RELIGION AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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The date of this revision is 25 July.
SESSIONS

Friday, August 17, 7:00-7:50 a.m.

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

Friday, August 17, 8:00-9:50 a.m.

Session A1: Atheism and the Unaffiliated I
Convener: Christopher Bader, Chapman University
  DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Religion: “It’s About Making Religion Your Own”
  Amy McDowell, University of Pittsburgh
  Rescuing God from Religion: “Non-religious” Christianity in Mexico and Theories of the Relationship between Secularization and Religiosity
  Graham Hill, University of California, Berkeley
  Losing Religion: Adolescence and the Secular Identity
  Samantha E. Zulkowski, University of Delaware
  Resistance and Change in the Emerging Church: Attracting the Dechurched
  Josh Packard, University of Northern Colorado

Session A2: Author Meets Critics
  Living Faith: Everyday Religion and Mothers in Poverty, by Susan Crawford Sullivan, College of the Holy Cross
Convener: Margarita Mooney, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Respondents: Antony Alumkal, Iliff School of Theology
               Shelly Kimelberg, Northeastern University
               Liza Steele, Princeton University

Session A3: Religion and Social Change in Italy: Research and Controversy
Organizers: Luigi Berzano, University of Turin, Giuseppe Giordan and Enzo Pace, University of Padua
Convener and discussant: William H. Swatos, Jr., Baylor University
  Toward a Common Sense Religion? Youth and Religion in Italy
  Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padua
  The Debate on Bioethics in Italy: A Sociological Analysis
  Pino Lucà Trombetta, University of Bologna
  Mapping Religious Diversity in a Catholic Country
  Enzo Pace, University of Padua

Session A4: Social Change and Religious Experiences in Taiwan
Organizer: Hsing-Kuang Chao, Tunghai University
Convener: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University
  A Socio-demographic Profile of Religiosity in Taiwan: Evidence from the 2009 Religious Experience in Taiwan Survey
  Ping-Yan Kuan, National Chengchi University
  Religious Conception, Experience and Life Attitudes among Believers of Different Religions in Contemporary Taiwan
  Hsing-Kuang Chao, Tunghai University
  Ancestors, Fate and Their Power: An Analysis of Religious Experience in
Contemporary Taiwan
Yen-Zen Tsai, National Chengchi University

Emotions, Education and Social Constructs of Religious Experiences in Taiwan and China
Elizabeth Chien Wen Wang, National Chengchi University

Friday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.

Session B1: Atheism and the Unaffiliated II
Convener: Scott A. Desmond, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

American Atheist Communities and the Struggle for Social Legitimacy
Kevin M. Taylor, Boston University

Ethics and its Sources: Considering Religious and Irreligious Vocational Ideology
Nathaniel Porter, Pennsylvania State University

“Religious Unconvenionality”: What Culture Can Tell Us about American Atheism
Bradly Nabors, University of Southern California

Actors, Patterns and Regimes of Desecularization: A Conceptual Framework for Comparative Research
Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University

Session B2: Author Meets Critics
Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood, by Christian Smith with Kari Christoffersen, Hilary Davidson and Patricia Snell Herzog
Convener: Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York
Respondents: Jacob Felson, William Paterson University
Richard Flory, University of Southern California
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Session B3: Religion in Africa
Convener: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

“Touch Not My Anointed”: The Beatification of Enoch Adejare Adeboye
Ebenezer Obadare, University of Kansas

Church and Politics: A Perspective on the Nigerian Baptist Convention
Oluwaseun O. Afolabe, University of Ibadan

The Celebration Church in Zimbabwe: Pentecostalism as a Major Narrative of the Modern Globalizing World
Lovemore Ndlovu, Midlands State University

Session B4: Publishing Your Work: A Panel with Current and Former Journal Editors
Convener: Christopher Bader, Chapman University
Panelists: Laura Olson, Clemson University
Scott Schieman, University of Toronto
Marie Cornwall, Brigham Young University
Anthony Blasi, Tennessee State University

Friday, August 17, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

ASR Book Exhibit
Light refreshments will be available from 12:30 until 1:00 p.m.
Friday, August 17, 12:30-2:20 p.m.

