

**RELIGION CROSSING BOUNDARIES**

**ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
SOCIOLOGY OF  
RELIGION**

**70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**31 JULY - 2 AUGUST 2008**

**Boston Park Plaza Hotel**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

***OVERVIEW\****

\*Full ASR session listings begin after this listing.

**Wednesday, July 30**

5:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting –

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration –

9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Welcoming Reception – The reception is co-sponsored by ASR and Brill in celebration of the publication of the fifth and sixth volumes of the renewed "Religion and the Social Order" series, ***North American Buddhists in Social Context***, edited by Paul David Numrich, & ***Religion and Diversity in Canada***, edited by Lori G. Beaman and Peter Beyer.

### **Thursday, July 31**

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration –

8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

A1. Twenty Years of Theory Revisited –

A2. Religion and Immigration –

A3. Religion, Gender, and Identity –

A4. New Survey Results –

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

B1. Religion, Community Organizing, and Development –

B2. Jewish Boundaries and Boundary Crossing –

B3. Asian American Religions –

B4. Historical Episodes, Contemporary Relevance –

12:15 – 5:00 p.m., ASR Book Exhibit –

1:00 – 2:45 p.m.

C1. Catholic Reflections and Developments I –

C2. New Dynamics of Religious Expansion in a Globalizing World I –

C3. Religion in the City –

C4. Clio Goes to Church (Again): History, Time, Meaning, and Memory in the  
Study of Religion –

3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

D1. Catholic Reflections and Developments II –

D2. New Dynamics of Religious Expansion in a Globalizing World II –

D3. Exploring Religious Dynamics –

D4. New Theory in the Sociology of Religion –

5:00 p.m.

ASR Presidential Address –

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.\*

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G1. Mary in the Geranium and Some Guy in a Tree: Religion in Unlikely Places

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G2. New Methods in the Sociology of Religion –

G3. Current Trends in European Religion –

G4. Seeking and Finding: Alternate Religious Forms and Developments –

2:30 – 4:45 p.m.

H1. Probing the Boundaries between Religion and Spirituality –

H2. After Secularization: The New Religious Diversity in Quebec –

H3. Alt.Religion: Religion in Post-Modern and Cyber Spaces –

H4. Professional Development Workshop: Outlets and Audiences for Sociology  
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Religion –

5:00 p.m.

The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture –

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.\*

The Paul Hanly Furfey Reception –

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## **Saturday, August 2**

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.

ASR Business Meeting –

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration –

8:15 – 10:25 a.m.

Reserve Book Pick-up –

8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

I1. Congregations –

I2. Religion, State, and Nation –

I3. Godly Love in Theory and Praxis –

I4. Author Meets Critics: David Smilde's *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism* –

10:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

Final Book Sale –

10:30 – 12:15 p.m.

J1. From Hand to Mouth: Assessments of Where We Stand and Where We're Headed from the Editors

of and Contributors to *The Sage Handbook of the Sociology of Religion* –

J2. Insights from African American Religions –

J3. Professional Development Workshop: Teaching the Hidden Curriculum

— What Students *Really* Learn in Our Courses –

J4. Religion and Popular Culture –

12:30 – 2:15 p.m.

K1. Religion Rethinking Race –

K2. Mentoring Session for Graduate Students and Young Professionals –

*Attendance by preregistration only. For information, contact Kevin McElmurry*  
[klm143@mizzou.edu](mailto:klm143@mizzou.edu)

K3. Religion, Sexuality, Homosexuality –

K4. The Sociology of Medieval Religion –

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

L1. Religions, Ideologies, and Social Conflicts –

L2. Author Meets Critics — Carolyn Chen's *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and*

*Religious Experience* –

L3. Professional Development Workshop: Assessment of Teaching in the Sociology of Religion

— Issues of Learning, Accreditation, and Performance-Based Funding –

L4. Author Meets Critics: Randal Balmer's *God in the White House* –

L5. ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session: Religion and Labor –

5:00 p.m.

