ASR 2007 ANNUAL MEETING FINAL PROGRAM

New York Marriott Marquis, New York City

OVERVIEW

Thursday, August 9

5:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration – Upper Terrace

9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Welcoming Reception

The reception is co-sponsored by ASR and Brill in celebration of the publication of the third and fourth volumes of the renewed "Religion and the Social Order" series, *American Sociology of Religion: Histories*, edited by Anthony J. Blasi, and *Vocation and Social Context*, edited by Giuseppe Giordan.

Friday, August 10

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration - Upper Terrace

8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

A1. Thematic Session: Church Growth and Decline

A2. Religion, Science, and Education

A3. Conversion and Social Identity Change (Part I)

A4. The Arts and Religious Performance

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

B1. Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics — Elaine Howard Ecklund's *Korean*

American Evangelicals: New Models for Civic Life

B2. Teaching the Sociology of Religion

B3. Religion's Role in Health and Illness

B4. Spirituality and the New Age

12:15 - 5:00 p.m., ASR Book Exhibit

1:00 – 2:45 p.m.

C1. Thematic Session: Religion's Role in Partisan Politics and Policy

C2. Religion, Marriage, and Family

C3. Religious Leadership

C4. Religiosities and Lifestyles

3:00 - 4:45 p.m.

D1. Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics — Melissa Wilde's Vatican II: A

Sociological Analysis of Religious Change

D2. Writing Grant Proposals

D3. Eastern Orthodoxy in Cultural and Political Context

D4. Secularization and Rationalization

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ASR Presidential Address - Marquis Ballroom

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ASR Presidential Reception - Promenade

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E1. ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: Debating Church and State: Religious-

Political Groups Advocating a "Better World"

E2. Religion's Role in Civic Engagement and Activism

E3. Religion and the Economy on a Global Scale

E4. Methodology, Measurement, & Scientific Approaches to Religion 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

F1. ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: Race, Class, and Gender: Religion's Role in Existing Institutional Arrangements

F2. Author Meets Critics — Peter Beyer's Religions in Global Society

F3. Environmental and Structural Impacts on Religion

F4. Conversion and Social Identity Change (Part II)

12:30 p.m.

The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture - Marquis Ballroom

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.*

The Paul Hanly Furfey Reception – Promenade

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3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

G1. Thematic Session: Authors Meet Critics — William V. D'Antonio, James D.

Davidson, Dean Hoge, and Mary Gautier's American Catholics Today: New

Realities about Their Faith and Their Church

G2. Navigating the Academic Job Market in the Sociology of Religion

G3. Intrareligious Relations

G4. Religious Agency, Creating Identities, and Balancing Communities 5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

H1. Thematic Session: Religion and Gentrification in New York's Lower East Side

H2. Development of Adolescent Religiosity and Church Involvement

- H3. Religions and Literatures
- H4. Religions, Values, and Movements in Central and Eastern Europe

Sunday, August 12

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.

ASR Business Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration – Upper Terrace

8:15 - 10:25 a.m.

Reserve Book Pick-up

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- 11. Publishing Journal Articles and Books
- I2. Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics Lawrence Hoffman's *Rethinking*

Synagogues

- I3. Inheriting and Leaving Religion
- I4. Catholicism and Contemporary Debates within the Church

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Final Book Sale

10:30 - 12:15 p.m.

- J1. Thematic Session: Modes, Beliefs, and Strategies of Religious Change
- J2. Religious Responses to Violence

J3. Ethnicity, Immigration, and the Response of Religion

J4. Religious Morality, Values, and Movements

12:30 – 2:15 p.m.

K1. Graduate Student Mentoring Session

Attendance by preregistration only

K2. Christian Communities and Groups Outside the Traditional Church

K3. Thematic Session: Striving for a Better World: Religious Non-governmental Organizations on the Global Stage

K4. Contemporary Western Paganism: Changes, Accommodations, Tensions2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

L1. Author Meets Critics: Henry Goldschmidt's *Race and Religion Among the Chosen Peoples of Crown Heights*

L2. Catholic Decline and Renewal

L3. Race Relations and Religion

L4. Thematic Session: New Religious Movements and the Influence of Alternative

Theologies

5:00 p.m.

