

Teaching Interfaith Understanding

A Seminar for Faculty Members

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About the Seminar

This seminar, led by Laurie Patton, president of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith America, will examine the substantial theoretical questions inherent in teaching interfaith understanding and explore the practical work of translating these ideas into courses.

Each day, the seminar will focus on a particular dimension of interfaith understanding—such as models of interfaith collaboration and pedagogies for teaching interfaith cooperation—and will include both theoretical and applied work. The seminar will blend discussions of case studies and syllabi, primary texts and scholarly readings, and experiential activities such as site visits.

Participating faculty members will have opportunities to develop teaching resources such as syllabi and course modules that may be shared online with colleagues at other institutions.



For more information
and to submit nominations, visit
cic.edu/teachinginterfaith.



How to Apply

Faculty members from all disciplines at CIC member colleges and universities are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be nominated by their chief academic officer.

Participants are selected by competitive nomination. Lodging, most meals, and reading materials are typically provided, thanks to generous support from Lilly Endowment Inc. Participants or their institutions are expected to cover transportation to and from the seminar location.

The nomination should include:

- ✦ A letter of support that endorses the nominee and explains the current state of interfaith initiatives on campus as well as the opportunities the nominee will be given upon returning to campus to use what has been learned
- ✦ A statement of interest and expected outcomes from the faculty member
- ✦ The faculty member's CV

**All application materials must be
submitted online by
February 14, 2025**

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