ASR Executive Council –

## **SESSIONS**

**Thursday, July 31, 8:30-10:15 a.m.**

### **Session A1: Twenty Years of Theory Revisited**

Convener: Ole Riis, Adger University

*On Reconceptualizing Types of Religious Groups: Churches, Sects, Cults, Ethnic*

*Churches*

David Bromley, Virginia Commonwealth University, and J. Gordon Melton,

Institute for the Study of American Religion

*New Paradigm: Progress or Retreat?*

Steve McMullin, University of New Brunswick

*Gender and Supply-Side Theories of Religious Transformation: A Human Rights*

*Critique*

Evelyn Bush, Fordham University

*Crossing Boundaries to Spread the Faith: What Makes Missionary Religions*

Robert L. Montgomery, Swannanoa, North Carolina

**Session A2: Religion and Immigration**

Convener: Danielle Koning, VU University

*Immigrant Religiosity in Canada: The Impact of Religious Context*

Phillip Connor, Princeton University

*Second-Generation Indian Hindus' Embrace of Elements of Hinduism*

Pyong Gap Min, Queens College/CUNY Graduate Center

*Religious Communities and Immigrant Health: Overcoming Borders and Creating Opportunities*

Ephraim Shapiro, Columbia University

*The Construction of Religious Agency in the Transnational Religious Institution: The Case of Korean Military Brides in a Korean Ethnic Church*

Daehoon Han, University of Missouri



### **Session A3: Religion, Gender, and Identity**

Convener: Andrew Yip, University of Nottingham

*Gender and Conversion Narratives: A Follow-Up Study*

Ines W. Jindra, Spring Arbor University, Robert H. Woods, Spring Arbor University, and Jenell

Paris, Messiah College

*Tough Faith: An Ethnographic Study of Identity Imposition Strategies at a*

*Pentecostal Church*

Sean Elliott Currie, University of South Florida

*Contributions of Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century North American Baha'i Women to Promoting*

*Gender Equality in Iran*

Hoda Mahmoudi, Baha'i World Centre

*"They Saw Me Cry": Conversion and Emotional Rules among Former Members of Central American Gangs*

Robert Brenneman, University of Notre Dame

### **Session A4: New Survey Results**

Convener: David Yamane, Wake Forest University

*Religion and Attitudes toward the Spanking of Children: Evidence from the Survey of Texas Adults*

Adrienne Celaya, University of Miami

*Analyzing Trends in and Explaining the Growth of the "No Religion" Category, 1872-2006*

Mazen Elfakhani, University of Texas

*Stranger Danger? Private Prayer and Trust in Strangers*

Matthew T. Loveland, LeMoyne College

*Religious and Spiritual Responses to 9/11: Evidence from the Add Health Study*

Jeremy E. Uecker, University of Texas

*Spiritual Transformation and Subjective Well-Being: The Mediating Effects of Spiritual Experiences, Compassionate Love, and Altruistic Behavior*

Nicholas Vargas and Monika Ardelt, University of Florida

**Thursday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Session B1: Religion, Community Organizing, and Development**

Convener: William Mirola, Marion College

*Faith as a Political Resource: Investigating Congregational Motivations for Engagement in Faith-Based Community Organizing*

Kristin Geraty, Indiana University

*Religion Crossing Boundaries? The Churches and the Challenges of Reconciliation in Northern Ireland*

Gladys Ganiel, Trinity College Dublin

*Faith and Development: Changing Perspectives on the Relations between Religion and Social, Political, and Economic Development in the Global South*

James A. Beckford, University of Warwick

**Session B2: Jewish Boundaries and Boundary Crossing** (co-sponsored by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry)

Organizers: Harriet Hartman, Rowan University, and Arnold Dashefsky, University of Connecticut

Convener: Harriet Hartman

*Geographic Isolation and Subjective Jewish Identity*

Becka Alper, Purdue University

*Jewish-Gentile Inter-marriage: Inter-married Couples, Judaism, and the Jewish Community*

Arnold Dashefsky, University of Connecticut

*Reconstructing the Meaning of Jewish Identity: Crossing Ethnic and Religious Boundaries*

Debra Kaufman, Northeastern University

*Redefining Boundaries: New Identity's Referents and Institutional Borders — The Mexican Case*

Judit Bokser Liwerant, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México,  
and Daniel Fainstein,

Universidad Hebraica

### **Session B3: Asian American Religions**

Convener: Paul D. Numrich, Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus

