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***What's in a Name?
Assessing Mission Studies Program Titles***

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The 2015 Annual Meeting of the APM will examine the titles that educational institutions, North American and otherwise, use for their mission studies programs. Many seminaries and colleges have switched from using program titles that contain the term mission(s) to social science labels, e.g., intercultural studies, or to different religious labels, e.g., the more recently developing discipline of world Christianity. These nomenclature shifts affect students and graduates in such important ways as personal security or employability. What the titles mean for how institutions recruit students and new faculty is also an important area of consideration. Implications for a program's curriculum – whether undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate – as well as possibly for an institution's other programs also merit assessment. An institution's desired outcomes for its mission studies program relate to the title employed. The related type of degree that is earned, e.g., DMiss, DMin, PhD, ThD, MTh/ThM, enters the picture as well. The examination of these and other related areas should cast fresh light on how educators understand their various relationships to the *missio Dei* in today's ever-transitioning Christian world mission movement.

Persons interested in presenting papers may submit a proposed title with a 150-200 word abstract and a 30 word bio to APM president Nelson Jennings at jennings@omsc.org by February 13, 2015.