

ASR News & Announcements

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Preparations for this summer's annual ASR Meeting on August 11th and 12th are now in full swing. Because this year marks ASR's 75th anniversary, we are planning a Special Presidential Panel which will include a number of ASR's past presidents. The Presidential Address will be given by Fred Kniss, and the Furfey Lecture will be delivered by Nancy Ammerman. Everyone who arrives at the conference hotel before 9 p.m. on August 10th is invited to attend the New Members Welcoming Reception, which is co-sponsored by Brill in honor of the publication of the 23rd volume of the *Religion and the Social Order* series, co-published by ASR and Brill. There is a free drink for everyone, and the 2013 volume of the series, *Testing Pluralism: Globalizing Belief, Localizing Gods*, co-edited by Giuseppe Giordan and series editor Bill Swatos will be released at this time.

The meeting program is shaping up nicely, and the preliminary program and hotel reservation link are available on the ASR website, www.sociologyofreligion.com. Note that the preliminary program is updated weekly to reflect both corrections and changes. If you have submitted a proposal for this year's program, you should expect to be present for both August 11 and 12, unless you wrote otherwise at the time you submitted your proposal. This also holds true for those who have agreed to serve as critics on book review panels or as conveners or discussants of sessions. If your status changes and you are unable to attend, please let the Program Chair, Kelly Chong, know immediately so she can delete you from the program. She can be reached at kchong@ku.edu.

Everyone on the program in any capacity is required to register for the conference using the Member Portal on the ASR website by July 1 to guarantee his/her place on the

program. Everyone else may register online through August 1. If you are not a member and therefore do not have access to the online Member Portal, or if you fail to meet the August 1 deadline for online registration, you can register by filling out the *Registration Form for Non-Member and On-site Registration* available in the “Meeting Registration” section of the webpage <http://www.sociologyofreligion.com/annual-meeting/>.

The ASA Sociology of Religion Section day is Tuesday, August 13, and the Religion Section’s reception is 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12. To prevent ASR’s Furfey Lecture from conflicting with the ASA Religion Section reception, we have scheduled the Furfey Lecture for 5 p.m. on Monday, August 12. This will allow ASR members who are also members of the ASA Religion Section to attend both events if they so choose.

If you have not yet made your hotel reservations, now is a good time to do so because the deadline for hotel registrations is July 10. The ASR Meeting Hotel for 2013 is the Doubletree by Hilton Metropolitan – New York City, 569 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022, which is located just a few blocks from the main ASA conference hotels. Whether you register through the website (www.dtnewyork.com) or by phone (1-800-222-8733), be sure to mention the ASR Conference when you make your room reservations so you can take advantage of our low room rates – only \$179 per night for a room with one queen-sized bed, and \$199 per night for a room with two double beds. ASR members should be able to enjoy these low rates for any days between Tuesday, August 6, and Friday, August 16, depending on room availability at the time of booking.

There are many good reasons to stay at the Doubletree, but one of the best is that it supports our Association. As you may know, ASR’s ability to get meeting rooms at a low rate is dependent on our members staying in the sleeping rooms at the Doubletree.

The September *News & Announcements* section will contain this year's election results along with the names of those who have been awarded Fichter Grants this year and the titles of their projects.