*The Model Minority in the Episcopal Church: Race and the Experience of Asian Americans in the Denominational Context*

Pui-Yan Lam, Eastern Washington University

*Creating a Religiously and Culturally Safe Space: The Korean Religious Enclave in Flushing, Queens*

K. Christine Pae, New York Theological Seminary

*Patterns of Conversion among Chinese Protestants in New England*

Andrew S. Abel, University of Massachusetts

*Religious Responses to Neighborhood Ethnic Diversity: The Case of Flushing, Queens*

Weishan Huang, New York Theological Seminary

### **Session B4: Historical Episodes, Contemporary Relevance**

Convener: Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin Rock County

*Religious Fictions, Promotional Endeavors, and Consumers of Fantasy: Lucian (120-200) on the Cult of Alexander and Accounts of the Supernatural*

Robert Prus, University of Waterloo

*Connections or Boundaries? Prehistoric Research and Faith in the French Catholic Scientific Community, 1859-1962*

Fanny DeFrance-Jublot, École Pratique des Hautes Études

*The Chemistry of Capitalism and the Protestants: Weber's Protestant Ethic and the*

*Attractions of Elective Affinity*

Andrew McKinnon, University of Aberdeen

*Ferdinand Buisson and the Unitarian Influence on French Public Elementary Schools*

Mireille Gueissaz, Groupe Sociétés Religions Laïcités

**Thursday, July 31, 12:15-5:00 p.m.**

**Book Exhibit**

**Thursday, July 31, 1:00-2:45 p.m.**

**Session C1: Catholic Reflections and Developments I**

Convener: Jerome Baggett, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

*Early Social Science Research on American Catholics: Setting Benchmarks and Prefiguring Contemporary Social Science Themes and Theories*

William Dinges, Catholic University of America

*Catholic without the Roman: Catholic Identity in Spiritus Christi Church*

Jody L. Caldwell, Drew University

*Catholicism at the Margins: Emerging "Indie" Communities*

Laura Leming, University of Dayton

*My Sister—My Self: Women Religious at Work*

Cathy Holtmann, University of New Brunswick

## **Session C2: New Dynamics of Religious Expansion in a Globalizing World I**

Organizers: Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh, and Shobana Shankar, Bard High School Early College

Convener: Shobana Shankar

*The Rhetoric of Reverse Mission: African Christianity and the Changing Dynamics of Religious Expansion*

Afe Adogame

*Local Relevance and Global Appeal: Gender, Power, Identity, and Nigerian Religious Leaders with Missions at Home and in London*

Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University

*Recruitment by and Conversion within Immigrant Churches in the Netherlands*

Danielle Koning, VU University

*Migrants and the Roles of Christian Missionaries in Ireland: A Cultural Perspective*

Stephen Onakuse and Eamon Lenihan, University College Cork

## **Session C3: Religion in the City**

Convener: Weishan Huang, New School for Social Research

*Revelations of Community: Personal Providence in an Orthodox Jewish Neighborhood*

Iddo Tavory, University of California Los Angeles

*Crossing the Great Divide: Religious Institutions and Real Estate Development*

Nadia Mian, Ecologies of Learning Project

*God and the Growth Machine: Religion and Development in West Harlem, New York*

Max Arthur Herman, Rutgers University

*Hurricane Katrina and a Tale of Three Churches*

William H. Day, Jr., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

**Session C4: Clio Goes to Church (Again): History, Time, Meaning, and Memory in the Study of Religion**

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

Panel: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Philip Gorski, Yale University

William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College (Illinois)

**Thursday, July 31, 3:00-4:45 p.m.**

**Session D1: Catholic Reflections and Developments II**

Convener: William Dinges, Catholic University of America

*Religious Reflexivity and Its Limitations: The Case of American Catholics*

Jerome Baggett, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

*On Consensus and the Constitution of Social Movements: The Case of the Catholic Worker*

Paul V. Stock, Colorado State University

*Social Movement Bricolage: The Relationship between Catholic Action and Call to Action*

Anthony J. Pogorelc, Catholic University of America

*Catholic Master Identities on College Campuses*

Morgan Gist MacDonald, Vanderbilt University

## **Session D2: New Dynamics of Religious Expansion in a Globalizing World II**

Organizers: Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh, and Shobana Shankar, Bard High School Early College

