

SOCIAL SCIENCE & RELIGION NETWORK

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Monday, May 5th, 2014, 3:30-5pm

**Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs (CURA),
10 Lenox Street (West of the BU Bridge)**

Featuring **Dr. Steven Sandage**

(BU School of Theology and the Danielson Institute)

Relational Spirituality and Intercultural Competence: Barriers and Pathways to Mature Alterity



Humans invoke the sacred to support a variety of ways of relating to out-group members or experiences of otherness, ranging from xenophobia to compassion. This presentation briefly reviews findings from a series of empirical studies on spiritual and psychological predictors of intercultural competence based on a differentiation-based model of relational spirituality. Dialogue will be invited about next steps in research on spiritual or religious dynamics that can promote effective relations across socio-cultural differences.

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