SOCIALY ENGAGED RELIGION IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

Wednesday, August 17, 5:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting – Bryce Boardroom

Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration – Red Rock Desk

Wednesday, August 17, 9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Welcoming Reception – Mesquite

Thursday, August 18, 7:45 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Registration – Red Rock Desk

Thursday, August 18, 8:15-10:15 a.m.

Session A1: Religious Civil Society and International Civic Institutions
Organizer and convener: Verena Beittinger-Lee, University of Kent, UK

Religion and Religious NGOs at the United Nations in New York: Blessing or Bother?
Verena Beittinger-Lee, University of Kent, UK

Public Religion and Global Discourses of Justice: The UN as Text and Context of Religious Challenges to Secular Modernity
Khurram Hussein, Yale University

Religious NGOs at the UN in Geneva: Faith-based Diversity in an International Institutional Context
Sophie-Hélène Trigeaud, University of Kent, UK

NGOs that are Motivated but not Defined by Religion: The Challenge of Conceptualizing Religious NGOs in International Relations
Vanessa Tinker, University of Kent, UK

Pluralism, Secularism and the European Court of Human Rights
Zachary R. Calo, Valparaiso University School of Law

Session A2: Transnationalism
Convener: Brian Galica, Texas Tech University

Transversal Movement in Transversal Space: Transforming the Contexts of Cohesion and Conflict for the Anglican Communion
Paula Nesbitt, University of California, Berkeley

Mary for the Vietnamese People: Ethnic Particularity and Transnationalism among Vietnamese Catholics in Three Countries
Thien-Huong Ninh, University of Southern California
Transnationalizing the Public Sphere: Falun Gong’s Campaign in New York
Weishan Huang, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

**Session A3: Politics and Civil Society in China**
Convener: Jerry G. Pankhurst, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio

*Religious Policy in Contemporary China: An Analysis of the Implementation Process*
Qian Zaijian, Nanjing Normal University, China

*Rethinking the Role of the Catholic Church in Building Civil Society in Contemporary China: the Case of Fengxiang Diocese*
Shun-hing Chan, Hong Kong Baptist University, China

*The Qufu Church Incident 2010: A Confucian-Christian Face-off?*
Yong Chen, El Colegio de Mexico

**Thursday, August 18, 10:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m.**

**Session B1: The Perception of “Religious Foreigners” in Europe**
Organizer: Olaf Müller; University of Münster
Convener: Christel Gärtner, University of Münster

*The Perception of Religious Minorities in Five European Nations: Results from a Recent Population Survey*
Alexander Yendell and Olaf Müller, University of Münster

*The Connections Between Discrimination, Exclusion and Religiousness among Young Muslims*
Christel Gärtner, University of Münster

*Religiosity and the Appraisal of Religious Minorities*
Nils Friedrichs, University of Münster

**Session B2: Social Issues in the United States**
Convener: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

*The Beginning of Life: A Social Constructionist Approach*
Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University

*God and Gambling in the United States*
Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame and Jeff Sallaz, University of Arizona

*Evangelical Elites’ Evolving Arguments about the Immorality of Pornography*
Jeremy N. Thomas, Purdue University

*Parents’ Religiosity, Network Closure, and Adolescent Substance Use*
Scott A. Desmond, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis

**Session B3: Faith-based Initiatives**
Convener: Susan Crawford Sullivan, College of the Holy Cross

*Religious Networks and Volunteering: The Effects of Religious Involvement and Recruitment by Religiously Based Social Ties*
Stephen M. Merino, Pennsylvania State University

*Good News for the Poor in Christchurch*
Kevin Ward, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

*Separated from the World? An Anthropological Analysis of Amish Social Action*
Andy Borella, University of Turin, Italy
The Potential of Religious Initiatives and Social Services Network Formation: Orthodox Church Pro-life Activity in Contemporary Russia
Daria Oreshina, National Research University, Russia

Thursday, August 18, 12:30-5:00 p.m.

