Boniuk Institute Accepting Applications for Inaugural Faculty Fellowship Program

Rice University's Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance is a premier interdisciplinary research and scholarly institute. We want to understand the conditions that lead to religious conflict, tolerance, and pluralism, and then help people apply our findings. The Institute houses the Religion and Public Life Center and plans to launch a new center on Religion and Science.

The Institute invites applications for the inaugural cohort of up to eight Boniuk Institute 2027 Faculty Fellows. The fellowship term will be for two years (July 1, 2027-June 20, 2029).

Boniuk Fellows are faculty who will exemplify the Boniuk Institute's mission through rigorous scholarship on religious pluralism and religious violence and further public dialogue on these topics.

Benefits: Fellows will be part of a collaborative cohort, with attached professional development opportunities. Fellows will:

- Attend an annual Fellows Gathering at Rice University in Houston, TX (visit funded by Boniuk Institute).
- Be invited to a Fellows Dinner at either the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) or the American Academy of Religion (AAR).
- Have access to Institute data, given fit with Fellows' research.
- Receive public recognition via Institute announcement and on Institute website.
- Receive special invitations for Institute programming, collaboration opportunities, and podcast and video interviews related to Institute's work.

Contributions: Fellows will be an advisory resource to the Institute in their area of expertise and serve as Institute ambassadors to the wider academic community and the public. Fellows will:

- Present one in-progress/ recently concluded work on religious violence and/ or pluralism at the Institute year-long scholars meeting.
- Be interviewed for the Institute newsletter and/ or podcast.

Eligibility: Faculty with an established institutional affiliation at US or international accredited college or university are eligible to apply.

Application: Please submit a one-page statement on the fit of your research, any public engagement with the mission of the Institute, and any anticipated alignment with its

centers (Religion and Public Life Center and anticipated Center on Religion and Science) and a copy of your curriculum vitae.

Email applications to Hayley Hemstreet at hjh2@rice.edu by January 15, 2027.