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### **Bio and Research Statement**

Tim Stacey explores the role of religion and belief in renewing a sense of solidarity in culturally and economically fragmented spaces. In particular, he explores what he calls ‘myths’, that is, the stories of great events and characters that point towards an ideal way of living. He uses the term myth to highlight the parity between religious and secular ways of inhabiting the world.

Seeing research as a means of changing rather than only exploring the world, Tim pays particular attention to the implications of his work for politics, policy and professional practice. Tim has experience in numerous methods, but prefers ethnography, and in particular employs a lot of auto-ethnographic reflection as he seeks to adopt the myths and practices of his research participants.

Tim is also a member of several research and policy networks. He is the co-founder of LivedReligionProject.com, an online campaign that challenges prejudiced understandings of religion as dogma by highlighting the complexity and humour with which randomly selected individuals navigate their religious and nonreligious lives. He is the co-founder of FaithXChange, an international network highlighting alternative visions and epistemologies in the public sphere. And he is Assistant Editor at NSRN online.

Tim is currently living in Vancouver, where he is undertaking ethnographic research into the values that motivate secular citizens (those for whom religion is no more than a secondary concern) to campaign for social and economic justice.