

RELIGION AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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2012 ASR PROGRAM

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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 Unconventionality”: 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 Adebayo

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 Inter-marriage (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 Inter-marriage

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

Sustainable Development and Karma Logistics: The Moral Discourse of Reformed Buddhism and Capital-Linked Business Professionals in Shanghai

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

Beyond Institutional Churches and Convents: Inclusive Spirituality and Transformative Governance in Women Religious' Pursuit of Social Justice

Christine Gervais, University of Ottawa

The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Consecrated Women in New Ecclesial Movements

Ana Lourdes Suárez, 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