Convener: Afe Adogame

*Dislocating Patriarchy, Contesting Public Space: Pentecostal Female Leaders and their Growing Influence in Public Life in Kenya*

Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University

*New Religious Movements as Salvage Religions for Youth in Emuhaya District, Western Kenya*

Susan M. Kilonzo, Maseno University

*Dynamics of Islamic Religious Movements in Nigeria: A Case Study of Nasrul-Lahil- Faith*

*Society of Nigeria (NASFAT)*

Musa Adeniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University

*From Widow's Mite to Business Empire: New Generation Churches and the Politics of Revenue Generation and Remittance in Nigeria*

A.O. Olaniyan, University of Ado Ekiti

*Islam in English: Indian Ahmadiyya Publishing in Colonial Africa and Visions of a Global Umma*

Shobana Shankar, Bard High School Early College

## **Session D3: Exploring Religious Dynamics**

Convener: Christine Woodman, Virginia Commonwealth University

*Manufacturing Moral Fear in Religion: The Case of Christian Divorce Rates*

Bradley Wright, University of Connecticut, Christina Zozula, University of

Connecticut, W. Bradford Wilcox, University of Virginia

*Dissecting the Effects of Religiosity on Medical Helpseeking: The Case of Infertility*

Arthur L. Greil, Alfred University, Julia McQuillan, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, David

R. Burch, Pennsylvania State University, Andrea Burch, Alfred University

*Giving and Receiving in Religious Organizations*

Karen Monique Gregg, University of Notre Dame

*Boundaries between Religious Groups Based on the Type of Social Capital They Produce*

Gábor Dániel Nagy, University of Szeged

*Church Renewal in Theoretical Perspective: A Protestant Case Study*

Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University

**Session D4: New Theory in the Sociology of Religion**

Convener: James A. Beckford, University of Warwick

*Toward a Theoretical Framework for the Sociological Study of Religious Subjectivity*

Daniel A. Winchester, University of Minnesota

*Conversion as a Redirection of Foundational Trust*

Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University

*Religion in Liquid Modernity*

C. N. de Groot, Tilburg University

*Conceptualizing the Notions of "Boundary" and "Frontier" in the "2-B Theory" Frame*

Olga Breskaya, University of Brest

*Salvation Goods, the Gift Economy, and Charismatic Concern*



Enzo Pace, University of Padova

**Thursday, July 31, 5:00 p.m.**

**ASR Presidential Address**

Convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College (Illinois)

Presiding: James D. Davidson, Purdue University

*Encounters in the Heartland: What Studying Rural Congregations  
Taught Me about Working across*

*Differences*

Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

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**Session E1: Religious Practices in a Secular World (Joint ASR/ASA Session)**

Organizer, convener, and discussant: Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

*Religion on the Ground: The Practice of Religious Environmentalism*

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College

*Priests in the Temples of Medicine: The Existing Institutional Arrangements of Hospital Chaplains*

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University

*Space for God: Exploring the Boundaries of Sacred Space in Everyday Life*

Roman Williams, Boston University

**Session E2: Religious Transformations**

Organizer and convener: Lynn Davidman, Brown University

*American Muslim Women and the Process of Unveiling*

Farha Ternikar, LeMoyne College

*Religious Disaffiliation and the Transformation of Bodily Practices*

Lynn Davidman

*Divorce and Religious Transformation of the Self*

Kathleen Jenkins, College of William and Mary

*Transformations of Piety in the Fundamentalist World*

Nurit Stadler, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Session E3: Religion in Colleges and Universities**

Convener: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

*Religious Service Attendance during College: Do Religious Schools Make a Difference?*

Jonathan P. Hill, University of Notre Dame

*Facebookism, St. Tupac Shakur, and Lucid Dreaming: What College Students Want from Religion*

Kevin M. Taylor, Boston University

*Privately Questioning their Faith: How Students and Professors Negotiate the Religion and Society Debate in a University Setting*