**Session C1: Islam**
Convener: D. Paul Johnson, Texas Tech University

- Islam as a Gendered Institution: Religious Antecedents of Gender Traditionalism in Nine Middle Eastern Nations
  - Gabriel A. Acevedo and John Bartkowski, University of Texas San Antonio
- New Secular Muslims of Turkey: How Social Change Affects Religious Identity in Politics
  - Selman Yilmaz, University of Pittsburgh
- Islam, Secularism and Nationalism in Turkey
  - Aysel Madra, New School for Social Research
- Restructuring Islamic Space in Urban China
  - Yuting Wang, American University of Shariah

**Session C2: Author Meets Critics**

*Religion in China: Survival and Revival under Communist Rule* by Fenggang Yang
Convener: Andrew Stuart Abel, Hastings College
Respondents: Jose Casanova, Georgetown University
             Nancy Ammerman, Boston University
             Grace Davie, University of Exeter
             Richard Madsen, University of California, San Diego

**Session C3: Social Change in American Jewish Life: Theoretical and Methodological Implications for the Study of Gender, Denomination, Identity, and Intermarriage (co-sponsored by the North American Jewish Data Bank and the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry)**
Convener: Arnold Dashefsky, University of Connecticut

- Narrative, Demography and the Changing Dichotomies of the Sacred and the Secular
  - Debra Kaufman, Northeastern University, and Harriet Hartman, Rowan University
- The Religious Inefficient Family and American Jewish Intermarriage
  - Bruce Phillips, University of Southern California/Hebrew Union College
- American Orthodox Jewish Women: Economic Power, Feminism and the Expansion of Gender Boundaries within the Tradition
  - Samuel Richardson, University of Virginia
Discussant: Caryn Aviv, University of Colorado

**Session C4: Navigating the Tenure Process**
Convener: Christopher Bader, Chapman University
Panelists: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College
          Jerry Park, Baylor University
          Joseph O. Baker, East Tennessee State University
          Margarita Mooney, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Friday, August 17, 2:30-4:20 p.m.

**Session D1: Youth, Adolescence and Religion**
Convener: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University
“Domains of Religiosity” Revisited: The Effect of Public and Private Religion and Religious Education on Adolescent Alcohol Consumption
Jennifer Nelson, Emory University

Community Context and Reproductive and Contraceptive Knowledge among Young Adults
Amy Burdette, Florida State University, and Stacy H. Haynes, Mississippi State University

The Development and Change of Religious Belief of Youth in Taiwan: The Analysis of TYP Panel Study Data
Pen-Hsuan Lin, National United University, Chin-Chun Yi and Yan-Wen Lin

Lies, Lies and More Lies: Adolescent Religiosity and Beliefs about Lying
Scott A. Desmond, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Religiousness and Body Satisfaction in Emerging Adults
Karen Hooge, University of Notre Dame

Session D2: Author Meets Critics
The Religious Question in Modern China, by Vincent Goossaert and David A. Palmer
Convener: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University
Respondents: Graeme Lang, City University of Hong Kong
Jose Casanova, Georgetown University
Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Session D3: Novel Religious Movements
Convener: Christopher Bader, Chapman University
“I Was Always This Way…”: Rhetorics of Continuity in Narratives of Conversion
Erin Johnston, Princeton University

Awarded Honorable Mention in the 2012 McNamara Awards competition
Rethinking the Rise of the Nation of Islam
Patrick D. Bowen, University of Denver

The Fountain of the World: The Life and Death of a New Religious Movement from The Perspective of Rodney Stark’s Revised General Model of NRM Success and Failure
Richard O’Connell, Iliff Seminary, Shawn Sutherland and Rafael DaSilva, California State University Northridge

Local and Global in the Politics of Conceptualizing “World Religions”
Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

Religious Parody and Social Change: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
Melissa Wilcox and Caroline Carr, Whitman College

Beyond Parallel Congregations: Jodo Shinshu Converts and American Buddhism
Diego de los Rios, Northwestern University

