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CONSEQUENCES OF  
CONTEMPORARY  
MORALITIES**

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13-15 AUGUST**

*We shift the agenda, at least briefly, from religion to morality. Today there is no moral consensus. Why? What are the consequences? The tie between religion and morality has been weakening. Why? What are the consequences? Some believe the United States is experiencing moral decline. Is this an accurate assessment? Some believe that morality plays only a minor role in the political-economic arena. Is this true? If it is true, why is this the case, and what are the consequences?*

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

#### 2005 Annual Meeting

August 13-15 — Radisson Warwick Hotel — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### **RELIGION, POLITICS, AND THE STATE AT HOME AND ABROAD**

Coming when and where they do, it is hard to imagine a more appropriate theme for these meetings than religion's relation to politics and the state, at home and abroad. Philadelphia is the birthplace of the U.S. Constitution and its subsequent First Amendment; a nine-month scholarly gestation will have elapsed since the 2004 Presidential elections; and it is not likely that the War on Terrorism, the fate of Afghanistan and Iraq, or the religious conflicts raging in places like India, Israel, Northern Ireland or the former Soviet Union will have been finally resolved. Religion in its various forms will be subject to myriad interpretations in such contexts, with the one exception of irrelevance.

Papers are invited on a broad range of issues in the sociological study of religion relating to the meeting theme, including but not limited to the following:

- Viewing the 2004 Presidential election through a religious lens
- Religion in local, state, and national politics
- Democracy and religious extremism
- Assessing the First Amendment and its breaches
- American Exceptionalism as fact or fiction
- Religion as a source of international conflict and/or peace
- The changing politics of gender
- The politics of fundamentalism and its critics
- Politics within religious organizations and movements
- Religion, gay marriage, and civil unions
- The politics and efficacy of Faith-Based Initiatives
- Religious globalization of political winds, and vice versa
- Religion and the Good Society
- Praying alone: religion and social capital
- Evaluating the media in its coverage of religion and politics

The program seeks to include papers that address substantive, theoretical, methodological, and normative issues in the sociology of religion.

**DEADLINES:** -Session Proposals are due by 15 January 2005  
-Paper Abstracts are due by 15 February 2005

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:** (1) Submissions by email are *strongly* encouraged. (2) Limit paper abstracts to 150 words. (3) Membership in the ASR is *required* for program consideration. See the ASR website ([www.sociologyofreligion.com](http://www.sociologyofreligion.com)) for information.

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# OVERVIEW\*

## Thursday, August 12

5:00-8:45 p.m.

"Old" Council Meeting — Lombard

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration — Lobby

9:00-10:00 pm.

Welcoming Reception — Whitcomb Mezzanine

## Friday, August 13

7:00-8:15 a.m.

*Sociology of Religion* Editorial Board Breakfast — Whitcomb Mezzanine

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Registration — Lobby

8:30-10:15 a.m.

- A1. Sex, Age, Race, and Ethnicity: Demographic Dimensions of the U.S. Catholic Population — Whitcomb
- A2. Religion as a Paradigm of Conflict, Competition and Cooperation I: The Political Dimension — Union Square
- A3. Thematic Session: Moral Traditions and Religious Inventions in Chinese Societies — Lombard
- A4. Moral Dilemmas and Ideological Commitments — Fisherman's Wharf
- A5. Religion and Homosexuality — Nob Hill

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- B1. Thematic Session: Competing Moralities in the Catholic Church — Whitcomb
- B2. Religion as a Paradigm of Conflict, Competition, and Cooperation II: Participants in the Debate — Union Square
- B3. Religious Change in China: Places of Worship — Lombard
- B4. Race/Ethnicity and Religious Diversity — Fisherman's Wharf
- B5. New Religious Movements — Nob Hill

12:15-5:00 p.m.

Book Exhibit — Ghiradelli

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1:00-2:45 p.m.

- C1. Author Meets Critics: Ruth Wallace's *They Call Him Pastor* — Whitcomb
- C2. Globalization and Global Ethics: A Panel Discussion — Union Square
- C3. Thematic Session: Moral Decline in North America — Lombard
- C4. Author Meets Critics: Omar M. McRoberts's *Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood* — Fisherman's Wharf
- C5. Spiritualities — Nob Hill

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- D2. Religion and Family — Union Square
- D3. Clergy Life Issues — Lombard
- D4. African-American Churches — Fisherman's Wharf
- D5. Pagan Ethics — Nob Hill

5:00 p.m.

Presidential Address — Whitcomb

6:00 p.m.

Presidential Reception — Mezzanine

8:00 p.m.

Memorial Session for Marie Augusta Neal, S.N.D. — Union Square

### **Saturday, August 14**

7:15-8:25 a.m.