Kristopher H. Morgan, Purdue University

**Session E4: The Impact of Social Change on Religious Boundaries in Contemporary Taiwan**

Organizer and convener: Hsing-Kuang Chao, Tung Hai University

*Reincarnation Faith among Contemporary Taiwanese Christians*

Hsing-Kuang Chao

*The Change of Ancestor Worship in Taiwan*

Hsinchih Chen, Tamkang University

*Religious Mobility and Geographical Mobility in Taiwan, 1999-2004*

Pen-Hsuan Lin, National United University

*The Crossing Boundaries of New Agers in Taiwan*

Chialuen Chen, Hungkung University

**Friday, August 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Session F1: Partnering for Change: How Researchers are Helping Shelter Workers and Religious Leaders Create a Shared Discourse about Domestic Violence (Joint ASR/ASA Session)**

Organizer: Nancy Nason-Clark, University of New Brunswick

Convener: Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

Panel: Nancy Nason-Clark

Catherine Clark Kroeger, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Steve McMullin, University of New Brunswick

Julie Owens, Survivor/Advocate RAVE Project, Charlotte (NC)  
Coordinator

Lanette Ruff, University of New Brunswick

Barbara Fisher-Townsend, University of New Brunswick

Cathy Holtmann, University of New Brunswick

### **Session F2: Putting Emotions Back into the Sociology of Religion**

Organizers: Linda Woodhead, University of Lancaster, and Ole Riis, Adger University

Convener: R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois Chicago

*Emotions in Religion*

Linda Woodhead

*A Dialectical Model for a Sociological Analysis of Religious Emotions*

Ole Riis

*Emotions in Lived Religions*

Meredith McGuire, Trinity University (Texas)

Discussant: Vincenzo Pace, University of Padova

### **Session F3: Religion, Spirituality, and Generations**

Convener: Anthony J. Pogorelc, Catholic University of America

*Not Your Grandparents' Religion? Effects of College Students' and Older Adults' Spiritual Beliefs on Subjective Well-being and Fear of Death Mediated by Spiritual Activities and Purpose in Life*

Monika Ardelt, Wendy Young, and Melissa I. Bamba, University of Florida

*Engaged Young Adults' Beliefs about Religion and Spirituality*

Michelle Fugate, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry,  
United Methodist Church

*Being Spiritual not Religious: The Younger Generation*

Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal

*The "Common Sense" Religion*

Giuseppe Giordan, University of Valle d'Aosta

#### **Session F4: Religion in Asia**

Convener: Phillip Connor, Princeton University

*Between the Mosque and the Market: How Religion Affects the  
Decision-making of Chinese Muslim Business People*

Yuting Wang, University of Notre Dame, and Fenggang Yang,  
Purdue University

*Buddhists, the Market, and the State in a Chinese City*

Graeme Lang, City University of Hong Kong, Selina Chan, Hong  
Kong Shueyan

University, and Wai Chan, City University of Hong Kong

*Mission in Our Own Backyard: Korean Churches and Migrant  
Workers*

Soyoung Park, Keimyung University

*This is Not Your Grandmother's Buddhism: Chinese Buddhists Rejecting  
Religion*

Alison Denton Jones, Harvard University

**Friday, August 1, 12:30-2:15 p.m.**

#### **Session G1: Mary in the Geranium and Some Guy in a Tree: Religion in Unlikely Places**

Organizer and convener: Lori G. Beaman, University of Ottawa

*Constructing Religion in Unexpected Places*

James A. Beckford, University of Warwick

*Mary in the Geranium and Other Tales of Magic*

Lori G. Beaman

*"A Little Bit Buddhist": Incidental Religious Participation and the  
Reproduction of Religions in Global Society*

Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

*Baby Religions, Cult Formation, and Crossing the Sacred/Secular Line*

Susan Palmer, Dawson College

### **Session G2: New Methods in the Sociology of Religion**

Convener: Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin Rock County

*Congregations and Membership Dispersion: A Lutheran Case Study*

Paul J. Olson, Briar Cliff University

*Seeing is Believing: Using Visual Data in the Sociology of Religion*

Geneviève Zubrzycki, University of Michigan

*Liturgical Songs and the Religious Imagination: Catholicism in West  
Africa*

Yanick St. Jean, Institut Jean Paul II (Benin), and André  
Quénume, University Catholique de

l'Afrique de l'Ouest

*Visual Culture and Mass Trauma: Ethical Issues in Research and  
Representation*