ASR Executive Council

Monday, August 13

8:30 - 10:15 a.m.

M1. ASR/ASA Thematic Session: Serving the Afflicted and Afflicting the

Comfortable: Service and Advocacy at the Grassroots

SESSIONS

Friday, August 10, 8:30-10:15 a.m.

Session A1: Thematic Session: Church Growth and Decline

Convener: Kristeen L. Black, Drew University

Are Conservative Denominations Growing? A Cohort Analysis of Current

Trends in Religious Preference

Suzanne C. Fournier and Deborah L. Coe, Purdue University

New Zealand Religious Affiliations over the Last Fifty Years: Patterns and

Explanations

Charles Crothers, Auckland University of Technology

A Boom in Brandon (Florida) Only? Participation Increase and Geographic

Advantage among Presbyterian Church (USA) Congregations

Perry Chang and Ida J. Smith-Williams, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Research Services

Congregational Splits and Denominational Apostasy

David A. Roozen and Adair T. Lummis, Hartford Institute for Religion

Research

Session A2: Religion, Science, and Education

Convener: Kristopher H. Morgan, Purdue University

The Campus Religious Marketplace in Contemporary America

John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State University

Nexus: Religion in the Public University

Stacy Keogh, University of New Mexico

Science and Religion: Never the Twain Shall Meet?

Begoña Echeverria, Natalie Becker, and Reba Page, University of

California-Riverside

"The Most Scientific Religion": The Practical Rationality of Hindu, Muslim and Sikh

Applied Scientists

Richard Cimino, New School for Social Research

Session A3: Conversion and Social Identity Change (Part 1)

Organizers: Géraldine Mossière, University of Montreal, and Loïc Le Pape, École des Hautes Études Sciences Sociales–Marseilles

Convener and discussant: John Walliss, Liverpool Hope University

Change of Religion, Changing Representations of Self and Society: Different

Paradigms of Conversion

Study of Conversion

Géraldine Mossière, University of Montreal

Language and Self-Transformation: A Social Constructionist Approach to the

Claude H. Rochon, University of Montreal

How to Change Nothing? Religious Conversion, Social Context, and Identity Change

Loïc Le Pape, École des Hautes Études Sciences Sociales-Marseilles

Session A4: The Arts and Religious Performance

Convener: Scott A. Desmond, Purdue University

Producing Unchurch Worship: Sound and Stage in a Seeker Church

Kevin McElmurry, University of Missouri, Columbia

Music as Ritual: A Hotline to the Collective Conscious

Sara Horsfall, Texas Wesleyan University

"What Doth the Ladder Mean?": Jacob's Ladder in Protestant Congregational Song, 1790-1890

David M. Hummon, Holy Cross College

The Feast of Corpus Christi

Barbara R. Walters, Kingsboro Community College, CUNY

Friday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session B1: Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics — Elaine Howard Ecklund's Korean American Evangelicals: New Models for Civic Life

Organizer and convener: Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University

Critics: Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University

John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State University

R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois Chicago

Respondent: Elaine Howard Ecklund, SUNY Buffalo

Session B2: Teaching the Sociology of Religion

Organizer and convener: Tia Pratt, Fordham University

Panelists: Suzanne Fournier, Purdue University

Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

David Yamane, Wake Forest University

Session B3: Religion's Role in Health and Illness

Convener: Dana M. Greene, Appalachian State University

Great Matters of Life and Death: American Buddhist Converts Confront Aging, Illness, and Dying

Kim Lacy Rogers, Dickinson College

American Jews Respond to the Social Psychological, and Spiritual Challenges of Chronic Illness

Gail Glicksman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Does Religion Protect against Psychological Distress among Chronically Ill and Poor Women?

Barbara Kilbourne, Tennessee State University, Charles Holzer, University

of Texas-Medical Branch, Deborah Shields, Tennessee State University, Shawn Montgomery, Tennessee State University, Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University, and Robert Levine, Morehouse School of Medicine

Meditating as Medicine: What Happens to Spirituality in the Transition from

"Alternative" to "Integrative" Medicine?

