science with the Climate Science in Theological Education (CSTE) project! This 3-year project will provide grants for seminaries to meaningfully engage with forefront climate science in their curriculum and activities.

The project's goals are to equip current and future faith leaders to lead their communities in addressing climate change and to create an atmosphere in places of worship where climate science is considered relevant, complementary, and important to religious worldviews.

Learn more about the project

Applications for this grant are open until September 18th!



We are currently accepting applications for seminaries to join the first cohort of the CSTE project. Any accredited theological education institution that offers an MDiv program or equivalent for the training of faith leaders can apply.

Up to 14 schools will be selected to receive a \$15,000 grant for January 2024-July 2025.

Applications close Monday, September 18, at 11:59pm PT.

Apply Today

Learn More

Save the Date!

Just Rest: DoSER's 2023 December Dialogues

December 13, 2023, 5:30pm - 7:00pm ET

In person (Washington, DC) and virtual (Zoom)



Save the date for our annual December Dialogues on December 13 at 5:30pm ET! This year's event, "Just Rest," will explore rest and relaxation not only in terms of personal benefit, but also how rest and relaxation are situated and viewed in society, and how they are a way of fighting for social justice. Speakers include Dom Chatterjee, editor of Rest for Resistance; Dr. Dayna Johnson, professor at Emory University; and Judith Shulevitz, author of *The Sabbath World*.

The event is free and open to the public, both in person (COVID guidelines permitting) and streamed online (pre-registration required). The 90-minute event will include a round of short reflections from panelists, a moderated discussion, and a Q&A with the audience. It will be followed by a reception for in-person attendees.

More information coming soon

2024 AAAS Annual Meeting: Toward Science Without Walls

February 15-17, 2023 In person, Denver, CO



Join us at the 2024 AAAS Annual Meeting, "Toward Science Without Walls!"

This year's meeting will explore the consequences of barriers that currently fragment our community, separating us by discipline, approach, institution, nation, access, wealth, seniority, race, and gender. Participants will consider solutions, and envision a seamless ecosystem that would drive more innovative, equitable, rapid, open science and technology.

DoSER will be hosting the following events at the AAAS Annual Meeting:

- The scientific session, "Making Science Accessible By Design"
- The workshop, "Science Engagement with People of Faith"
- A networking reception (pending)

Learn more at the Annual Meeting website

New Resources & Upcoming Visits

New Profile: Michael Zimmerman



In the newest installment of our series "Profiles in Science Engagement with Faith Communities," we spoke with Michael Zimmerman about tension between evolution and creationism in schools, bringing together clergy and their congregations to participate in Religion and Science Weekend, and the importance of having respectful conversations about complex topics.

Click here for the full profile.

DoSER at Upcoming Conferences



DoSER staff will be attending a number of conferences in the fall. If you also plan to attend, please look for us and say hello!

September 21-23, Washington, DC:
Scientific Evidence and the Courts
Organized by AAAS Center for Scientific Responsibility and
Justice
Attending

October 7-10, Charlotte, NC:

ASTC 2023 Annual Conference: Engaging the Future

Organized by the Association of Science and Technology Centers *Exhibiting*

October 19-21, Kingston, RI:

2023 Inclusive SciComm Symposium

Organized by the Metcalf Institute, University of Rhode Island Engaging Scientists and People of Faith workshop

October 26-28, Portland, OR:

2023 SACNAS National Diversity in Stem Conference

Organized by the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science Exhibiting November 18-21, San Antonio, TX:

2023 AAR SBL Annual Meeting

Organized by the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature Co-hosting a Reception

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