Janet Jacobs, University of Colorado

### **Session G3: Current Trends in European Religion**

Convener: N.J. Demerath III, University of Massachusetts

*The Role of Religion in the European Union: To What Extent Does Religion  
Affect EU Politics?*

Brent Garrett, Department of Homeland Security

*On Church Fusions and Schisms in the Netherlands A.D. 2004: A Re-explanation of Success*

*and Failure of Two Schismatic Movements*

Durk Hak, Groningen, Netherlands

*Islam: A Cultural Heritage or a Religion? — Shifting Boundaries of Islam in Denmark*

Lene Kühle, University of Aarhus

*No Exit? Crossing Boundaries of Religion and Ethnicity in Northern Ireland*

Gladys Ganiel, Trinity College Dublin, Sara Templer, Trinity College Dublin, Claire

Mitchell, Queen's University Belfast

*Religion without Churches? The "Believing without Belonging" Thesis Revisited*

Daniel Stegmüller, University of Frankfurt

#### **Session G4: Seeking and Finding: Alternate Religious Forms and Developments**

Convener: Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University

*Seekers Church: A Thriving Example of a Progressive Christian Community without Clergy*

Pat Conover, Silver Spring, Maryland

*"Death of the Author": Practicing Post-Modernism in the Production of Seeker Worship*

Kevin McElmurry, University of Missouri

*Religious Retreat Centers in Rural North America: A Quiet Niche in the Spiritual Marketplace*

Janet McLellan, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Innovations in Hospice/Palliative Care: An Examination of Buddhism and Its Influence on End-of-Life Care in the United States*

Lynn Eldershaw, University of Maine at Presque Isle

**Friday, August 1, 2:30-4:45 p.m.**

**Session H1: Probing the Boundaries between Religion and Spirituality**

Organizer and convener: Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

*How (and When) Did Spirituality Become Autonomous?*

Courtney Bender, Columbia University

*Dissecting the Boundaries between Religion and Spirituality in Everyday Life*

Michele Dillon

*Locating Spirituality: Self and Other in post-Boomer Faith*

Richard Flory and Donald Miller, University of Southern California

*Faith and Practice in Everyday Life*

Meredith McGuire, Trinity University (Texas)

**Session H2: After Secularization: The New Religious Diversity in Quebec**

Organizers: Deirdre Meintel and Géraldine Mossière, University of Montreal

Convener: James Spickard, University of Redlands

*Religion in Quebec Today: Where Have All the Catholics Gone?*

Deirdre Meintel

*A Struggle without a Fight: Managing Homosexuality in a Catholic Parish*

David Koussens, University of Quebec at Montreal

*From Official Teachings to Effective Beliefs: The Impact of Doctrinal Changes in a French-*



*speaking Quebec Congregation of the Worldwide Church of God*

Claude Rochon, University of Montreal

*Being a Good Christian in Montreal: How Religious Principles Regulate Behavior in the Secular*

*World among Latin American Evangelicals*

Recalde Aranzazu, University of Montreal

*Catholicism as Seen through the Eyes of Quebecois Converts to Islam*

Géraldine Mossière, University of Montreal

### **Session H3: Alt.Religion: Religion in Post-Modern and Cyber Spaces**

Convener: Melissa Warner, University of Wisconsin Rock County

*Virtual Virtue: Exploring the Authenticity of Online Religious Expression*

Holly Thomas, Carleton University

*Faith and Fellowship Online: Using Social Network Analysis to Identify Virtual*

*Religious Communities*

Katie Corcoran, University of Washington

*Alt.Monotheism: The Postmodern Convergence of Contemporary Monotheistic Faiths*

Lloyd Chia, University of Missouri

*A Denominational Typology of Church Websites*

Justin P. Farrell, Princeton Theological Seminary

### **Session H4: Professional Development Workshop: Outlets and Audiences for Sociology of Religion**

Organizer and convener: Kevin McElmurry, University of Missouri

Panel: Nancy Nason-Clark, University of New Brunswick

Janet Jacobs, University of Colorado

Laurel Kearns, Drew University

**Friday, August 1, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture**

Presiding: Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

*Principle*

Allison Hedge Coke, University of Nebraska, Kearney

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**Session II: Congregations**