Kaelyn Stiles, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Session B4: Spirituality and the New Age

Convener: Tanice Foltz, Indiana University Northwest

Ideological and Organizational Dilemmas of the Network of Spiritual Progressives

Celia Winkler, University of Montana

Sacro-Egoism and the Modern Approach to Religiosity in Oregon John S. Knox, University of Birmingham

The Impact of Culture on Spiritual Experiences within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Hui-Tzu Grace Chou and Elizabeth Dean, Utah Valley State College

Parallel Glocalization: The New Age in Taiwan

Shu-Chuan Chen, Fo Guang University, and James A. Beckford, University of Warwick

Friday, August 10, 12:15-5:00 p.m.

Book Exhibit

Friday, August 10, 1:00-2:45 p.m.

Session C1: Thematic Session: Religion's Role in Politics and Policy

Convener: Deborah L. Coe, Purdue University

Politics and Religion: When Prophecies Get Involved in the Political Debate

Alexandre Bérubé Bousquet, Collège Universitaire de St-Boniface

Red-State and Blue-County Congregations: How Political Geography Relates to Social Outreach

Cynthia A. Woolever, Hartford Institute for Religion Research

Another Christian Right? The Politicization of Korean Protestantism in Contemporary Global Context

Kyuhoon Cho, University of Ottawa

Religion as the Embodiment of Kinship Ideals: A Macro-Level Global Theory of the Role of Religion in Determining Women's Status

Margaret Gonsoulin, California State University, Fresno

Session C2: Religion, Marriage and Family

Convener: Anthony J. Healy, Visions-Decisions

Religion and Same-Sex Marriage in Canada and the United States

Erin Flaucher and Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College

Married Catholic Priests in the United States

D. Paul Sullins, Catholic University of America

Changing Lanes in Christian Ministry: Affiliation and Marital Status Boundary Crossing

Stephen Joseph Fichter, Rutgers University

"Demografiko": Contraception, Abortion, and Population in Greece Elisa Diamantopoulou, École Pratique des Hautes Études

Session C3: Religious Leadership

Convener: Elaine Howard Ecklund, SUNY Buffalo

Prophetic Leaders and Their Congregations

Kristeen L. Black, Drew University

Religious Leadership and Military Chaplains: Their Changing Privilege, Power, and Agenda in the Face of the New US Religious Landscape

Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

Gustavo Gutiérrez: The Construction of a Legend

Ulf Borelius, Göteborg University

"Islam is a Problem": Religion, Colonial Politics, and Social Change in Dutch East India

Dietrich Jung, Danish Institute for International Studies

Session C4: Religiosities and Lifestyles

Convener: Kevin McElmurry, University of Missouri, Columbia

Religiosity, Gender, and Denominationalism: An Age/Period/Cohort Analysis

David A. Gay, University of Central Florida

Movements, Counter-movements, and the Politics of Stigma in Two Evangelical Parachurch Ministries

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union

"The Changing Church?" The Seventh-day Adventist Church and Its Homosexual Members

Ronald Lawson, Queens College, CUNY

Celling the Eng Times: The Contours of Contemporary Rapture Films

John Walliss, Liverpool Hope University

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Session D1: Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics: Melissa Wilde's Vatican II: A Sociological Analysis of Religious Change

Organizer and convener: David Yamane, Wake Forest University

Critics: Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

James R. Kelly, Fordham University

Brian Starks, Florida State University

Respondent: Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania

Session D2: Writing Grant Proposals

Organizer and convener: Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

Panelists: Mark Regnerus, University of Texas, Austin

William H. Swatos, Jr., ASR/RRA Executive Office

Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

Shane Sharp, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Session D3: Eastern Orthodoxy in Cultural and Political Context

Organizer and convener: Jerry G. Pankhurst, Wittenberg University

Religious Ethnocentrism among Russia's Orthodox Christians and Muslims

Vyacheslav Karpov and Elena Lisovskaya, Western Michigan University

Being Russian Orthodox and Doing Russian Orthodoxy

Jerry G. Pankhurst, Wittenberg University

The Orthodox Church of Cyprus Faces the Twenty-First Century: Toward an Interpretation of the 2006 Archiepiscopal Elections

Victor Roudometof, University of Cyprus

Discussant: William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College

Session D4: Secularization and Rationalization

Convener: Matthew T. Loveland, Le Moyne College

State and Secularism in India.