New Attendees Welcoming Breakfast — Mezzanine

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Registration — Lobby

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Book Exhibit — Ghiradelli

8:30-10:15 a.m.

- E1. ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session: Religious Discourse in Liberal Societies — Hilton San Francisco Continental Parlor 3
- E2. Chinese Conversion to Christianity I: North America — Whitcomb
- E3. Moral Issues in the Sociology of Religion — Union Square
- E4. Neo-Weberian Issues in Religion and Society — Lombard
- E5. Religion, Flesh, and Blood — Fisherman's Wharf

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- F1. ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: The Clash of Civilizations: How Deep? How Enduring? How Real? — Whitcomb
- F2. Chinese Conversion to Christianity II: Mainland China and Taiwan — Union Square
- F3. The Role of Music in Spiritual Ritual and Healing — Lombard
- F4. Religion in Immigrant Communities — Fisherman's Wharf
- F5. Religion and Popular Culture — Nob Hill

12:30-2:15 p.m.

- G1: Identities, Beliefs, and Practices: Findings from the U.S. Congregational Life Survey — Whitcomb
- G2: Authority, Sexuality and Moral Coherence in the Anglican Communion — Union Square
- G3: Religious Competition, Conflict, and Commitment in China — Lombard
- G4: Thematic Session: Learning Moralities — Fisherman's Wharf
- G5: Retrospective on Niklas Luhmann's Theses on the Sociology of Religion — Nob Hill

2:30-4:15 p.m.

- H1. Religious Freedom — Whitcomb
- H2. Islam — Union Square
- H3. Thematic Session: Globalization and Morality — Lombard
- H4. Asian-American Religion — Fisherman's Wharf
- H5. Secularization and Postmodernism — Nob Hill

4:30-5:45 p.m.

ASR Business Meeting — Union Square

6:00 p.m.

Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture — Whitcomb

7:00 p.m.

Paul Hanly Furfey Reception — Mezzanine

### **Sunday, August 15**

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Registration — Lobby

8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Final book sale — Ghiradelli

8:30-10:15 a.m.

- I1. Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics: Christian Smith's *Moral, Believing Animals: Human Personhood and Culture* — Whitcomb
- I2. Religious Adaptations to Political Restrictions in China — Union Square
- I3. Religion and Gender — Lombard
- I4. Religious Giving and Missions — Fisherman's Wharf
- I5. The Efficacy of Liberal Moralities — Fisherman's Wharf

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- J1. ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: Deepening Democracy through Faith-Based Citizen Activism: Strengths, Critiques, Alternatives — Whitcomb
- J2. Protestant Expansion in Latin America — Union Square
- J3. Tips for Graduate Students I: Publishing in Journals — Lombard
- J4. Judaism — Fisherman's Wharf

12:30-2:15 p.m.

- K1. Testing Economic Models of Religious Change — Whitcomb
- K2. Thematic Session: Morality in Post-Communist Societies — Union Square
- K3. Religion, Healing, Welfare and Well-being: Policies and Praxis in Comparative Perspective — Lombard
- K4. Teenagers, Spirituality, and Freedom of Religion — Governor's Suite (745)

2:30-4:15 p.m.

- L1. ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: Conscience: Sociological Reconstruction and Deconstruction — Whitcomb
- L2. Tips for Graduate Students II: Working as a Sociologist of Religion — Union Square
- L3. Religion, Advocacy, and Social Services — Lombard
- L4. Civil Religion and Moral Dialogues — Fisherman's Wharf

5:00 p.m.

\*New\* Council Meeting — Coit Tower



# SESSIONS

Friday, August 13, 8:30-10:15 a.m.

## **Session A1: Sex, Age, Race, and Ethnicity: Demographic Dimensions of the U.S. Catholic Population — Whitcomb**

Organizer: Paul Perl, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

Convener: Jonathon L. Wiggins, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

- ❖ *Generating Catholic Generations: The Distinctiveness of Catholic Generational Formation*  
Mark M. Gray, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate
- ❖ *Engendered Gender? Gender Differences in Religious Belief and Practice Among Catholics*  
Mary E. Bendyna, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate
- ❖ *Racial Variation in Religiosity and Parish Satisfaction Among Catholic Parishioners*  
James C. Cavendish, University of South Florida, & Paul Perl, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate
- ❖ *How Many Hispanics are Catholic? Reviewing the Evidence*  
Paul Perl & Jennifer Z. Greely, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

## **Session A2: Religion as a Paradigm of Conflict, Competition and Cooperation I: The Political Dimension — Union Square**

