

Further reading:

Much of McCutcheon's (2005) *Studying Religion* website also looks at the history of Religious Studies. For more in-depth historical approaches to the field see:

Olson, C. (ed.) (2002) *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Theoretical and Critical Readings*. Belmont CA, Wadsworth.

This anthology collects readings by Religious Studies scholars past and present. The book is particularly useful in that it brings together arguments and counter-arguments in the words of the original scholars, providing both historical and contemporary views of each subject.

Pals, D. L. (2006) *Eight Theories of Religion*. Oxford University Press.

Capps, Walter H. (1995) *Religious Studies: The Making of a Discipline*. Minneapolis, Augsburg Fortress.

Paden, W. (1988) *Religious Worlds: The Comparative Study of Religion*. Boston, Beacon Press.

Sharpe, E. (1991; 2nd ed.) *Comparative Religion: A History*. La Salle IN, Open Court.

Strenski, I. (2005) *Thinking About Religion: An Historical Introduction to Theories of Religion*. Oxford, Blackwell.

See also the companion volume, Thinking About Religion: A Reader, which collects key readings in much the same manner as Olson (2002).