Session D4: Religion and Social Change
Convener: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University
Brains, Religion and Social Change
John H. Simpson, University of Toronto

Self-Transcendence as a Key Variable in Religious Influence
Brandn Green, Bucknell University

Clinging to the Rock: Social Change and Methodist Leadership
Jane Ellen Nickell, Allegheny College

Enacting Pluralism: The Dalai Lama Visits an American Catholic University
Michael Agliardo, Loyola University

**Friday, August 17, 4:30-6:20 p.m.**

**Session E1: Religion and Gender in the Workplace**
Convener: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University
- *Is the Glass Ceiling Lower in Religious Settings? The Effect of College Religious Affiliation on the Employment of Female Faculty*
  Jared Perkins, Suzanne Fournier Macaluso and Dylan Brugman, Abilene Christian University
- *Gender Equity and Religiously-Affiliated Colleges: Lived Experiences of Female Faculty and Administrators*
  Lauren D’Abrosca and Susan Crawford Sullivan, College of the Holy Cross
- *Employment and Satisfaction: Women’s and Men’s Religiosity and their Perception of Work*
  Matthew May, University of Georgia
- *“Power in the Priesthood Be Upon Me”: Transformations of Consciousness and the Politics of LDS Women’s Temple Rituals*
  Nazneen Kane, College of Mount St Joseph
- *Bounded Meaning-Making: Power, Agency and Institution in Service-based Ministries*
  Melissa James, California Lutheran University

**Session E2: Moral Attitudes**
Convener: Scott A. Desmond, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
- *Religiosity, Spirituality and Attitudes toward Homosexuality: An Examination of Changes in Attitudes since the 1970s*
  David A. Gay and John P. Lynxwiler, University of Central Florida
- *Desecration, Moral Boundaries and the Movement of Law: The Case of Westboro Baptist Church*
  Joseph O. Baker, East Tennessee State University, Christopher Bader, Chapman University, and Kittye Hirsch, East Tennessee State University
- *The Effect of Religiosity on Attitudes toward Capital Punishment among African Americans*
  Favor Campbell and Thomas R. Moore, University of Texas San Antonio
- *Mainline Protestants and the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights*
  Sabrina Danielsen, University of Pennsylvania

**Session E3: Research on Evangelicals and Pentecostals**
Convener: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University
- *“Envisioning Change”: Christian Evangelical Churches and “Authentic Leadership”*
  Francesca E.S. Montemaggi, University of Cardiff
- *Chew the Meat, Spit Out the Bones: (De-)Gendering the Call to Ministry in Black Pentecostalism*
  Richard N. Pitt, Vanderbilt University
- *Saving Souls along with the Planet: Evangelical Environmental Missions in the U.S. and Abroad*
  Melanie Gish, University of Heidelberg

**Session E4: Politics**
Convener: Robert E. Beckley, West Texas A & M University
Religious Diversity and the 2008 Obama Vote
Anthony J. Blasi, Barbara Kilbourne and Oscar Miller, Tennessee State University

The Fundamental Role of Judeo-Christian Religion in American Political-Social Imagination
Elayne Fracaro-Gallion, Lewis University

Religion and Politics in Cuba: The Distinct Religious Traditions
Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

The Political Ideology of the Democratic Party: Secular or Religious?
William V. D’Antonio, Catholic University of America

Sunday School Teacher, Culture Warrior: The Politics of Lay Leaders in Three Religious Traditions
Lydia Bean and Brandon Martinez, Baylor University

**Friday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.**

ASR Presidential Address –
Convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Baylor University
Presider: Christopher Bader, Chapman University
Origins and Consequences of Religious Restrictions: A Global Overview
Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

**Friday, August 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

ASR Presidential Reception –
*Time approximate: reception to open upon the conclusion of the address.