ASR Book Exhibit
Light refreshments will be available from 12:30 until 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Session C1: Education
Convener: Solange Lefebvre, Université de Montréal

Faith and Understanding: Specifying the Impact of Higher Education on Religious Belief
Jonathan P. Hill, Calvin College

Christianity and the University Experience in Contemporary England: The Visible and Invisible within Campus-based Religion
Mathew Guest, Durham University, Kristin Aune, University of Derby, Rob Warner, University of Chester, and Sonya Sharma, Durham University

Session C2: Author Meets Critics
Toward a Sociological Theory of Religion and Health, edited by Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University (Religion and the Social Order, Volume 19)
Organizer and convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College (Illinois)
Respondents:
Marta Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno
John Simpson, University of Toronto
Susan Crawford Sullivan, College of the Holy Cross

Thursday, August 18, 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Session D1: Orthodoxy and Identity
Convener: Damon Mayrl, University of California

Russian Orthodoxy on the European Stage: The Moscow Patriarchate’s International Role and Russia’s National Identity
Jerry G. Pankhurst, Wittenberg University

Orthodox Christians’ Values Profile: A Comparative Perspective.
Daria Oreshina, National Research University, Russia

“They’re a Part of Who I Am”: Icons, Emotion, and the Role of Material Things in the Making of Religious Selves
Daniel Winchester, University of Minnesota
Session D2: Conversion
Convener: Peter Althouse, Southeastern University

Getting the Holy Ghost: God Hunting and Tongue-Speaking Experiences in a Pentecostal Church
Peter J. Marina, University of Missouri, St. Louis

Let’s Get Ready to Humble: Violence as a Religious Recruitment Tool
Melissa Galica, Texas Tech University

Conversion, Religious Experiences and Religiosity in Taiwan
Hing-Kuang Chao, Tunghai University and Ping-Yin Kuan, National Chengchi University

Apostates of Islam: A Comparative Analysis of Deconversion Narratives of Former Muslim Men and Women
Sean E. Currie, University of South Florida

Session D3: Public Sociology: The Challenge of Engaging Religion in the Public Sphere
Organizer and convener: Tricia Bruce, Maryville College

When Professional Sociologists Meet “the Field”: Rethinking Categories of Analysis
Orit Avishai, Fordham University

Twice as Nice? Bridging Dual Audiences in Going “Public” with Scholarship on Religion
Tricia C. Bruce, Maryville College

Telling Contested Stories: Conflicts of Accountability in Engaged Scholarship
Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley
Discussant: R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois, Chicago

Thursday, August 18, 5:30 p.m.

ASR Presidential Address
Convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College
Presider: Michael Wilkinson, Trinity Western University
Socially Engaged Religion in a Post-Westphalian Global Context: Remodeling the Secular/Religious Distinction
Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Thursday, August 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.*

ASR Presidential Reception
*Time approximate: reception to open upon the conclusion of the address.
Friday, August 19, 7:00-8:15 a.m.

New Attendees’ Welcoming Breakfast (*Attendance by preregistration only*)

Friday, August 19, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Registration – Red Rock Desk

Friday, August 19, 8:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

ASR Book Exhibit

Friday, August 19, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

**Session E1: Bringing Sexy Back: How Conservative Religions Promote Sexuality**
Organizer and convener: Kelsy Burke, University of Pittsburgh

*Let’s (Not) Talk about Sex: How Contemporary American Evangelicals Promote Sexuality*
   Kelsy Burke, University of Pittsburgh

*What to Do with the Problem of the Flesh: Negotiating Orthodox-Jewish Sexual Anxieties*
   Orit Avishai, Fordham University

*“Take God on a Date”: Constructions of Gender, Sexuality and Power in Dating Books for Evangelicals and among their Intended Audiences*
   Courtney Ann Irby, Loyola University, Chicago