Organizers: Grace Davie, University of Exeter, and Ivan Varga, Queens University, Kingston

Convener: Grace Davie, University of Exeter

- ❖ *Religion as a Paradigm of Conflict, Competition and Cooperation*  
Ivan Varga, Queens University, Kingston
- ❖ *Is Islam in the Global Era Only a Cause of Conflict?*  
Jocelyn Cesari, CNRS-Paris
- ❖ *Rethinking the Relations Between Religion, State and Politics: A Feminist Perspective*  
Hanna Herzog, Tel-Aviv University
- ❖ *The WREP Project: Examining Church State Cooperation in Welfare*  
Grace Davie, University of Exeter

**Session A3: Thematic Session: Moral Traditions and Religious Inventions in Chinese Societies — Lombard**

Convener: Shun-Hing Chan, Hong Kong Baptist University

- ❖ *Inventing Morality: Christianity and Local Religions in Modern Fuzhou Region*  
Feng Zhu, Fujian Normal University
- ❖ *Demonstration of Religiosity and Its Impact on Morality in Modern Society: The Case of Shenzhen since Economic Reform*  
Lizhu Fan, Fudan University
- ❖ *The Morality in the "Morality Books" in Taiwan*  
Chi-Shiang Ling, Utah Valley State College
- ❖ *How Did Confucianism Become a World Religion? The Legacy of British Colonialism and the Rise of Comparative Religion as a Discipline*  
Anna Xiao Dong Sun, Princeton University

**Session A4: Moral Dilemmas and Ideological Commitments — Fisherman's Wharf**

Organizer and convener: J. Anna Looney, Rutgers University

- ❖ *Religion, Family and Homosexuality: Conflict in the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Jehovah's Witnesses*  
Janja Lalich, California State University, Chico
- ❖ *The Collision between Faith and Personal Desires as Reported by Members of NRMs*  
J. Anna Looney, Rutgers University
- ❖ *The Aging of Discipline Relationships*  
Benjamin Zablocki, Rutgers University
- ❖ *The Right Fight? Competing Discourses in the Campaign against the Equal Rights Amendment*  
Martha Bradley, University of Utah

**Session A5: Religion and Homosexuality — Nob Hill**

Convener: David Yamane, University of Notre Dame

- ❖ *Queer Seekers: Religion and Identity Negotiation in Los Angeles*  
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
- ❖ *"Tell It to Me Straight": What's Immoral about Gay Commitment?*  
Gayle Baldwin, University of North Dakota
- ❖ *For and Against: Comparing Denominational Position Statements Regarding Persons With AIDS and Statements Regarding Gay and Lesbian Leadership, 1980-2004*  
Robert E. Beckley, West Texas A&M University & Jerome R. Koch, Texas Tech University
- ❖ *Science and the Liberal vs. Evangelical Protestant Debate over Homosexuality*  
Antony W. Alumkal, Iliff School of Theology

**Friday, August 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Session B1: Thematic Session: Competing Moralities in the Catholic Church — Whitcomb**

Convener: James D. Davidson, Purdue University

- ❖ *Catholicism as Contested Terrain: The Emergence of a Catholic Pro-Change Organization*  
Laura M. Leming, University of Dayton
- ❖ *Murmurs from the Pew: Postconciliar Lay Movements in the Catholic Church*  
Tricia Mein, University of California, Santa Barbara
- ❖ *The Emergence and Expression of Competing Moralities in the Contemporary American Catholic Church: The Case of the Divorced Catholics' Movement*  
Anna Bruzzese, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- ❖ *Monastic Spirituality Beyond the Cloister: A Preliminary Look at Lay Cistercians*  
William L. Smith, Georgia Southern University

**Session B2: Religion as a Paradigm of Conflict, Competition and Cooperation II: Participants in the Debate — Union Square**

Organizers: Grace Davie, University of Exeter, and Ivan Varga, Queens University, Kingston

Chair: Ivan Varga, Queens University, Kingston

- ❖ *The Role of the Intellectual in the Study of Religion: Conflict, Competition and Cooperation*  
Adam Possamai, University of Western Sydney
- ❖ *The Octagon Model of Volunteer Motivation: Results from a Phenomenological Analysis*  
Anne Yeung, Helsinki University
- ❖ *Long and Short Term Values: The Different Functions of Long-term Church Relationships and One-off Experiences*  
Per Pettersson, Karlstad University
- ❖ *Beyond Parochialism: Catholicism Rediscovered*  
Kees de Groot, Tilburg University