**Friday, August 17, 8:00-9:50 p.m.**

Session F1: Theoretical and Methodological Advances
Convener: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Spiritual Dynamics: Axial Ages and Sorokin Cycles
David L. Sallach, University of Chicago

A Relational Study of Religion
Niels Reeh, University of Copenhagen

Max Weber’s Great Omission: The Role of Revisionism in American Civil Religion
Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A & M University

Session F2: Survey Research on Religion
Convener: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame
Rethinking Assimilation: The Case of Coptic-Orthodox Egyptian Immigrants in the U.S.
Neveen Shafeek Amin, University of Texas

Classifying Religiosity in the Adult Population from 1988 to 2010
Eric Tranby, University of Delaware, and Samantha Zulkowski, University of Delaware

Measuring Effects of Church Attendance on College Degree Attainment
Jeannie Kim, New York University

Race, Ethnicity, Religion, and Volunteering in Texas
Andrea L. Ruiz, Gabriel A. Acevedo, and Christopher G. Ellison, University of Texas San Antonio

The Role of Religious Leaders in Natural Disaster Relief: A Comparative Analysis of the Clergy of American Christian Churches and Japanese Buddhist Temples

Tatsushi Hirono, Austin Pea State University

Session F3: Issues in Church and State
Convener: Donald Swenson, Mt. Royal University

Bartolomé de Las Casas and the Catholic Church’s Early Confrontation with Race, Religion and Colonialism: Implications for Sociological Theories of Racial Formation in Modern Religious Institutions
Richard O’Connell, Iliff Seminary

Beware the Enemies of the Church: Intolerance towards Anti-Clerical Groups in Post-Atheist Russia
Rachel Schroeder, Western Michigan University

Religion in China as Political Religion, Apolitical Religion and/or Religious Politics: A Case Study of Humanistic Buddhism
Lap Yan Kung, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Session F4: Author Meets Critics
Wake Up, Lazarus! by Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University
Convener: Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University

Respondents: Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Anton K. Jacobs, Kansas City Art Institute
Anthony Pogorelc, Catholic University of America

Saturday, August 18, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

ASR General Business Meeting –
Presiding: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

Saturday, August 18, 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Registration –

Saturday, August 18, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ASR Book Exhibit –

Saturday, August 18, 8:00-9:50 a.m.

Session G1: Religion and Mental Health
Convener: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

Measuring Intrinsic Religiosity: Scales for Use in Mental Health Studies in China
Eric Y. Liu and Harold G. Koenig, Duke University Center for Spirituality,
Theology and Health

Examining the Effects of Religion on Resilience in the Face of Lifecourse Trauma: Is Religion Really Beneficial
   Lydia Manning and Andrew Miles, Duke University Center on Aging

Religious Involvement and Emotional Well-Being among New Immigrants in South Florida
   James Cavendish, University of South Florida

Mental Illness and Religiosity: Does the Religion/Health Association Vary According to Mental Health Status?
   Marta Elliott and Michael Doane, University of Nevada Reno

Buffering Effects of Religion on Arab American Mental Health
   Sarah Shah, University of Texas San Antonio

Session G2: Immigration
Convener: Robert E. Beckley, West Texas A & M University

Arab Immigration, Orthodox Christianity and Shifts in Identity
   Randa Kayyali, George Mason University

“An Ingathering of Exiles”: An Analysis of Factors Contributing to Contemporary American Jewish Migration to Israel
   Zachary Palmer, Truman State University

Religiously Motivated Migration
   Cory Anderson, Ohio State University

A Snapshot and Qualitative Analysis of Mexican Immigrant Spirituality in New York City
   Carol Mendoza, Abilene Christian University

Communities of Linked Faith: Church Mediation of Immigrant Rights Protest
   Marion Coddou, Stanford University

Session G3: Religion, Leisure and Tourism
Convener: Edward Bailey, Editor, Implicit Religion

The Effects of Short-term Religious Travel: An Exploration of Mechanisms
   Gary Adler, Jr., University of Arizona

“I Don’t Really Do It for the Spirituality”: The Peripheral Role of Spirituality in Artistic Leisure
   Rachel M. Kraus, Ball State University