Daniel Jasper, Moravian College

The Unilinear Conception of Secularization of the New Paradigm

Warren S. Goldstein, University of Central Florida

Rationalization, the Decay of the Narcicism of Minor Differences, Disquietness and Fissions: The Re-reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Gereformeerde Kerken [vrijgemaakt])

Durk Hak, Groningen, Netherlands

Holy Cow: The Churching of Wisconsin

Melissa Warner, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

Friday, August 10, 5:00 p.m.

ASR Presidential Address - Marquis Ballroom

Convener: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Religious Stratification: Its Origins, Persistence, and Consequences

James D. Davidson, Purdue University

Friday, August 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

ASR Presidential Reception - Promenade

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ASR Book Exhibit

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Session E1: Thematic Session: Debating Church and State: Religious-Political Groups Advocating Different Versions of a "Better World" (Joint ASR/ASA)

Organizer and convener: William V. D'Antonio, Catholic University of America

From Possibility to Reality: Three Decades of Evangelical Activism Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

Religion and Politics in the U.S. Congress, 1973-2006

Steven Tuch, George Washington University, and William V. D'Antonio, Catholic University of America

Remembering that Politics Shapes Religion: The Contemporary U.S.

Gene Burns, Michigan State University

Discussant: James D. Davidson, Purdue University

Session E2: Religion's Role in Civic Engagement and Activism

Convener: Nancy Nason-Clark, University of New Brunswick

The Influence of the Religion-Family Link on Civic Engagement

Young-Il Kim, University of Virginia

From Mercy to Activism: Translating Social Justice into Religious Practice and Religious Practices into Activism

Amy Lane, University of Missouri, Columbia

Islamic Civil Society Organizations in the Middle East: Agents of Social Change?

Marie Juul Petersen and Sara Lei Jacobsen, Danish Institute for International Studies

Public Rituals and Political Positioning: Venezuelan Evangelicals and the Chá vez Government

David Smilde, University of Georgia

Session E3: Religion and the Economy on a Global Scale

Convener: Lutz Kaelber, Dept of Sociology/University of Vermont

Transnational Links in Faith and Business: Case Studies of Evangelicals in El Salvador and South Africa

Stephen Offutt, Boston University

The State, the Market, and the Church in Costa Rica: Analyzing the Role of

The Costa Rican Bishops in the Free-trade Policy Debates

Amy Reynolds, Princeton University

European Union Enlargement: To What Extent Does Religion Play in Admitting New Members?

Brent Garrett, Department of Homeland Security

Householding and the Catholic Worker: Subsistence and Resistance Strategies within a Capitalist System

Paul V. Stock, Colorado State University

Session E4: Methodology, Measurement, and Scientific Approaches to Religion

Convener: Jerry Park, Baylor University

Implementing a Feminist Approach to Social Research on Religion in Zimbabwe

Gladys Ganiel, Trinity College Dublin

An Early Example of the Comparative-Historical Approach in Sociology of Religion in the U.S.: The Work of Heinrich Maurer

Michael Hillary, University of Wisconsin, Waukesha

Doing Religiosity

Shane Sharp and Greg Kordsmeier, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Let $Freedom\ Ring\ .\ .\ in\ Moderation$: The $Excesses\ of\ Therapeutic\ Religion$

Pamela Leong, University of Southern California

Saturday, August 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session F1: Thematic Session: Race, Class, and Gender: Religion's Role in Existing Institutional Arrangements (Joint ASR/ASA)

Organizer: Darren E. Sherkat, Southern Illinois University

Convener and discussant: Margarita Mooney, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Lessons from the Field: The Intersections of Gender, Family, and Social Class in

American Religious Institutions

Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota

Racial Differences in the Impact of Religious Conservatism on the Transition to

Adulthood

Jennifer Glass, University of Iowa

Faith and Finances: How Religious Belief Affects Economic Values, Wealth, and Poverty

