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First academic journal dedicated to the study of secularism and nonreligion launched – 25 July 2011

International publication will be titled *Secularism and Nonreligion*

The world's first journal dedicated to the exploration of secularism and nonreligion will begin publication in January 2012. The new journal is a partnership of the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN), an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers, founded in 2008, and the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture (ISSSC) at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, established 2005.

The journal, to be called *Secularism and Nonreligion*, will be social scientific and interdisciplinary. Its establishment responds to the increasingly numerous, broad-ranging and urgent questions being asked about secularism and nonreligion – and coming from academics, policy-makers and popular discussion equally. It aims to advance research into all aspects of secularism, postsecularism, nonreligion, atheism and so on, to consider the relationship between these (possibly) associated phenomena and actors, and to consider how these many things manifest across cultures and societies.

Secularism and Nonreligion will be co-edited by Ryan T. Cragun, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Tampa, Barry A. Kosmin, Research Professor of Public Policy & Law and director of the ISSSC at Trinity College, and Lois Lee, founding director of the NSRN.

Articles, written in English, will be accepted from experts in the social science disciplines of psychology, sociology, political science, women's studies, economics, geography, demography, anthropology, public health, public policy, law, religious studies and history. Contributions also will be considered from researchers in the fields of neuroscience, computer science, biology, philosophy and medicine.

Articles published in the new journal will focus on the secular, secularist or nonreligious across dimensions: the micro or individual level, the meso or institutional level, or the macro or national and international level. Submissions should explore all aspects of secularist politics on all of these levels, what the lives of secular, nonreligious or atheist individuals are like, and the interaction between secularism, secularity, nonreligion, atheism and other aspects of culture and society.

Although *Secularism and Nonreligion* will adhere to a traditional blind, peer-review referee process, it will be an open-access journal, meaning all articles will be freely available and able to be downloaded on the journal's website: www.secularismandnonreligion.org.

The editors are now accepting submissions of academic articles and book reviews, with the first volume of the journal to be published in 2012. Additional information about how to submit papers and publication procedures can be found on the [website](#).

Members of the journal's international editorial board include: Kada Akacem at the University of Algiers in Algeria; Andrew Singleton at Monash University in Australia; Will Gervais at the University of British Columbia in Canada; Nathalie Caron at the Universite de Paris-Est Creteil in France; Guy Ben-Porat at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel; from the UK, Stacey Gutkowski at the King's College, London, Stephen Bullivant at St. Mary's University College, Twickenham, and David Voas at the University of Manchester; and, from the US, John Alcorn at Trinity College; Daniel Blackburn at Trinity College; Deborah Cragun at the University of South Florida; Joseph Hugh Hammer at Iowa State University; Karen Hwang Center for Atheist Research; Ariela Keysar at Trinity College; Juhem Navarro-Rivera at the University of Connecticut; Terry Parssinen at the University of Tampa; Frank Pasquale at the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture; Darren Sherkat at Southern Illinois University; Donald Westbrook at Claremont Graduate University; David Wulff at Wheaton College; and Phil Zuckerman at Pitzer College.

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