**Session B3: Religious Change in China: Places of Worship — Lombard**

Organizer and convener: Richard O'Leary, Queens University, Belfast

Discussant: Richard Madsen, University of California, San Diego

- ❖ *The Growth in Centers of Christian Worship in Contemporary China*  
Richard O'Leary, Queens University, Belfast, and Parig Digan,  
London, England
- ❖ *Places of Worship in China - The Case of Christianity in Taian Region of Shandong Province PRC*  
Peter Tze Ming Ng, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ❖ *Temples as Enterprises*  
Graeme Lang, City University of Hong Kong, Salina Ching Chan,  
National University of Singapore, & Lars Ragvald, Lund University

**Session B4: Race/Ethnicity and Religious Diversity — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener and discussant: H.B. Cavalcanti, James Madison University

- ❖ *Church Selection among Racial Ethnic Minorities*  
Walter H. Bower, University of Kentucky
- ❖ *All God's Children: Race, Religion and the Changing Face of Race Relations in a Southern Metropolis*  
Andrea Henderson, Richard Phillips, & Jeffrey A. Will, University of North Florida
- ❖ *Faith on the Avenue*  
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

**Session B5: New Religious Movements — Nob Hill**

Convener: Helen A. Berger, West Chester University

- ❖ *Almost Heaven: The Decline of New Vrindaban as a Religious Community*  
E. Burke Rochford Jr. & Kendra Bailey, Middlebury College
- ❖ *New Religious Movement Leaders on Fictional Network Television*  
Brooke Pillifant, Xavier University of Louisiana
- ❖ *Indoctrination: Mind Control Without Brainwashing in Religious Sects and Cults*  
William Torry, West Virginia University
- ❖ *Cults, New Religious Movements, and New Christian Churches: A Study of the Importance of Terminology in the Sociology of Religion*  
Paul Olson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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**Book Exhibit — Ghiradelli**

**Friday, August 13, 1:00-2:45 p.m.**

**Session C1: Author Meets Critics: Ruth Wallace's *They Call Him Pastor* — Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: John A. Coleman, Loyola Marymount University

Respondent: Ruth Wallace, George Washington University

- ❖ Jerome Baggett, Jesuit School of Theology-GTU
- ❖ David Yamane, University of Notre Dame
- ❖ Melissa Wilde, University of Indiana, Bloomington
- ❖ John A. Coleman, Loyola Marymount University

**Session C2: Globalization and Global Ethics: A Panel Discussion — Union Square**

Organizer: William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College

Convener: Theodore E. Long, Elizabethtown College

- ❖ Roland Robertson, University of Aberdeen
- ❖ John H. Simpson, University of Toronto
- ❖ William R. Garrett, St. Michael's College
- ❖ Theodore E. Long, Elizabethtown College

**Session C3: Thematic Session: Moral Decline in North America — Lombard**

Convener: Patricia M.Y. Chang, Boston College

Discussant: Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

- ❖ *Is America Really in Moral Decline? Evidence from the World Values Survey*  
Wayne Baker, University of Michigan
- ❖ *Does "Moral Decline" Mean the "End of the World"?*  
Daniel Johnson, Gordon College
- ❖ *Gnostic Christianity, Jungian Psychoanalysis, and Libertarian Politics: A Discursive Bricolage and Challenge to American Liberalism and Social Gospel Protestantism (1950-1990)*  
Andrea Coukos, University of Oregon

**Session C4: Author Meets Critics: Omar M. McRoberts's *Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood* — Fisherman's Wharf**

Organizer: Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

Convener: Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota

Respondent: Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

- ❖ Rhys Williams, University of Cincinnati
- ❖ Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
- ❖ Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota

**Session C5: Spiritualities — Nob Hill**

Convener: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

- ❖ *Research on Contemporary Forms of "Spirituality": Methodological Issues*  
Michael Mason, Australian Catholic University
- ❖ *On the Usage of "Spirituality" in the Context of Japanese Media*  
Kenta Kasai, Center for Information on Religion, Japan
- ❖ *Regaining God's Grace: The Soteriology of the 700 Club Following the September 11th Attacks*  
Eric Gormly, University of North Texas

**Friday, August 13, 3:00-4:45 p.m.**

**Session D1: Thematic Session: Will Christian Values Lose Significance? — Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: Joseph Tamney, Ball State University

- ❖ *The Fate of Christian Values in the Western World*  
Robin Gill, University of Kent

Respondents: N.J. Demerath III, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
James A. Beckford, University of Warwick

**Session D2: Religion and Family — Union Square**

Convener: Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

- ❖ *Family Matters: Religious Inheritance in Catholic and Protestant Families*  
Patricia M.Y. Chang & Carrie Alexandrowicz, Boston College
- ❖ *Contemplative Parenting: Homeschooling as Practice-Oriented Spirituality*  
Rebecca Allahyari, School of American Research
- ❖ *The Childhood of an Abuser: Examining Childhood Experiences of Men in a Faith-Based Batterer Intervention Program*  
Lanette Ruff, Nancy Nason-Clark, Barbara Fisher-Townsend,  
University of New Brunswick, & Nancy Murphy, Mars Hill  
Graduate School
- ❖ *God-given Talents: Direct Sales and Family Values*  
Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

