

Call for Applications



LATAM Bridges in The Epistemology of Religion <http://www.uh.edu/class/philosophy/latam/>

*July Seminar
Universidad Austral, Argentina
July 19-31, 2020*

For two weeks, 20 participants will attend morning and afternoon seminars in the epistemology of religion. The seminars will be led by 8 analytic philosophers working in that field. Participants will receive U\$2000 as compensation and will have their hotel and meals covered by the organizers.

Topics and Speakers

Evidence and Agnosticism



Miriam Schoenfield (MIT)



Blake Roeber (Notre Dame)

Science and Debunking



Katia Vavova (Mount Holyoke)



Kelly Clark (Grand Valley)

Testimony and Disagreement



Charity Anderson (Baylor)



Alejandro Perez Carballo (UMass)

Agency and Virtues



Pamela Hieronymi (UCLA)



John Greco (Georgetown)

Application Process

A full application will include the following documents:

1. A Cover Letter describing your interest in, and familiarity with, one or more seminar topics.
2. A Reference Letter from a professor or academic advisor endorsing your qualifications.
3. CV and Proof of Current Enrolment or employment at a Latin American university.

In order to be given full consideration, all of these documents must be received **no later than March 31st**, at the following address: labridge@central.uh.edu. The subject of all emails should read: "[Applicant's Last Name] - Seminar Application". Inquiries should be sent to that address as well.

Application Instructions

Applicant Profile: Applicants must be Latin American graduate students, post-docs, or early-to-mid career scholars (within 15 years of having received their PhDs), who are currently working in, or interested in starting to do work in, the epistemology of religion. Applicants must be based in Latin American institutions. Applicants must be fluent in English: they will be required to read 16 papers in advance of the seminar, all written in English, and will be expected to be able to discuss them, in English, during seminar sessions.

Funding: Participants will receive a stipend of US\$2,000 upon completion of the seminar. The seminar organizers will cover hotel and food expenses for the duration of the seminar, but participants will make their own travel arrangements. Funds are provided by the John Templeton Foundation.

Cover Letter: Cover letters should be no longer than 2 pages and should be saved as PDF documents. They should at least include comments on (a) the applicant's interest and current work (if any) in the epistemology of religion, (b) how the seminar will help with the applicant's future academic plans, (c) the applicant's familiarity (if any) with analytic philosophy of religion, or analytic philosophy in general, and (d) the applicant's experience and competence with the English language. Cover letters should be sent by the applicant themselves, by March 31st, to the following address: labridge@central.uh.edu. The subject should read: "[Applicant's Last Name] - Seminar Application".

Reference Letter: Reference letters should be no longer than 2 pages (single spaced) and should be saved as PDF documents. Reference letters should be requested from current or former professors, colleagues, or anyone who has had an academic relation to the applicant. Letters from relatives, friends, or non-academic acquaintances will not be accepted. Reference letters must at least answer the following questions: (a) For how long have you known the applicant? (b) In which capacity did you interact with the applicant? (c) How does the applicant compare to your other students? (d) How would participating in this seminar help the applicant's work? (e) Is the applicant fluent in English and therefore capable of reading and discussing philosophy in English? Reference letters should be sent by the letter writers themselves (not the applicant), by March 31st, to the following address: labridge@central.uh.edu. The subject should read: "[Applicant's Last Name] - Seminar Application".

Proofs: Proof of enrolment consists in a dated transcript (official or unofficial) from the applicant's home university. Proof of employment consists in a dated and signed letter from the department chair, in university letterhead.

Selection Criteria: Applications will be judged by the project leader (Dr. Luis Oliveira) and by the three local co-organizers (Dr. Agnaldo Portugal, Dr. Ignacio Silva, Dr. José Tomás Alvarado). They will judge according to the following criteria:

- Evidence of serious interest in the seminar topics.
- Potential for future work in the seminar topics.
- English competence.
- Familiarity with the epistemology of religion.
- Familiarity with analytic philosophy.

Applicants should explain how they meet these criteria in their cover letter.

All inquiries about the seminars (or the project in general) should be sent to: labridge@central.uh.edu.