*Leaving the Law of Chastity Behind: The Transition from Abstinence to Marital Sexuality in the LDS Church*
   Amy Moff Hudec, Boston University

*Keeping it Halal? Dating as a Muslim American Teenager*
   John O’Brien, UCLA Sociology

**Session E2: Author Meet Critics**

Organizer and convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College (Illinois)

Respondents:
   Peter Kivisto, Augustana College (Illinois)
   Solange Lefebvre, Université de Montréal
   Edward A. Tiryakian, Duke University

**Session E3: Religious Violence in Africa**
Convener: Prema Kurien, Syracuse University

*Fighting for God or Fighting in God’s Name? Fanning the Embers of Violence and Conflict in Contemporary Nigeria*
   Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh
Politics and the Profits of Religious Violence in Africa
Dodeye Uduak Williams, University of Calabar

Violence in the Name of God: Politics of Religious Violence and Conflict in Nigeria
Elijah Obinna, University of Edinburgh

**Friday, August 19, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

**Session F1: Culture-Free, Cross-Cultural and Culture Laden Religion**
Organizer and convener: Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa, Canada

*Multiculturalism, Culture-Free Religion, and the New Second Generation*
Prema Kurien, Syracuse University

*Cross-Cultural Religion: Women and Laïcité*
Solange Lefebvre, Université de Montréal

*Culture-Laden Religion? Gender and the Imagined Other in the Bouchard-Taylor Commission Report in Québec*
Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa

Discussant: Donald Swenson, Mount Royal University

**Session F2: Health and Well-Being 1**
Convener: Scott Schieman, University of Toronto

*Comparing the Impact of Religious and Secular Organizational Involvement on Self-Rated Health Cross-Nationally*
Steven L. Foy and Andrew Miles, Duke University

*Engaged Buddhism and Suicide Prevention: Introducing the Japanese Buddhist Group’s Activities for Suicide Prevention beyond Sectional Differences*
Tatsushi Hirono, Austin Peay State University

Ephraim Shapiro, New York School of Medicine

**Friday, August 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Session G1: Secularization and Religious Freedom**
Convener: Tricia Bruce, Maryville College

*Ensuring Liberties: Understanding Religious Freedoms and Restrictions*
Roger Finke and Robert R. Martin, Pennsylvania State University

*From Secularization to Paganization: Weber Had It Almost Right*
Edward A. Tiryakian, Duke University

*The Secularization and Desecularization of Western Christianity During the Central Medieval Era (1050-1300)*
Donald Swenson, Mount Royal University

**Session G2: Author Meets Critics**
Preserving Ethnicity through Religion in America: Korean Protestants and Indian Hindus Across Generations, Pyong Gap Min (NYU Press 2010).
Organizer: R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois at Chicago
Convener: Rhys H. Williams, Loyola University, Chicago

Critics:
Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa
Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University
Session G3: Gender, Identity, and Feminism
Convener: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

Ideology and Identity in Men’s Religious Fraternities
Brian Galica, Texas Tech University

Rethinking Women’s Participation in Conservative Christian Groups
R.J. Leamaster and Daniel V.A. Olson, Purdue University

Ushering in a New Era of Religious and Ecological Consciousness: American Catholic Sisters and “The Great Work” of Thomas Berry
Michael Agliardo, Loyola University of Chicago

The Development of Korean Feminist Theology: In Dialogue with Confucianism
Ha Jung Lee, Boston University

Friday, August 19, 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Session H1: Politics and Civil Society
Convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College (Illinois)

What Role Does “Faith” Play in State Reliant Faith-based Social Welfare?
John-Paul King, King’s College, London, UK

The Militant Turn of the Old Christian Right in Contemporary South Korea
Myung-Sahn Suh, University of Chicago

Korean Christian Women in Peacemaking Toward National Reunification
Ha Jung Lee, Boston University

