

Reading Augustine

IN A TIME OF CRISIS

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Join us for a conversation with three interpreters of St. Augustine as they engage questions posed by the multiple challenges of 2020. How can Augustine's pastoral response to the sack of Rome speak to the fear and anxiety from the global pandemic? What political idolatries of today might Augustine diagnose? How might Augustine's understanding of "exile" connect to the experiences of minority communities in the United States? How can Augustine's thought be a bridge between different Christian traditions?

PANELISTS:



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JAMES K. A. SMITH is professor of philosophy at Calvin University and is editor-in-chief of *Image*, a quarterly journal at the intersection of art, faith, and mystery. He is the award-winning author of a number of books including *How (Not) To Be Secular, You Are What You Love*, and most recently, *On the Road with Saint Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts*.

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