

## **Building an Interfaith Community and Leadership Seminar**

*A Seminar Offered Jointly by Andover Newton Theological Seminary and  
The Pluralism Project at Harvard University*

**June 1-14, 2012**

The Pluralism Project at Harvard University and Andover Newton Theological Seminary are pleased to announce that they are currently accepting applications for an intensive two-week seminar that will take place **June 1-14, 2012** in Greater Boston. Through master classes, site visits to local religious communities and analyzing case studies developed by the Pluralism Project, seminar participants will explore the intersection of religious and civic life and reflect on their role as religious leaders in the public square. Sikh, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Jewish community leaders will introduce participants to their houses of worship and religious practices as we explore some of the challenges and opportunities that interfaith community-building involves.

The seminar is primarily intended for seminarians and divinity school students; a select group of lay leaders within religious, atheist/secular/humanist, and/or interfaith organizations are also sought for participation in this seminar. These leaders will have the opportunity to share with students and colleagues some of the current challenges their communities face in America's multi-religious reality and the ways in which they, as individuals and as a community, are engaging with this diversity.

**The Building Interfaith Community and Leadership Seminar** is offered jointly between Andover-Newton Theological School and The Pluralism Project at Harvard University. The seminar is generously funded by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. The instructors for the course will be Dr. Jennifer Peace, of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, and Dr. Diana Eck, of the Pluralism Project and Harvard University.

### **Applicants should be**

- currently enrolled in a participating seminary or theological school within the Boston Theological Institute (BTI)
- able to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to promoting religious literacy and fostering inter-religious engagement
- available for and willing to attend the full length of the course (absences for religious observances are permitted)

To be considered for the seminar, completed applications must be submitted electronically to [staff@pluralism.org](mailto:staff@pluralism.org) by 5pm on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Interested applicants should direct any questions to [staff@pluralism.org](mailto:staff@pluralism.org) or contact the Pluralism Project at 617-496-2481

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**APPLICATION**

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**Name:**

**BTI or Organizational Affiliation\*:**

*\*Please note: For HDS students, this is a non-credit bearing course. For interested HDS students, some scholarships are available to cover course auditing fees.*

**Religious or Secular Tradition (if applicable):**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Mailing Address:**

Are there any scheduling conflicts that would prevent you from participating in the entire seminar (June 1-14<sup>th</sup>, 2012)? Seminar activities generally will be scheduled 9AM-3PM including weekends. (Please note any religious observances here, with the understanding that these will not count negatively toward your application.)

**No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please answer the following questions, limiting each response to 500 words or less.*

**What do you hope to gain from participating in this course?**

**What does interfaith leadership mean to you?**

**Please describe a dilemma that motivates you to participate in this course OR an experience that you think will help prepare you for this course.**