

## **Leading Interfaith Organizations Launch "State of Formation" Forum for Emerging Leaders**

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Current American discourse on religion and ethics is primarily defined by established leaders—ministers, rabbis, academics and journalists. There is an entire population of important stakeholders without a platform: the up-and-comers.

To remedy this, the *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, **Hebrew College, Andover Newton Theological School**, and the **Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions** have joined forces to create *State of Formation*, a forum for up-and-coming religious thinkers to draw upon the learning that is occurring in their academic and community work, reflect on the pressing questions of a religiously pluralistic society, and challenge existing religious definitions.

*State of Formation* is a community conversation between leaders in formation. Together, a cohort of seminarians, rabbinical students, graduate students, activists and the like—the future religious and moral leaders of tomorrow—are working to redefine the ethical discourse today.

Writers for *State of Formation* will demonstrate candor and respect, and *State of Formation's* content will reflect the diversity of budding religious and ethical leadership in America and the particular learning that only occurs in religious and philosophical education. Above all, its contributors will address the pressing ethical issues of our pluralistic world.

The *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, the parent publication of *State of Formation*, is a program of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City.

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