Phish Festivals as Pilgrimage
   Cecil Berit Marshall, Drew University

Session G4: Author Meets Critics

Theocratic Democracy: The Social Construction of Religious and Secular Extremism, by Nachman Ben-Yehuda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Organizer and Convener: John H. Simpson, University of Toronto
Respondents: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa
   Roland Robertson, University of Pittsburgh
   William H. Swatos, Jr., Baylor University

Session G5: Global Restrictions on Religious Utopias and Religious Minorities (ASA/ASR Session)*
Convener: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

Religious Minorities: Bearing the Brunt of Rising Global Restrictions on Religion
   Brian J. Grim, Pennsylvania State University
Linking U.S. Religious Freedom Policy to National Security: A Consideration of International Influences and Domestic Implications
Evelyn L. Bush, Fordham University

Utopia Abandoned? A Sociological Analysis of Major Court Decisions Concerning Minority Religions in Europe
James T. Richardson, University of Nevada Reno

Compelling Interests and Substantial Burdens: Religious Minorities and the Adjudication of Free Exercise Claims in U.S. State Courts, 1997-2011
Robert Martin, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: Allen Hertzke, University of Oklahoma

“This session will be held from 8:30-10:10 a.m. in the Colorado Convention Center, Room 107 (street level).

Saturday, August 18, 10:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.

Session H1: Methodological and Measurement Concerns in Religion Research
Convener: Christopher Bader, Chapman University

Church/Sect Theory and the Pioneer Scholars of New Religious Movements Studies
W. Michael Ashcraft, Truman State University

Nondenominational and Independent Christians in the RELTRAD Coding Scheme
Jennifer M. McClure, Pennsylvania State University

The Measurement of Religion: The ARDA’s Measurement Archive
Christopher Bader, Chapman University

Methodologies of Sermon Analysis
Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University

Session H2: Religion in Asia
Convener: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

Weishan Huang, Max Planck Institute

Korean Confucian Hegemony under Military Dictatorships
Hajung Lee, Boston University

Indonesian Confucianism: An Ethnographic Observation
Yong Chen, Colegio de Mexico

Competition and Innovation among Religious Groups in China
Kim-kwong Chan, Hong Kong Christian Council, and Graeme Lang, City University of Hong Kong

Session H3: Gender
Convener: Edward Bailey, Editor, Implicit Religion

Textual Strategies, Serious Readers and Book Group Women: Gender and the Religious Reading Group
Emily Ronald, Boston University

Christine Gervais, University of Ottawa

The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Consecrated Women in New Ecclesial Movements
Ana Lourdes Súarez, Universidad Catholica Argentina

*Islamic Feminism and Social Change: Can the Muslim Women Speak?*
Leïla Benhadjoudja, University of Quebec Montréal

*Proclaiming the Family*
Katherine Castiello Jones, University of Massachusetts

**Session H4: Author Meets Critics**

*Mapping Religion and Spirituality in a Post-Secular World*, edited by Giuseppe Giordan and Enzo Pace (Religion and the Social Order, vol. 22)

Organizer and Convenor: William H. Swatos, Jr., Baylor University

Respondents: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg State University
Rachel M. Kraus, Ball State University
John H. Simpson, University of Toronto

**Session H5: Religion and Stratification (ASA/ASR Session)**

Convenor: Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University

*Faith, Family and Fortune: How Fundamentalism and Family Influence Status Attainment*
Darren E. Sherkat, Southern Illinois University

*The Great Antagonism that Never Was: Flourishing Religion in the Schooled Society*
David Baker, Pennsylvania State University

*Religion and the Creation of a Latino Middle Class*
Lisa Keister, Duke University

*Are Evangelical Protestants Lower Class? An Age-Period Cohort-Period Analysis of White Americans’ Social Class*
Philip Schwadel, University of Nebraska Lincoln

*This session will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Colorado Convention Center, Room 107 (street level).*

**Saturday, August 18, 11:55-12:10 p.m.**

Reserve Book Pick-up

**Saturday, August 18, 12:10-12:30 p.m.**

Book Exhibit Close-out Sale
Saturday, August 18, 12:30-2:20 p.m.