Lisa Keister, Duke University

Doubly Disenfranchised? How Race/Ethnicity and Religiosity Shape Muslim-American Political Engagement Jen'nan Read, University of California Irvine

Session F2: Author Meets Critics: Peter Beyer's Religions in Global Society

Organizer and convener: John H. Simpson, University of Toronto

Critics: Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College

Dietrich Jung, Danish Institute for International Studies

William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College

Respondent: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Session F3: Environmental and Structural Impacts on Religion

Convener: Scott A. Desmond, Purdue University

Surviving the Storm: Congregations after Katrina

Gary Adler, University of Arizona

How Changing Contest Affects Parish Life: A Test of Open-Systems Theory

Suzanne Fournier, Purdue University

Congregations and their Regional Environments: How Social Environment Shapes Opportunities and Challenges in Local Religious Organizations

Wayne Luther Thompson, Carthage College

Religion and Demographic Behavior in Mbanza-Lemba Neighborhood's Household in Kenshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo: A Test of Particularized Theology and Characteristics Hypotheses

Jacques Be-Ofuriyua Emina, University of Mons-Heinaut, Belgium

Session F4: Conversion and Social Identity Change (Part II)

Organizers: Géraldine Mossière, University of Montreal, and Loïc Le Pape, École des Hautes Études Sciences Sociales–Marseilles

Convener: Géraldine Mossière, University of Montreal

Choosing the Sufi Way of Islam: An "Alternative" to Negotiate Public Space for Islam in Italy?

Alessandra Marchi, É cole des Hautes É tudes en Sciences Sociales

Muslim Conversion and Identity-Transmission Choices for Children

Amé lie Puzenat, Université Paris 7

Instrumentalized Faiths? Conversion of and the Indochinese (Lao) Refugee Experience

Lamphone Phonevilay, University of Montreal

Discussant: Loïc Le Pape, École des Hautes Études Sciences Sociales-Marseilles

Saturday, August 11, 12:30-1:25 p.m.

The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture - Marquis Ballroom

Religion and Politics: The Influence of Religious Political Action Organizations on State Legislatures

Joseph Micon, Indiana House of Representatives

Saturday, August 11, 1:30-2:55

p.m.

The Paul Hanly Furfey Reception - Promenade

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Organizer and convener: Laura Leming, University of Dayton

Critics: John A. Coleman, Loyola Marymount University

Cynthia A. Woolever, Hartford Seminary

Fred Kniss, Loyola University Chicago

Stephen Joseph Fichter, Rutgers University

Respondents: William V. D'Antonio, Catholic University of America, and James D. Davidson, Purdue University

Session G2: Navigating the Academic Job Market in the Sociology of Religion

Organizer and convener: Tia Pratt, Fordham University

Panelists: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University

Margarita Mooney, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Jerry Park, Baylor University

Jenny Trinitapoli, University of Texas, Austin

Session G3: Intrareligious Relations

Convener: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Experiments in Shared Responsibility: A Cross-National Comparison in the United

States and Montreal, Ouebec

Anthony J. Pogorelc, Catholic University of America, and Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal

Honoring or Degrading: Competing Understandings of Native American Mascots in the United Methodist Church

Gail Murphy-Geiss and Kathleen Denny, Colorado College

Charleston: Epicenter of the Late . . . a nd Current Unpleasantness

Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

Categories of Theological Paradigm within the Roman Catholic Church

Britt Baumann, Acadia University

Session G4: Religious Agency, Creating Identities, and Balancing Communities

Convener: Susan A. Eisenhandler, University of Connecticut

Transnationalism and Religious Agency: The Role of Agency in the Creation/ Recreation of Social and Political Space and Identity in the Case of a Korean Ethnic Church

Daehoon Han, University of Missouri, Columbia

Stability vs. Change: Identity Work among American Catholics Brian Starks, Florida State University

Ages of Life and Christian Faith among Religious and Former Religious

Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University

More than Desegregation: Meaningful Integration of African Americans in a Formerly All White Congregation

Mary Hickert Herring, Temple University

Saturday, August 11, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

Session H1: Thematic Session: Religion and Gentrification in New York's Lower East Side