**Session D3: Clergy Life Issues — Lombard**

Convener: Anthony W. Alumkal, Iliff School of Theology

Discussant: William H. Swatos, Jr., ASR/RRA Executive Office

- ❖ *Differing Perceptions of Local Clergy as Public Figures: How Community Residents View Clergy and How Clergy View Themselves*  
William A. Mirola, Marian College
- ❖ *Organizational Context and the Harassment and Abuse of Clergy*  
Elaine McDuff, Truman State University

- ❖ *"Preachers Kids are the Worst": Results of a Survey among Sons and Daughters of Dutch Protestant Ministers*  
Hijme Stoffels, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**Session D4: African-American Churches — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener: Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

- ❖ *Race, Religion, and Morality: An Historical Study of an Episcopal African-American Campus Ministry*  
Catherine Fobes, Alma College
- ❖ *Family Relations and the Cultural Preservation of Religiousness Among African Americans*  
Vanessa Jones, James Bryant, Edward H. Thompson, & Michael Nigro, College of the Holy Cross
- ❖ *Leaving the Faith: Apostasy among African Americans*  
Brian Coleman & Christopher G. Ellison, University of Texas at Austin
- ❖ *Church Culture as a Strategy of Action: An Empirical Test Among Black Congregations*  
Sandra Barnes, Purdue University

**Session D5: Pagan Ethics — Nob Hill**

Organizer: Michael York, Bath Spa University College

Convener and discussant: Tanice Foltz, Indiana University, Northwest

- ❖ *Self and Desire: Radical Partiality as a Path to Moral Virtue*  
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California
- ❖ *The Ethical Implications of Idolatry*  
Michael York, Bath Spa University College
- ❖ *Morality, Ethics, and Teenage Witches*  
Helen A. Berger, West Chester University, and Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania

**Friday, August 13, 5:00 p.m.**

**ASR Presidential Address — Whitcomb**

Convener: Grace Davie, University of Exeter

- ❖ *The Failure of Liberal Morality*  
Joseph B. Tamney, Ball State University

**Friday, August 13, 6:00 p.m.**

**ASR Presidential Reception — Mezzanine**

The Reception is cosponsored by Joan and Ralph Lane, the Department of Sociology of Ball State University, and the ASR

**Friday, August 13, 8:00 p.m.**

**Memorial Session for Marie Augusta Neal, S.N.D. — Union Square**

Organizer and convener: Madeleine Cousineau, Mt. Ida College

- ❖ Ruth Wallace, George Washington University
  - ❖ Otto Maduro, Drew University
  - ❖ N.J. Demerath III, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
  - ❖ Madeleine Cousineau, Mt. Ida College
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**Saturday, August 14, 7:15-8:25 a.m.**

**New Attendees' Welcoming Breakfast — Mezzanine**

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**Registration — Lobby**

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**Book Exhibit — Ghiradelli**

**Saturday, August 14, 8:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Session E1: ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session: Religious Discourse in Liberal Societies — Hilton San Francisco Continental Parlor 3**

Organizer and convener: John Evans, University of California at San Diego

- ❖ *Beyond Beliefs: Religious Identity in American Civic Life*  
Paul Lichterman, University of Southern California
- ❖ *Public Religions in Asia*  
Richard Madsen, University of California, San Diego
- ❖ *The Shaping Power of American Culture: Liberalism, Religion, and Non-Christian Immigrants*  
Rhys Williams, University of Cincinnati
- ❖ *Speaking in Different Tongues? Religious Discourse about Abortion in Germany and the U.S.*  
Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin, Madison



**Session E2: Chinese Conversion to Christianity I: North America — Whitcomb**

Convener: Hsing-Kuang Chao, Tunghai University

- ❖ *Helpful Hunters and Punch-Bowl Christians: Ritual and Conversion in a Chinese Protestant Church*  
Andrew Abel, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- ❖ *The Impact of Institutional Factors on Chinese Conversion to Evangelical Protestantism in the United States*  
Xuefeng Zhang, University of Minnesota
- ❖ *Religious Conversion to Christianity Among Students from the Peoples Republic of China: A Comparative Study*  
Yuting Wang, University of Notre Dame
- ❖ *Chinese American College Students and their Growing Interest in Christianity*  
Brian Hall, Rutgers University

