

**Fact Sheet:**

*Atheist Identities: Spaces and Social Contexts*  
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University of Ottawa

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**Event Description:**

The workshop, *Atheist Identities: Spaces and Social Contexts*, a SSHRC funded event under the *Religion and Diversity Project*, was organized by Lori Beaman and Steven Tomlins and attracted scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada to share research on atheism.

**Results:**

The workshop concluded with a 2 hour plenary discussion of research results, theoretical models and research methods and suggestions for further research topics. The workshop identified state of the art thinking on atheism and its relationship to non-religion. What became clear is that there is considerable collaboration amongst scholars in defining this new field and in refining theory and method.

**Dissemination:**

2015. *Atheist Identities: Spaces and Social Contexts*. Edited by Lori G. Beaman and Steven Tomlins. Cham: Springer.

**Related spin-offs:**

(In press). *The Atheist Bus Campaign: Global Manifestations and Responses*, edited by S. Tomlins and S. Bullivant, Leiden: Brill Academic Press.

Cotter, Christopher R. 2011. Qualitative Methods Workshop (NSRN Methods for Nonreligion and Secularity Series). NSRN Events Report series [online], NSRN 7 June 2011. Available at <http://www.nsrn.net>.