A Scholar’s Perspective

"When Elaine first invited me to participate in the Books in Public Scholarship on Religion workshop, I considered it an honor to have the opportunity to comment on Wendy Cadge's manuscript. After spending a day and a half at Rice, it became clear that the experience was a great privilege as well. This sort of event is all too rare in academia-consider that the typical academic conference session affords a scant 12 minutes or so to present new work. Here, we had a full day to talk in depth and at length about a work in progress, to influence its shape and direction, to interact with leading scholars in the field, to learn from each other's perspectives. It was especially exciting for me, as a sociologist of medicine, who read Wendy's book through that lens, to learn how my colleagues in the sociology of religion interpreted Wendy's findings. This is a model innovation that should be replicated far and wide."

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