**Session E3: Moral Issues in the Sociology of Religion — Union Square**

Convener: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

- ❖ *Value-Free No More? Ethical, Political, and Epistemological Implications of Doing Sociology of Religions under Imperial Duress*  
Otto Maduro, Drew University
- ❖ *We do it, Good - You do it, Bad: An Essay in Double Standards and other Nefarious Moralities*  
Eileen Barker, London School of Economics
- ❖ *Sociability and the Transmission of Traditions: A Criticism of Giddens and Habermas*  
Xavier Costa, University of Valencia
- ❖ *How Sociology Changed the Basis and Method of Moral Choice*  
Robert Mahoney, Rockhurst University

**Session E4: Neo-Weberian Issues in Religion and Society — Lombard**

Convener: Warren Goldsetin: University of Central Florida

- ❖ *Sectarianism in New Immigrant Religions*  
Fred Kniss, Loyola University Chicago
- ❖ *The "Minority Jurisprudence" Debate among Western Muslims: From Immigrant to Resident Islam*  
Kamel Ghazzi, Central Missouri State University
- ❖ *Benjamin Nelson and Max Weber on Religion, Usury, and Capitalism: A Comparison*  
Lutz Kaelber, University of Vermont
- ❖ *Psychiatrists' and Psychologists' Professional Practice and Religious and Spiritual Beliefs*  
Ellen Wagenfeld-Heintz, University of Michigan

**Session E5: Religion, Flesh, and Blood — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener and discussant: Barbara J. Denison, Shippensburg University

- ❖ *Lydia Meets Leviticus in the Wake of the American Tattoo Renaissance: A Qualitative Overview of Spirituality and Body Art from Client, Artist, and Media Perspectives*  
Marti Blose, Rutgers University
- ❖ *"I Know it When I See it": The Moral Economy of Pornography*  
Douglas E. Cowan, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- ❖ *Homophobia, Hypermasculinity, and the Black Church*  
Elijah Ward, University of Illinois at Chicago
- ❖ *The Oppositional Church in the Era of HIV/AIDS*  
Pamela Leong, University of Southern California

**Saturday, August 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Session F1: ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: The Clash of Civilizations: How Deep? How Enduring? How Real? — Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: Jerry Pankhurst, Wittenberg University

- ❖ Said Arjomand, State University of New York, Stony Brook
- ❖ Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
- ❖ Craig Jenkins, Ohio State University
- ❖ Roland Robertson, University of Aberdeen

**Session F2: Chinese Conversion to Christianity II: Mainland China and Taiwan — Union Square**

Convener: Evan Hsu, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

- ❖ *"Religious Choice" and "Religious Capital": Christian Conversions in Tai-an Region, PRC*  
Peter Tze Ming Ng, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ❖ *A Comparative Study of the Conversion Factors of Rural vs Urban Christians in China*  
Ming-fu Hsu, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- ❖ *Identity Tensions Among Chinese Intellectual Converts to Christianity*  
Huang Jianbo, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- ❖ *Seeking for Solutions: Conversion to Conservative Protestantism Among Urban Immigrants in Taiwan*  
Hsing-Kuang Chao, Tunghai University

**Session F3: The Role of Music in Spiritual Ritual and Healing — Lombard**

Organizer and convener: Tanice Foltz, Indiana University, Northwest

- ❖ *Refracting Congregational Song*  
Deborah Kapp, McCormick Theological Seminary
- ❖ *Drums Along the Mainline: Churched Women in Drumming Circles*  
Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary

❖ *Women's Spirituality, Drumming, and Healing*

Tanice Foltz, Indiana University, Northwest

**Session F4: Religion in Immigrant Communities — Fisherman's Wharf**

Organizer and convener: Jen'nan Ghazal Read, University of California, Irvine

Discussant: Helen Rose Ebaugh, University of Houston

❖ *The Religious Participation of U.S. Immigrants: Integrating Explanations from Ethnic Community and Rational Actor Theories*

Darren Sherkat and Fawaz Alanezi, Southern Illinois University

❖ *Religion, Gender, and Well-Being among Arab-American Elders*

Kristine Ajrouch, Eastern Michigan University

❖ *Ethnic and Religious Components of Arab-American Family Role Attitudes*

Jen'nan Ghazal Read, University of California, Irvine

**Session F5: Religion and Popular Culture — Nob Hill**

Convener and discussant: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

❖ *"Beware of What you Wish for": Religion and the Moral Discourse of B-Grade Horror Cinema*

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Missouri, Kansas City

❖ *Morality, Meaning, Mystery, and Memory: Decoding Audience Perceptions of Television and New Religiosity*