Convener: Paul J. Olson, Briarcliff University

*Communication in Congregations*

Wayne Luther Thompson, Carthage College

*Gentrification and Congregational Conflict and Competition*

Richard Cimino, New York Theological Seminary

*Testing the Strictness Thesis: Exploring Theories of Congregational and Denominational Growth*

*via the U.S. Congregational Life Survey*

Jeremy Thomas, Purdue University

*Congregations and Homosexuality*

Gary Adler, University of Arizona, and Mark Chaves, Duke University

## **Session I2: Religion, State, and Nation**

Convener and discussant: Lene Kühle, University of Denmark

*The Debate Concerning the Exploitation of Religion in Turkish Politics*

Okumus Ejder, Dokuz Eylül University

*The Judicial Institution in the Service of Neutrality? Reasonable Accommodation and Reasoned*

*Accommodation in Canada and in France*

David Koussens, University of Quebec at Montreal

*Blood and Belief: The Role of Ethnonationalism and Religious Freedom in a Globalized Political*

*Context*

William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College

## **Session I3: Godly Love in Theory and Praxis**

Organizer: Margaret Poloma, University of Akron

Convener and discussant: Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary

*Sociology, Theology, and the "Flame of Love Project"*

Margaret Poloma

*Godly Love: Theological Reflections on the Sorokin Scale*

Stephen G. Post, Case Western Reserve University

*Integrating Social Science and Theology in the Study of Godly Love:  
Preliminary Findings from*

*Qualitative Interviews*

Matthew Lee, University of Akron

**Session I4: Author Meets Critics: David Smilde's Reason to Believe:  
Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism**

Organizer and convener: Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

Panel: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Sharon Nepstad, University of Southern Maine

Rhys Williams, University of Cincinnati

Respondent: David Smilde, University of Georgia

**Saturday, August 2, 10:25a.m.-12:25p.m.**

**Final Book Sale**

**Saturday, August 2, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Session J1: From Hand to Mouth: Assessments of Where We Stand and  
Where We're Heading from the Editors of and Contributors to *The Sage  
Handbook of the Sociology of Religion***

Organizers and conveners: James A. Beckford, University of Warwick, and N.J.  
Demerath III, University of Massachusetts

Panel: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Lynn Davidman, Brown University

Arthur L. Greil, Alfred University

John R. Hall, University of California, Davis

Peter Kivisto, Augustana College (Illinois)

Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University, Indianapolis

Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

## **Session J2: Insights from African American Religions**

Convener: Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College

*Theological Conservatism across Racial Lines*

William Tsitos, Towson University

*The Black Mega-Church's Response to HIV/AIDS: Big Churches Crossing Big Boundaries*

Sandra L. Barnes, Case Western Reserve University

*Dr. Malachi Z. York and the United Nation of Moors: Apocalyptic/Ritual Responses to Cultural*

*Opposition*

Susan Palmer, Concordia University

*Hegemony in Christianity and African-American Slave Accounts: Crossing the Boundary*

*between Phenomenological and Critical Accounts of Religion*

Sarah L. MacMillen, Duquesne University

## **Session J3: Professional Development Workshop: Teaching the Hidden Curriculum — What Students Really Learn in Our Courses**

Organizer: Kevin McElmurry, University of Missouri

Convener: Jim Spickard, University of Redlands

Panel: Nancy Martin, California State University, Long Beach

Joy Charlton, Swarthmore College

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

**Session J4: Religion and Popular Culture**

Convener: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

*White Buffalos and Virgin Shrines: Religious Tourism in Wisconsin*

Melissa Warner, University of Wisconsin Rock County

*Holy Hollywood! Church, Cinema, and Censorship?*

Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin Rock County

*They Danced in the Bible: Religious Role Conflict among Belly Dancers?*

Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

*Tattooing among the Religious: To Tattoo or Not to Tattoo?*

Suzanne Fournier Macaluso, Purdue University

**Saturday, August 2, 12:30-2:15 p.m.**

**Session K1: Religion Rethinking Race**

Convener: Sarah Louise MacMillan, Duquesne University

*Negotiating Identities: An Ethnographic Analysis of Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of New*

