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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING**
Second Floor Promenade (W)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **MEETING OF THE 1975 - 1976**
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
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SESSIONS

1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

SESSION 1 Didactic Seminar: Critical Sociology —
Habermas and His Critics
Bryant Suite

Presenter: *Theo M. Steeman, Boston College*

SESSION 2 Religion and Social Organization
Morgan Suite

Convener: *Helen F. Ebaugh, University of Houston*

"Disintegration of the Catholic Sacred Cosmos" —
Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University

"Our Kind of People: The Consequences of Neo-Pentecostalism
for Social Participation" — *Cecil Bradfield, Madison College*

"Religion, Integration, and Philanthropic Behavior" —
Roger S. Sennott, University of Rhode Island

"An Elaboration of Michel's Theory of Organization: Denomi-
national Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement" —
Yolanda Weseley, Equitable Life Insurance Co. of N.Y.

Discussant: *Edgar W. Mills, St. John's University*

3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SESSION 3 Didactic Seminar: New Developments in European
Marxist Sociology of Religion
Bryant Suite

Presenter: *Otto Maduro, Universidad de los Andes*

SESSION 4 Public Dimensions of Religion
Morgan Suite

Convener: *Robert J. McNamara, Loyola University of Chicago*

"Conscience, Leisure and Learning: Locke and the Levellers" —
Edmund Leites, Queens College CUNY

"Memorialism in the Soviet Union" — *Jack A. Lucas, Central
Connecticut State College*

"Cultural Hero Systems and Religious Beliefs: The
Ideal-Real Social Science of Ernest Becker" —
James A. Scimecca, State University of New York, Albany

Discussant: *James R. Kelly, Fordham University*

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SESSION 5 Panel: World Population and Development:
Problematic for the Sociology of Religion
Bryant Suite

Convener: *John L. Thomas, Georgetown University*

Speakers: *J. Timothy Sprehe, International Statistical
Program Center*
Donald N. Barrett, University of Notre Dame
*Raymond H. Potvin, Catholic University
of America*

Discussant: *Leon F. Bouvier, Population Reference Bureau*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

REGISTRATION CONTINUES
Second Floor Promenade (W)

SESSIONS

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

SESSION 6 Theoretical Issues in the
Sociology of Religion
Bryant Suite

Convener: *Barbara Hargrove, Yale University*

"How is Religion Possible? Simmel on Religion as Life-World" — *Roland Robertson, University of Pittsburg*

"A Theoretical and Empirical Examination of the Concept,
'Cult'" — *James T. Richardson, University of Nevada*

"Belligerent Brothers in Christ: Consequences of the Univer-
salistic Aspirations of American Catholics and Southern
Baptists" — *William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College*

SESSION 7 Recent Research in the Sociology of Religion
Morgan Suite

Convener: *Jeffrey K. Hadden, University of Virginia*

"Religious Practices of Adolescents in a Southern Community:
1964 - 1974" — *George E. Dickinson, Gustavus Adolphus College*

"A Test of Yinger's Measure of Non-Doctrinal Religion: Impli-
cations for Invisible Religion as a Belief System" — *Robert E.
Everett and Hart M. Nelsen, Catholic University of America*

"The Catholic Clergy and Family Planning: Towards a Liberali-
zation Process" — *Gail A. Shea, University of Rhode Island*

"Jesus People: Conversion or Addiction?" — *Robert B. Simmonds,
State University of New York, Cortland*

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

SESSION 8 Religion, Ethnicity, and Cultural Values
Bryant Suite

Convener: *William C. McCready, National Opinion Research
Center*

"Civil Religion and Church Religions" — *James A. Christenson and
Ronald Wimberley, North Carolina State University*

"Theology and Cultural Pluralism" — *M. J. Durkin,
De Paul University*

"Ethnicity and Cultural Values" — *William C. McCready, National
Opinion Research Center*

Discussant: *Rosemary S. Bannon, De Paul University*

SESSION 9 Religion and Social Change
Morgan Suite

Convener: *Thomas P. Imse, Holy Cross College*

"The Cultural Tipping Point in Closed Religious Societies"
Ruth Shonle Cavan, Northern Illinois University

"Women Seeking Abortion: An Analysis of a Social Sect" —
*Garry W. Hesser, The College of Wooster and Ellen Idler,
Rutgers University*

"Nostalgia and Social Protest in the Theology of Abraham Joshua
Heschel" — *S. Daniel Breslauer, University of Nebraska, Omaha*

"The New Religiosity and the Eclipse of the Competitive Ethic:
A Post-Weberian Perspective" — *Charles P. Flynn,
Miami University*

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Murray Hill A

Presidential Address: Prolegomena to a Sociology of Organized Religious Systems
John L. Thomas, Georgetown University

3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Panel: INSTITUTIONALIZATION, ADAPTATION AND CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS: THE WORK OF THOMAS F. O'DEA

Murray Hill A

Presider: *Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, Fordham University*

"The Adaptation of Religious Systems to American Culture" —
Robert Michaelson, University of California, Santa Barbara

"The Institutionalization of Belief" — *Talcott Parsons, Harvard University*

"Tradition and Adaptation: The Problem of Change in Religious Institutions" — *Joseph H. Fichter, Loyola University of the South*

"Faith and Scientific Knowledge: Tension Between the Roles of Believer and Sociologist of Religion" — *Dorothy Dohen, Fordham University*

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

COCKTAIL HOUR AND RECEPTION

(No Host)

Murray Hill B

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SESSION 10 Didactic Seminar: Implications of Sociobiology for the Sociology of Religion
Bryant Suite

Convener: *Sister Marie Augusta Neal, Emmanuel College and Harvard Divinity School*

Panelists: *Joseph S. Alper, University of Massachusetts, Boston*
Ronald E. Marstin, Harvard Divinity School

MONDAY, AUGUST 30th

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MEETING OF THE 1976-1977 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Room 551

2:30 p.m.

SESSION 11 Culture Symbols and Belief Systems
(ASR - ASA Joint Session)

Organizer: *Meredith B. McGuire, Montclair State College*

"The Phenomenon of the Public Wife" — *Joanna B. Gillespie, Drew University*

"Solar System into Social System: Symbolic Analysis of Astrology" — *Frances Butler, Allegheny College*

"Documenting Experiences: Telling and Retelling as Mediation" —
Peter Freund, Montclair State College

"The Significance of New Religious Movements: Integration, Disintegration, or Transformation" — *Thomas Robbins, Queens College, CUNY and Dick Anthony, University of North Carolina*

Discussant: *James T. Richardson, University of Nevada*

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