Wendy Martin, University of Ottawa

❖ *Music and Moral Boundaries: Extending Michel Lamonts Work on Symbolic Boundaries to the Study of Religion*

Kevin McElmurry, University of Missouri, Columbia

❖ *Do We Follow the Prince of Peace or the Prince of Darkness?: Evangelical Morality and Its Impact on American Popular Culture*

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina

**Saturday, August 14, 12:30-2:15 p.m.**

**Session G1: Identities, Beliefs, and Practices: Findings from the U.S. Congregational Life Survey — Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: Deborah Bruce, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

❖ *Responsive Congregational Identity: Identity Strength and Diversity as Correlates of Vitality*

Cynthia A. Woolever, Hartford Institute for Religion Research

❖ *Comparing Personal Religious Practices Across the Generations*

Deborah A. Bruce, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

❖ *Leadership Practices Across Denominational Families*

Reginald A. Bruce, University of Louisville

❖ *Correlates of Belief in Reincarnation among Christian Worshipers*

John P. Marcum, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Session G2: Authority, Sexuality and Moral Coherence in the Anglican Communion — Union Square**

Organizer and convener: Martyn Percy, University of Manchester

- ❖ *Joking Apart - The Serious Purposes of Humor in the Quest for Unity: Anglicanism as "Comedy"*

Martyn Percy, University of Manchester

- ❖ *Gay Inclusion in Mission and Ministry: Affiliations that Divide Clergy and Laity*

Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary

- ❖ *Sexual Orientation and Strange Bedfellows Anglican-Style: A Sociology of Theological Ethics*

Paula Nesbitt, University of California, Berkeley

- ❖ *The Fruits of Persistent Localism: How Global Anglicanism Came to Play Peoria*

William H. Swatos, Jr., ASR/RRA Executive Office

**Session G3: Religious Competition, Conflict, and Commitment in China — Lombard**

Convener: Graeme Lang, City University of Hong Kong

- ❖ *Competing Moralities in Shanghai's Taoist Economy*

Der-Ruey Yang, National University of Singapore

- ❖ *Catholicism and Intergroup Conflicts in a North China Village*

Xiao-Qing Wang, California Institute of Technology

- ❖ *Manage to Educate: Religious Commitment in Yiguan Dao*

Yunfeng Lu, City University of Hong Kong

- ❖ *Cultural Revolutions: The Unintended Consequences of Communism in China*

Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

**Session G4: Thematic Session: Learning Moralities — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener: Bryan Froehle, Dominican University

- ❖ *When Bedrock Socialization Erodes, Ideas about Morality Change: Some Observations Made by Older Adults*

Susan A. Eisenhandler, University of Connecticut

- ❖ *Predicting Moral Relativism Among American Adolescents*

Youn Ok Lee, University of North Carolina

- ❖ *History and Metaphor, Spirituality and Feminism in the Formation of Peace and Justice Activists*

Celia Winkler, University of Montana, Lynne Isaacson, Concordia College, and Kristeen Black, University of Montana

- ❖ *Factors Affecting Peoples Attitudes Toward Some Moral Issues*

Hui-Tzu Grace Chou, Utah Valley State College

**Session G5: Retrospective on Niklas Luhmann's Theses on the Sociology of Religion — Nob Hill**

Organizer and convener: Detlef Pollack, University of Frankfurt (Oder)

Discussant: D. Paul Johnson, Texas Tech University

- ❖ *Basic Elements of Niklas Luhmann's Theory of Religion and Secularization*  
Detlef Pollack, University of Frankfurt (Oder)
- ❖ *Observing Religion without Foundations: Distinguishing Communication and Consciousness in the Sociology of Religion*  
Günter Thomas, University of Heidelberg
- ❖ *Niklas Luhmann's Theory of Religion and Empirical Research on Religion*  
Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, University of Leipzig

**Saturday, August 14, 2:30-4:15 p.m.**

**Session H1: Religious Freedom — Whitcomb**

Organizers: Lori G. Beaman, Concordia University, and James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno

Convener: Frank S. Ravitch, Michigan State University

- ❖ *The Sociology of Religious Freedom*  
James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno
- ❖ *In Whose Service is Perfect Freedom*  
Eileen Barker, London School of Economics
- ❖ *Freedom of Religion and Freedom from Religion: The Prisoners Dilemma*  
James A. Beckford, University of Warwick
- ❖ *Moral Codes and Religious Freedom*  
Lori G. Beaman, Concordia University