Organizer and conveners: Lowell W. Livezey, New York Theological Seminary, and Tony Carnes, Internal Research Institute on Values Changes

Religion and Cultures of the Night: Congregational Agency in the East Village

Katherine DiSalvo and Lowell W. Livezey, New York Theological Seminary

Religion and the New Chinese Diaspora

Kenneth J. Guest, Baruch College, CUNY

Religion and the Night: Geographical Intersections between Religion and Culture in

the East Village, New York City

Elizabeth Pullen and Erin Araujo, New York Theological Seminary

Religion, Gentrification and Social Change in the Lower East Side

Tony Carnes, International Research Institute on Values Changes

Session H2: Development of Adolescent Religiosity and Church Involvement

Convener: Sarah E. Soper, Purdue University

Adolescent Religious Development: How (and Why) Does Religiosity Change During Adolescence

Scott A. Desmond, Kristopher H. Morgan, and George Kikuchi, Purdue University

Believers in Progress: Youth and Religion in the Aosta Valley Giuseppe Giordan, University of Valle d'Aosta

Understanding Adolescent Religious Identity Change

Youn Ok Lee, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Patterns of Religious Service Attendance in Late Adolescence and Early Adulthood

Jonathan Hill, University of Notre Dame

Session H3: Religions and Literatures

Convener: Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount University

World War Z and the End of Religion as We Know It

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota

Reason, Religion and Science: The Beliefs of the Da Vinci Code

Edward Berryman, College Sainte-Foy

"All Seasons Shall Be Sweet": Gardening as a Source of Transcendent Meaning

Susan A. Eisenhandler, University of Connecticut

When the Messiah Dies: A Comparison of Death Narratives

Susan Setta, Northeastern University

Session H4: Religion, Values, and Movements in Central and Eastern Europe

Convener: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Introduction to Religions and Values: Central and Eastern European Research and Values Network

Andrá s Má té Tó th and Csongor Sá rkö zy, University of Szeged

Functions of Religion in Eastern-Central Europe

Andrá s Má té Tó th, University of Szeged

The Religiosity of Baptists and Jehovah's Witnesses in Hungary

Gá bor Dá niel Nagy, University of Szeged

Discussant: Jerry G. Pankhurst, Wittenberg University

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ASR Business Meeting

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Session I1: Publishing Journal Articles and Books

Organizer and convener: Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

Panel: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Elaine Howard Ecklund, SUNY Buffalo

Michael O. Emerson, Rice University

Daniel V.A. Olson, Purdue University

Session I2: Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics: Lawrence A. Hoffman's Rethinking Synagogues

Organizer and convener: J. Shawn Landres, S3K Synagogue Studies Institute

Critics: Steven M. Cohen, Hebrew Union College

Samuel Heilman, Queens College, CUNY

Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary

Respondent: Lawrence A. Hoffman, Hebrew Union College

Session I3: Inheriting and Leaving Religion

Convener: Scott A. Desmond, Purdue University

The Sounds of Silence: The Familial and Behavioral Consequences of Israeli

Children who Sever Their Identification with Orthodox Judaism

Ephraim Tabory and Shlomit Stern, Bar Ilan University

A Comparison of Second-Generation Korean Protestants and Indian Hindus in Inheritance of Religion and Ethnicity through Religion

Pyong Gap Min, Queens College, CUNY

Changing Notions of Embodiment in Exiting Religious Communities Lynn Davidman, Brown University

Becoming an EX: Role-Exiting Theory as Applied to Former Members of an Alternative New Religious Movement

Miriam Williams Boeri and Cynthia Kemp, Kennesaw State University

Session I4: Catholicism and Contemporary Debates within the Church

Convener: Anthony J. Pogorelc, Catholic University of America

"Evangelization" as Ideography? A Rhetorical Move against Sectarian Movements

Benjamin Bennett-Carpenter, Oakland University, and Michael McCallion, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Debates within Contemporary Movements that Seek the Ordination of Women

Britt Baumann, Acadia University

Archbishop John Hughes and Irish Catholicism in New York

Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin Rock County

Catholicism and Homosexuality: How is the Divine Message Received? A Study of a Downtown Montreal Parish