Session H2: Sexuality 1
Convener: Barbara Jones Denison, Shippensburg University

Secularization, Welfare States, and the Declining Influence of Religiosity on Tolerance for Homosexuality
Jason J. Hopkins, University of California, Santa Barbara

Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexual Sex and Civil Liberties
Maria Katerina Sarantakis, Carthage College

Que(e)rying the “Welcoming Congregation”: Organizational Culture and LGBTQ Activism in Unitarian Universalist Churches
Karen E. Macke, Syracuse University

Session H3: Prayer, Benevolence, and “Godly Love”
Organizer and convener: Margaret M. Poloma, University of Akron

The Role of Prayer in the D-Model of ‘Godly Love’: Findings from a New National Survey
Matthew T. Lee and Margaret M. Poloma, University of Akron

The Three Faces of Prayer: Qualitative Interviews with Exemplars of ‘Godly Love’
Margaret M. Poloma and Matthew T. Lee, University of Akron

The Experience of Love, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation in a French Charismatic Congregation: The ‘Godly Love’ Implications of Soaking Prayer
Peter Althouse, Southeastern University and Michael Wilkinson, Trinity Western University

Discussant: Amos Yong, Regent University
**Friday, August 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

**The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture**  
Convener: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa  
*Religion Engaged in the Public Sphere: A Crisis in Secularism?*  
Tariq Modood, University of Bristol

**Friday, August 19, 6:30-7:45 p.m.*

**The Paul Hanly Furfey Reception**  
*Time approximate: reception to open upon the conclusion of the lecture.*

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**Saturday, August 20, 7:15-8:25 a.m.**

**ASR Business Meeting**  
Presiding: Rhys H. Williams, Loyola University, Chicago

**Saturday, August 20, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Registration – Red Rock Desk**

**Saturday, August 20, 8:15-10:15**

**Reserve Book Pick-up**

**Saturday, August 20, 8:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Session I1: Race, Ethnicity and Religious Change**  
Convener: Yong Chen, El Colegio de Mexico  
*Playing the Race Card: The Role of Religion in Racial Discrimination Reporting*  
Damon Mayrl, University of California, Berkeley and Aliya Saperstein, Stanford University  
*Are Immigrants Good Americans? Beyond Voting Rates and Rights to Immigrant Narratives of Political Life*  
Elaine Howard Ecklund, Michael O. Emerson, and Katherine L. Sorrell, Rice University  
*Changing Self –Perceptions of José de Jesús Miranda: Messianic Founder of a New Religion*  
Susan M. Setta, Northeastern University
Session I2: The Civic Role of Religion in Los Angeles
Organizer: Richard Flory, University of Southern California
Convener and discussant: Brad Christerson, Biola University

‘We Just Want to Love on You!’ Mobilizing Love through Service in the Los Angeles Dream Center
Richard Flory, Hebah Farrag, and Brie Loskota, University of Southern California

Redeeming the City: Los Angeles in the Social Imagination of an Urban Social Ministry
Bradly Nabors and Richard Flory, University of Southern California

Picking up the Mantle: The Civic Role of Black Churches in Los Angeles
Brie Loskota, Hebah Farrag and Richard Flory, University of Southern California

Session I3: Congregations
Convener: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Spectacle and Authenticity: The Role of Gentrification in Congregational Identity
Richard Cimino, Hofstra University and Hans Tokke, Eastern University

How Does Your Garden Grow? Factors that Predict Growth in Worship Attendance among US Congregational Life Survey Congregations
Perry Chang and Ida J. Smith-Williams, Research Services, Presbyterian Church, USA

The Roman Catholic Priest Shortage in Canada: Crisis Fuelling Change
Britt Baumann, University of Waterloo

Going Beyond Mind/Body Dualism through Religious Hybrid: The Transmuting Combination of Christianity and 1950s Automobile and Rock and Roll Culture
Chien-Chen Kung, University of Buffalo, SUNY