*York*

Tia Noelle Pratt, Fordham University

*Catholics Addressing Racial Divides*

Marian Fredal, Cardinal Stritch University

*"We Are Not These Bodies": Race and Identity in ISKCON*

Travis Van de Berg, Ithaca College

*Reconceptualizing Race, Religion, and Ethnicity in the United States:  
The Case of Latinos and*

*Asian Americans*

Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University

**Session K2: Mentoring Session for Graduate Students and Young Professionals**

Organizer and convener: KevinMcElmurry, University of Missouri

***This session is open only to preregistrants. For information, contact Kevin McElmurry [klm143@mizzou.edu](mailto:klm143@mizzou.edu)***

Mentors: Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

Courtney Bender, Columbia University

Karen A. Bradley, University of Central Missouri

Lynn Davidman, Brown University

Arthur L. Greil, Alfred University

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Pyong Gap Min, Queens College, CUNY

Paul Olson, Briar Cliff College

Scott Thumma, Hartford Seminary

**Session K3: Religion, Sexuality, Homosexuality**

Convener: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

*Excluding Inclusivity: Protestant Framing of Sexuality,  
Homosexuality, and Sex Education*

Daniel R. Flowers, Carolyn Kapinus, and Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

*Lay Attitudes Toward the Official Roman Catholic Stance on Homosexuality*

Britt Baumann, University of Waterloo

*Social Capital, Mobilization, and Sexuality: An Exploration of Support Networks of Lesbian,*

*Gay, and Bisexual Muslims*

Andrew Yip, University of Nottingham

*A Hypothesis for the Typologization of Sexual Power Structures as Mediated across the Politico-*

*Religious Spectrum*

Jeremy Thomas, Purdue University

#### **Session K4: The Sociology of Medieval Religion**

Organizers: Lutz Kaelber, University of Vermont, and John R. Hall, University of California, Davis

Convener: Stephen J. Fichter, Rutgers University

*Medieval Apocalyptic, the Church, the State, and the Reformation*

John R. Hall, University of California, Davis

*"Cultures of Inquiry" in the Reconstruction of Medieval Liturgy*

Barbara R. Walters, Kingsborough Community College, CUNY

*Spiritual Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages*

Lutz Kaelber, University of Vermont

*The Medieval Sources of Early Modern Capitalism*

Don Swenson, Mount Royal College

**Saturday, August 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

#### **Session L1: Religions, Ideologies, and Social Conflicts**

Convener: Karen A. Bradley, University of Central Missouri

*Framing Narratives in the Struggle over the Bible in Public Schools*

Christopher Haynes, Drew University



*Does Family Matter? How Familialism Shapes Religious Involvement*

Young-Il Kim, University of Virginia

*How Does Faith Go with Fear? Security Perspectives on Religious Radicalization*

Mona Kanwal Sheikh, University of Copenhagen

*A Common Word, Uncommon Faiths: Interfaith Bridge-Building Across Difference*

Lloyd Chia, University of Missouri

**Session L2: Author Meets Critics — Carolyn Chen's *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience***

Organizer and convener: Elaine Howard Ecklund, SUNY at Buffalo

Panel: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois Chicago

Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College

Respondent: Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University

**Session L3: Professional Development Workshop: Assessment of Teaching in the Sociology of Religion — Issues of Learning, Accreditation, and Performance-Based Funding**

Organizer: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

Convener: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Panel: Barbara J. Denison

Keith A. Roberts, Hanover College

Don Swenson, Mount Royal College

**Session L4: Author Meets Critics: Randal Balmer's *God in the White House***

Organizer and convener: Laura Desfor Edles, California State University, Northridge

Panel: Gene Burns, Michigan State University

Stephen Hart, State University of New York at Buffalo

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Respondent: Randall Balmer, Barnard College

**Session L5: ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session: Religion and Labor**

Organizers: Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri, and Michael O. Emerson, Rice University

Convener: Christian Smith, University of Notre Dame

Panel: William A. Mirola, Marian College

David Smilde, University of Georgia

Rhys Williams, University of Cincinnati

**Saturday, August 2, 5:00 p.m.**

**ASR Executive Council**

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