David Koussens, Université du Qué bec à Montré al

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Session J1: Thematic Session: Modes, Beliefs, and Strategies of Religious Change

Convener: David Yamane, Wake Forest University

"A Small Part of a Bigger Problem": Queer Muslims Activating Social Change in Australia

Ibrahim Abraham, Monash University

Modes of Religious Change: Radical Critics and Transformative Revisionists

Orit Avishai, University of California Berkeley

Strategies of Social Change in Traditional Religious Communities

Roberta Rosenberg Farber, Stern College/Yeshiva University

Beliefs about Inequality: The Effects of Race, Class, Gender and Religion

Sarah E. Soper and James D. Davidson, Purdue University

Session J2: Religious Responses to Violence

Convener: Margarita Mooney, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Religion, Violence, and Social Change: Web-based Action to Reduce Abuse

Nancy Nason-Clark, Barbara Fisher-Townsend, and Lanette Ruff, University of New Brunswick

Sacred Traumascape at Nazi "Euthanasia" Sites: A Comparative Historical Analysis of "Holy Spots" at Grafeneck and Hadamar

Lutz Kaelber, University of Vermont

Terror, Corpse Symbolism and Taboo Violation: The "Haredi Distaster Victim Identification Team in Israel" (ZAKA)

Nurit Stadler, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Discussant: Anton Jacobs, Kansas City Art Institute

Session J3: Ethnicity, Immigration, and the Response of Religion

Convener: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

Chinese Catholics in Los Angeles: A Case Study of a Cantonesespeaking Church in Chinatown

Joy Lam, University of Southern California

The Impact of Christian Religiosity on Filial Piety among Korean Americans Sung-Chang Chun, Mercy College of Northwest Ohio

Pagan Reconstructionism, Ethnicity, and Tradition: Neopagan Social Networks in a Globalizing World

Piotr Wiench, Warsaw Agrigultural University

Gemachs: The Next Generation of Jewish Voluntary Associations

Mareleyn Schneider, Yeshiva University

Session J4: Religious Morality, Values, and Movements

Convener: Kristopher H. Morgan, Purdue University

Christian Social Movements and Democratization: The Case of Hong Kong

Shun-hing Chan, Hong Kong Baptist University

Confucianism and Christianity in the Korean Context

Kyungtek Chun, New School for Social Research

Sacerdotal Celibacy and Its Impact on the Number of Eminent Protestant German Scientists

George Becker, Vanderbilt University

The Role of Religion and Culture in the Location of the Individual in Society: The Case of American Jewry

Sam Richardson, University of Connecticut

Sunday, August 12, 12:30-2:15 p.m.

Session K1: Graduate Student Mentoring Session

Organizer and convener: Tia Pratt, Fordham University

This session is open only to preregistrants.

Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

Fred Kniss, Loyola University Chicago

Pyong Gap Min, Queens College, CUNY

William Mirola, Marian College

Nancy Nason-Clark, University of New Brunswick

Session K2: Christian Communities and Groups Outside the Traditional Church

Convener: Brian Starks, Florida State University

The Couples for Christ: Organizational Frames and Socio-political Mobilization in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Roberto E.N. Rivera, University of Notre Dame

Small Christian Communities as Special Purpose Groups: Lee's Critique in Light of Wuthnow's Restructuring

Michael J. McCallion and Benjamin Bennett-Carpenter, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Innovative Cultural Strategy: Church-Based Community Organizing and American Pluralism

Heidi Swarts, Rutgers University

The Efraim Movement and a Scientific Research Program on the End of Times

Durk Hak, Groningen, Netherlands

Session K3: Thematic Session: Striving for a Better World? Religious Non-Governmental Organizations on the Global Stage

Organizers: Martin Geoffroy, Université de Moncton, and André Laliberté, Université de Québec à Montréal

Convener: Martin Geoffroy, Université de Moncton

The Protestant Ethic in Action: A Comparative Study of the Baptist World Alliance and Samaritan's Purse

Martin Geoffroy, Université de Moncton

Catholic Relief Service: Promoting Equality, Social Change, and Justice in Brazil