Session I4: Education, Irreligion, and Religiosity
Organizer: William H. Swatos, Jr., Augustana College (Illinois)
Convener: Rachel M. Kraus, Ball State University

The Changing Impact of Education on Religious Non-Affiliation
Philip Schwadel, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Religious Social Distance: How Far Apart Are Teenagers and their Parents?
Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa

Education and Religion: Individual, Congregational and Cross-Level Interaction Effects on Biblical Literalism
Samuel Stroope, Baylor University (2011 McNamara Award Paper)

Saturday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Final Book Sale

Saturday, August 20, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Session J1: Sexuality 2
Convener: Courtney Ann Irby, Loyola University, Chicago
Orthodox Anglicanism in the United States: National and International Networks Today
Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

Negotiating Gender, Race, and Sexuality in an Evangelical Youth Ministry
Katherine Castiello Jones, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

The Roles of Faith and Relationship Quality in Understanding Sexual Infidelity Among Married and Cohabiting Couples
Chris Esselmont, University of Calgary

Session J2: Health and Well Being 2
Convener: Steven L. Foy, Duke University

Religious Change and Depression
Noble Kuriakose, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

Religious Coping and Early Stage Alzheimer’s Disease
Susan Crawford Sullivan and Renee L. Beard, College of the Holy Cross

Matthew May, University of Georgia

Session J3: Economics
Convener: Tatsushi Hirono, Austin Peay State University

An Evaluation of the Impact of Aid Provided by Religious NGOs on Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
Lauren Ameilia Dent, Texas Tech University

The Economy of Communion: An Alternative to the Prevailing Methods of Doing Business?
Ana Lourdes Suárez, Universidad Catolica Argentina

Faith as a Resource: Minimizing Uncertainty in the Christian Retailing and Entertainment Industry
Charles M. Brown, Albright College

Session J4: Atheism
Convener: Melissa Galica, Texas Tech University

The Collective Identity Work of Contemporary Atheists
Jesse M. Smith, University of Colorado, Boulder

“In Darwin We Trust”: Organized Atheism’s Assault on Religion and Social Science
Steve LeDrew, York University

Secular Rituals and the Making of a Positive Secularist Identity
Richard Cimino, Hofstra University, and Christopher Smith

Saturday, August 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Session K1: Religion, Culture, and Media
Convener: Jeremy N. Thomas, Purdue University

Keeping it Real: Authenticity in Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rituals
Patricia K. Munro, University of California, Berkeley

The Drum Circle Movement as a Socially Engaged Global Para-Religion
Tanice G. Foltz, Indiana University Northwest

Becoming a Belly Dancer: Gender, Life Course, and the Attraction of Spiritual Leisure
Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

*God Within Mouse Reach: Methodological Issues about Religion and the Internet*

Enzo Pace and Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padua

**Session K2: Beliefs and Religious Switching**
Convener: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

*Within-Group Differences in Supernatural Beliefs: Evidence from the General Social Survey, 1991-2008*

Robert R. Martin, Pennsylvania State University

*The Social Structuring of Anti-Evolutionist Beliefs*

Jonathan P. Hill, Calvin College

*The Demography of Religious Switching Around the World*

Conrad Hackett and Noble Kuriakose, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

*Soka Gakkai in Brazil: Conversion, Recruitment, or Marketing?*

Suzana Bornholdt and Edson Pereira Lopes, Mackenzie University

**Session K3: Religion and Political Discourse**
Convener: Fred Kniss, Eastern Mennonite University

*What We Ought to Know about Religion: Religious Literacy, Civic Identities and Governmentality*

Tiffany Puett, University of Waterloo

*Religious Soft Power as Accountability Mechanism for Power in World Politics: The 2011 World Religions Summit*

Sherrie Steiner, Booth University College

**Saturday, August 20, 3:15-5:30 p.m.**

**ASR Executive Council**
Presiding: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University