

# Pollsters and Parishioners – Workshop on Survey Research and American Religion

**June 11 - 17, 2009**

**Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI  
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With the support of the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics, a week-long seminar on survey research and American religion is tentatively scheduled to be held at Calvin College in June of 2009. The seminar will be directed by Corwin Smidt (Calvin College). As has been true for previous such workshops, it is likely that James Guth (Furman University), and Lyman Kellstedt (Wheaton College) will also help direct the workshop.

**Participants:** Graduate students and recent Ph.D. graduates in Political Science, Sociology, and related disciplines who are interested in the use of survey research in studying American religion are invited to apply (though preference will be given to those who are currently graduate students). Selection is competitive with an anticipated enrollment of twelve participants. ***Travel costs to Calvin College, and room/board on campus will be provided.***

**Schedule:** Participants arrive on Thursday and will depart the following Wednesday.

**Activities:** The seminar will combine instruction on the conceptualization and measurement of religion in survey research with major segments of time devoted to data analysis using major data sets on religion and politics. The instructors will work closely with small groups of participants.

**Qualifications:** Interest in the study of American religion in the mass public and familiarity with personal computers and SPSS.

**Application:** Prospective participants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vita, one letter of recommendation, and one sample of scholarly writing to:

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**Deadline:** Materials must be received by Monday, March 2, 2009, with selections made by Monday, March 23, 2009.

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