**Session I1: Religion and Social Change in Italy: Theories and Methods**
Organizers: Luigi Berzano, University of Turin, Giuseppe Giordan and Enzo Pace, University of Padua
Convener and Discussant: Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University

- **Studying Religious Lifestyles: An Interpretive Proposal**
  Luigi Berzano, University of Turin, and Carlo Genova,
- **From Data to Theory: Multi-Method Research**
  Roberto Cipriani, University of Rome III
- **Homologation or Tradition? Religious Rights in the Global Ecumene**
  Mario Pesce, University of Rome III
- **The Power of Prayer: An Analysis of the Padre Pio Prayer Groups System**
  Mario Salisci, University of Genoa

**Session I2: Religion, Health and Wellbeing**
Convener: D. Paul Johnson, Texas Tech University

- **Religion and Social Support in Close Relationships: Variation by Race and Religious Tradition**
  Stephen M. Merino, University of Texas Pan American
- **(How Much) Does Religious Background Affect the Relationship between Sexual Orientation and Mental Health**
  Jacob Felson, William Paterson College
- **Online Social Networks in Religious Conversion: Integrating Insights from Health and Wellness**
  Andrew D. Pritchard, North Dakota State University
- **Religious Attendance in Loneliness in Later Life**
  Sunshine Rote, Florida State University, Terrence D. Hill, Florida State University, and Christopher G. Ellison, University of Texas
- **Religious Music and Changes in Psychological Well-Being in Later Life**
  Christopher G. Ellison, University of Texas San Antonio, Matt Bradshaw, Duke University, Collin Mueller, Duke University, and Qijuan Fang, Bowling Green State University

**Session: I3: Author Meets Critics**
*Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation* by Gerardo Marti
Convener: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University
Respondents: Kevin McElmurry, Indiana University Northwest
- Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University
- Richard Flory, University of Southern California
- Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

**Session I4: Religion and Generosity: Findings from the 2010 Science of Generosity Project (ASA/ASR)**
Convener and Discussant: Kieran Healy, Duke University

- **The Effect of Religion on Blood Donation**
  Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame
- **What Does it Mean to be Generous?: Defining and Understanding Generosity in America**
  Hilary Davidson, University of Notre Dame
Religious Schools and Pro-Social Attitudes
David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame

Religion and Monetary Donations: We All Give Less Than We Think, Some More Than Others
Christian Smith and Heather Price, University of Notre Dame

Saturday, August 18, 2:30-4:20 p.m.

Session J1: Organizational Research
Convener: Scott A. Desmond, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
The Failure of a Faith-Based Organization: When Boundary Work Doesn’t Work
Kristina Kahl, University of Colorado
Black Megachurches Addressing Racial Inequality
Ryon Cobb, Florida State University, and Kendra Barber, University of Maryland
Religious Coalitions: A Challenge to Existing Models of Congregational Behavior
Rick Moore, University of Chicago
Identity and Adaptation: Dilemmas for Faith-Based Organizations
Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
A Social-Historical Analysis of the Origins of the Megachurch
David Eagle, Duke University

Session J2: Qualitative Research on Religion
Convener: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University
In Search of Treasure Ancient and New: The Quest of World Youth Day Pilgrims
Anthony Cleary, Catholic Education Office, Sydney
The Congregations and Communities Project: Learning the Sociology of Religion through Experience
Richard Flory, University of Southern California, and Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount University
Lost in Liminality: Ministering Angels and Menaces to Society
Amy Moff Hudec, Boston University
The Sacred and Profane Revisited: Revitalizing Downtown Manhattan
Barbara R. Walters, City University of New York
And Let All God’s People Say, “Si Se Puede!”: Theory and Practice of Faith-Rooted Organizing
Elizabeth Russell, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, and Melissa James, California Lutheran University

