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Issue 13 Call for Submissions

Love

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Love is constantly being redefined by both scholars and people across a range of disciplines, theoretical approaches, and cultural contexts. Conceptions of love range from John Donne's literary pursuit of love, both sacred and profane, to Alain Badiou's philosophy of love as an existential quest for the truth. Religious communities also continue to pay close attention to love as a virtue, ideal, and practice, adding to these ever-evolving conceptions. How do religion and faith then shape our ideas about love in this changing world? What are the various kinds of love that exist in religious theology and practice, and in what ways do they influence the discipline's practices, ideologies, and movements?

Practical Matters is now accepting submissions on religious practices and practical theology for Issue 13. The journal will feature articles on the theme of "Love." Potential topics may include but are not limited to:

- Love in sacred texts
- The role of love in religious service and charity
- Marriage, divorce, sex, sex education, purity, (in)fertility, and family
- The body as sacred
- LGBTQ issues, identity politics, and religious institutions
- Love as a way of living or serving God, e.g., Sufism or Monasticism
- Romantic attachments to deities or dating God
- Love and the ethics of care
- Love across religious divides, e.g., inter-faith relationships or love *jihad*

We invite contributions from any religious or spiritual tradition, as well as from any theoretical position or discipline. The journal includes both peer-reviewed articles (Features and Analyzing Matters) as well as non-peer reviewed content that presents the thoughtful reflections of teachers and practitioners (Practicing Matters and Teaching Matters). *Practical Matters* accepts submissions that incorporate a variety of media and genres.

Submissions are accepted and published on a rolling basis throughout the year. For considerations in Issue 13, submissions must be received by December 1, 2019. For more information, please see www.practicalmattersjournal.org/submissions or email pm.issue.editor@emory.edu.