Rachael M. Vinyard, Catholic Relief Service/Brazil

The State and Transnational Buddhist Charities in China

André Laliberté, Université de Québec à Montréal

Session K4: Contemporary Western Paganism: Changes, Accommodations, Tensions

Organizer and convener: Helen Berger, West Chester University

Contemporary Paganism: What's New, What's Changed, What the Last Fifteen Years Have Brought

Margot Adler, National Public Radio

Out of the Broom Closet: The Values of Contemporary Paganism in an Apocolyptic Era

Phyllis Curott, New Suffolk, New York

Bounding Paganism: Reflections on the Boundaries of the Scholarly Construction of Paganism Today

Bron Taylor, University of Florida

Discussant: Michael York, Bath Spa University

Sunday, August 12, 2:30-4:45 p.m.

Session L1: Author Meets Critics: Henry Goldschmidt's Race and Religion among the Chosen Peoples of Crown Heights

Organizer and convener: Courtney Bender, Columbia University

Critics: Samuel Heilman, Queen's College, CUNY

Lynn Davidman, Brown University

David Smilde, University of Georgia

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

Respondent: Henry Goldschmidt, Wesleyan University

Session L2: Catholic Decline and Renewal

Organizer and convener: Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University

Catholicism as a Historical Heritage in the Province of Québec: The Case of Cultural Catholicism

Martin Geoffroy, Université de Moncton, and Anne Robineau, Institut Canadien de Recherche sur les Minorités Linguistiques

Support of the Consistent Life Ethic: The Distribution of Ideological Agreement among Catholic Laity

Matthew T. Loveland, LeMoyne College

The John Jay Phase II Study of Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse, "Causes and Contexts": An Overview

James Kelly, Fordham University

Catholic Decline and Renewal: Interviews of Pastors

Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University

Catholicism as a Crypto-state Religion in Québec

Solange Lefebvre, Université de Montréal

Session L3: Race Relations and Religion

Convener: Christine McVay, Florida International University

Denominational Differences in White Christians' Attitudes about Racial Discrimination and Segregation

R. Khari Brown and Ronald E. Brown, Wayne State University

Racial Justice in the Protestant Mainline: Liberalism and Its Limits

Antony Alumkal, Iliff School of Theology

Nondenominational Churches in the Suburbs: A Portrait in Black and White

Jacqueline E. Wenger, Catholic University of America

Christian Congregations and Pluralism in Ireland: A Framework for Understanding Social and Religious Change

Claire Mitchell, Queen's University Belfast, and Gladys Ganiel, Trinity College Dublin

Session L4: Thematic Session: New Religious Movements and the Influence of Alternative Theologies

Convener: Benjamin D. Zablocki, Rutgers University

Mahavira, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King, Jr.: An Examination of the Jaina Influence on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States

Tim Helton, Drew University

Theodicy and New Religious Movements

Lammert G. Jansma, Frisian Academy

Organizational Switching, Schism, and Takeover in the Hare Krishna Movement

E. Burke Rochford, Middlebury College

Modernity, Social Change, and Hopes for a Better World: A Bahá'i Perspective on Modernity

Hoda Mahmoudi, Bahá'i World Center

Religious Movement Apostasy: Predictors in Youth, Consequences in Midlife

Benjamin D. Zablocki, Rutgers University

Sunday, August 12, 5:00 p.m.

ASR Executive Council

Presiding: Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

Monday, August 13, 8:30-10:15 a.m.

Session M1: Thematic Session: Comforting the Afflicted and Afflicting the Comfortable: Service and Advocacy at the Grassroots (Joint ASR/ASA)

Organizer, convener, and discussant: James Cavendish, University of South Florida

Who Helps Ex-Prisoners? Comparing Secular and Faith-based Providers in Philadelphia

Ram A. Cnaan, University of Pennsylvania

Hispanic Churches in Social Ministries: Challenges in Feeding the Body in Contested Social Spaces

Milagros Peña, University of Florida, and Edwin Hernández, University of Notre Dame

Dilemmas of Prophecy: Liberal Christians Speaking Out

Paul Lichterman, University of Southern California