

## ***ASR News & Announcements***

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With the Denver meeting now behind us, we are looking ahead to our 2013 meeting in Manhattan. Our hotel will be the Doubletree Metropolitan, which is part of the Hilton group in New York City. We will continue the two-day meeting pattern we initiated in Denver this year, with the ASA Religion Section meeting the day following. This means our actual session dates will be the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of August. There will be five simultaneous sessions each day, followed by the Presidential and Furfey Lectures and Receptions, respectively, in the early evening each day. The theme for the 2013 meeting is “Tributaries, Eddies and Cross-Currents: Religion Outside the Mainstream.” Fred Kniss is 2013 President, and Kelly Chong is 2013 Program Chair. A copy of the Call for Papers appears elsewhere in this issue of *Sociology of Religion*. Please be attentive to both the submission dates and ensuring that your 2013 dues are paid. A dues notice was mailed in November to all those who had not paid dues at that point. A dues confirmation post card was mailed at the same time to all those paid in advance. If you think you are an ASR member and you received neither, you should contact the Executive Office.

To have a paper or session proposal considered: (1) You must have paid your 2013 dues prior to submitting your abstract or proposal. (2) If you are submitting a session proposal, at least one author of each paper included in the session must be a 2013 ASR member. This same provision applies to discussion and book review panels. Persons who have not been 2012 members can obtain a membership form from the ASR Website, [www.sociologyofreligion.com](http://www.sociologyofreligion.com). (3) You should submit neither a session proposal nor a paper abstract prior to January 1, 2013. Materials submitted prior to this time are unlikely to receive a response. The period for

submission of session proposals is strictly limited to January 1 – March 15, 2013, while the submission period for individual papers extends through April 30, 2013. (4) The only address to which papers and proposals are to be submitted is *ASR2013@augustana.edu*.

Regardless of whether or not you are hoping to be on the program for 2013, I do hope you will make a concerted effort to attend the annual meeting. New York City is one of the most easily accessed airports from across the continent as well as from abroad. Train access into New York is also very good. *We need the attendance and support of the general membership if our meetings are to be a success.*

On a related note, I would be happy to receive proposals for edited volumes to be included in the Religion and the Social Order series, co-published by ASR and Brill, for 2013. In 2011 we had a record three volumes published. To these was added *Mapping Religion and Spirituality in a Post-Secular World*, edited by Giuseppe Giordan and Enzo Pace this year. You can order any of these recent volumes when you pay your 2013 dues, though those of you living outside of North America can probably obtain them at a more reasonable price by ordering directly from Brill. Make sure, if you do so, that you clearly state that you are an ASR member. All proposals for RSO volumes should be sent on-line to me at *William\_Swatos@baylor.edu* and should contain not only the volume title but also a tentative table of contents including chapter titles, authors' names, and emails. As with *Sociology of Religion*, at least one author of every chapter must be or become a member of ASR. I also hope that those of you with institutional positions would encourage your libraries to take a continuing subscription to the series.

This issue concludes my authorship of *News & Announcements*, as my service as Executive Officer of ASR ends with the dawn of 2013. I appreciate the opportunity that I have

had to come to know and work with many of you, and I also appreciate the many of you whom I have not had the pleasure to meet but who have paid dues faithfully year after year. Without the folks in the latter category, the folks in the former category would not have had all the advantages and opportunities ASR membership provides. I am happy to see that Jim Cavendish is working already to assume his duties, as evidenced by the fact that we have a hotel in New York now signed. I have been helping out with the Chicago meeting (2015) venue, which I hope to sign before my retirement, and Jim will go to San Francisco to work on the 2014 meeting later this year. When those are both signed, we will have returned to our normal rotation of contracting and hope we will be spared any more “surprises” from ASA. Best wishes to all of you in this holiday season and for 2013.