Session J3: Historical Research on Religion
Convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., Baylor University
The Secularization and Desecularization of Western Christianity: The Early Modern Era, 1500-1775
Donald Swenson, Mt. Royal University
Ultra-Orthodox Politics in Israel
Anat Feldman, Achva Academic College, Israel
The Discourse of Religions Freedoms, the Making of American Foreign Policy and the Limits of Critique
Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
The Continuing Anglican Metamorphosis: Moving “Church-Sect” to “Parent-Child” in the Study of Religious Organizations
J. Gary L'Hommedieu, University of Central Florida

Can Leninism be Considered a Religion?
David Smilde, University of Georgia

Session J4: Trends in U.S. Religion (ASA/ASR)
Convener: Christopher G. Ellison, University of Texas San Antonio

Non-Affiliation, Non-Denominationalism, Denomination Switching, and Religion
Switching: Four Growing Trends with Differing Consequences
Daniel Suh and Raymond Russell, University of California Riverside

American Religion's Mega-Trends: Gleanings from Forty Years of Research
J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University

RCMS 1980-2010: Trends in American Denominations
Christopher Bader, Chapman University, and Joseph O. Baker, East Tennessee State University

Trends in Apostasy and Conversion in the United States: 1972-2010
Joseph O. Baker, East Tennessee State University, and Buster G. Smith, Catawba College

Saturday, August 18, 4:30-6:20 p.m.

Session K1: International Research
Convener: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

Migration, Transnationalism and Religious Transformation: The Syrian Christian Church in India
Prema Kurien, Syracuse University

Measuring Religious Activities of Pakistani Youth through Time Use Data
Azeema Faizunnisa, University of Hawaii Manoa

After Goudougoudou: Religious Traditions and Educational Attainment in Haiti Today
Yanick St. Jean, Northwest Arkansas Community College

Buddhism and Social Change: Converting to Soka Gakkai in Brazil
Suzana R.C. Bornholdt, Mackenzie University

Session K2: Religious Discourse
Convener: Donald Swenson, Mt. Royal University

Meeting in the Empire: The 2012 World Religions Summit
Sherrie Steiner, Booth University College

Moral Landscapes: Religion, Secularism and Symbolic Boundaries
Thomas J. Josephsohn, Loyola University Chicago

It’s Not Personal, It’s Business: Contesting and Defending Corporate Personhood
David McClendon, University of Texas

The Roles of Religion and Economic Development in Shaping Discourse about Homosexuality across Nations: A Comparative Content Analysis of Newspapers
Amy Adamczyk, Lauren Paradis and Chunrye Kim, City University of New York and Matthew Moore, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

We Pray Together, but We Don’t Play Together: How Racial Distance is Problematized in American Islam
Christine Soreiah Sheikh, University of Denver

Session K3: Religious Practice
Convener: Rachel M. Kraus, Ball State University
It’s Not Just About Attendance: How Other Aspects of Religion Can Protect a Marriage
Martha Gault-Sherman and Kimberly Edwards, Baylor University

The Cloud of Witnesses: Communal Prayer, Sacralization and the Formation of Religious Group Styles
Todd Nicholas Fuist, Loyola University Chicago

Drumming Circles: Spiritual Avenues to Social Change
Tanice G. Foltz, Indiana University Northwest

Does Marrying or Having Children Have the Stronger Causal Effect on Religious Service Attendance
Cyrus Schleifer and Mark Chaves, Duke University

Popular Religion in Zhejiang, Southeast China: Feminization, Bifurcation, and Buddhification
Yanfei Sun, Columbia University

Session K4: Pentecostalism
Convener: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University

Candles and Multiculturalism: Religious Expression in South Texas
Ramon Guerra, University of Texas Pan American

The Politics of Secular Education in a Black Pentecostal Denomination
Anjulet Tucker, Boston University School of Theology

Globalization and Pentecostalism in North America
Michael Wilkinson, Trinity Western University

Saturday, August 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture –
Convener: Christopher Bader, Baylor University
Presider: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

Social Change and Religious Dynamics: Pre-Axial, Axial, Post-Axial
Jose Casanova, Georgetown University

Saturday, August 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m.*

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

Sunday, August 19, 7:15-8:25 a.m.

ASR Executive Council Meeting –
Presiding: Fred Kniss, Eastern Mennonite University