The Second TSGC Workshop on Global Religions in Practice

With Professor Thomas A. Tweed, University of Texas, Austin
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Studying Religion in Motion in a Global Context
10:30 A.M. Workshop, 117 Anderson Hall

Toward an Ethic of Civic Engagement: Reflections on a Kinetic and Relational Theory of Religion
3 P.M. Faculty & Student Seminar, 219 Anderson Hall

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