**Session H2: Islam — Union Square**

Convener: Said Arjomand, State University of New York, Stony Brook

- ❖ *On Being Religious: Patterns of Religious Commitment in Muslim Societies*  
Riaz Hassan, Flinders University
- ❖ *Dress and Discipline: A Foucauldian Analysis of the Hijab Controversy*  
Christine Soriea Sheikh, University of Arizona
- ❖ *The Politics of the Martyrdom in Muslim World*  
Enzo Pace, University of Padova
- ❖ *Martyrdom and Morality: The Islamic Concept of Self-Sacrifice and its Moral Implications*  
Babak Rahimi, European University Institute at Florence

**Session H3: Thematic Session: Globalization and Morality — Lombard**

Convener: H.B. Cavalcanti, James Madison University

- ❖ *Religious Organizations and Globalization: A Study of Mennonite World Conference*

David Lind, University of Missouri

- ❖ *Identity through Religious Narratives: Being Mennonite in a Global Era*

Kendra Yoder, University of Missouri

- ❖ *Truth Commissions and Moral Globalization: Theologies of Reconciliation in the Transnational Public Sphere*

Jonathan VanAntwerpen, University of California, Berkeley

- ❖ *Everything You Know is Wrong: How Globalization Undermines Moral Consensus*

George Van Pelt Campbell, Grove City College

**Session H4: Asian-American Religion — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener: Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University

Discussant: Peter Kivisto, Augustana College

- ❖ *Voices of Change: Different Institutional Approaches to Politics among Korean American Evangelicals*

Eliaine Howard Ecklund, Cornell University

- ❖ *Bound by Denominational Ties? Asian-American Ministry in a Mainline Protestant Church*

Pui-Yan Lam, Eastern Washington University

- ❖ *Singing, Sewing and Dancing Worship: Multicultural Catholics and New Filipino Immigrants in a Chicago Parish*

Kersten Bayt Priest, Loyola University of Chicago

**Session H5: Secularization and Postmodernism — Nob Hill**

Convener: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

Discussant: Anthony J. Blasi, Tennessee State University

- ❖ *Models of Secularization and Religious Rationalization in Emile Durkheim and Max Weber: The Unilinear, the Dialectical, and the Paradoxical*

Warren Goldstein, University of Central Florida

- ❖ *Moral Values and Moral Density: A Postmodern Durkheimian Perspective*

Swati Shirwadkar, University of Pune, Robert F. Szafran, & Tom Segady, Stephen F. Austin State University

- ❖ *Ministry, Structure, and Networks: Building Catholic Communities of Faith within the Social and Ecclesial Environment of the Contemporary United States Since 1960*

Bryan Froehle, Dominican University

**Saturday, August 14, 4:30 p.m.**

**ASR Business Meeting — Union Square**

**Saturday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.**

**Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture — Whitcomb**

Convener: Joseph B. Tamney, Ball State University

- ❖ *Render Unto Caesar? The Dilemmas of a Multicultural World*  
Immanuel Wallerstein, Yale University

**Saturday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.**

**Paul Hanly Furfey Reception — Mezzanine**

The reception is cosponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Science of the University of San Francisco and the ASR

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**Sunday, August 15, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Registration — Lobby**

**Sunday, August 15, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Final Book Sale — Ghiradelli**

**Sunday, August 15, 8:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Session 11: Thematic Session: Author Meets Critics: Christian Smith's  
*Moral, Believing Animals: Human Personhood and Culture* —  
Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame

Respondent: Christian Smith, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- ❖ Jose Casanova, New School for Social Research
- ❖ Randall Collins, University of Pennsylvania
- ❖ Nancy Ammerman, Boston University
- ❖ Paul Lichterman, University of Southern California

**Session I2: Religious Adaptations to Political Restrictions in China — Union Square**

Convener: Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

- ❖ *Urban Buddhism in China Today: A Case Study of The Jade Buddha Temple in Shanghai*  
Xiangping Li, Shanghai University
- ❖ *A New Method of Outreach in Chinese Buddhism: The Example of the Bailin Temple Chan Summer Camp*  
Dedong Wei, Renmin University of China
- ❖ *Sources of Religious Freedom in China: The Case of the Catholic Church*  
Shun-hing Chan, Hong Kong Baptist University
- ❖ *Outreach in an Authoritarian State: Novel Forms of Christian Organization in Reform Era China*  
Carsten Vala, University of California, Berkeley

**Session I3 Religion and Gender — Lombard**

Convener: Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

- ❖ *Women of Value and the Devaluation of Women*  
Nancy Ramsey Tosh, University of Phoenix
- ❖ *Work, Family, and Depression Among Married Women: Does Religion Make a Difference*  
Christopher G. Ellison & Margaret L. Vaaler, University of Texas at Austin
- ❖ *Hyper-Masculinities, Hyper-Christianity & Hyper-Technology: Promise Keepers' Use of Technology to Empower Masculine Spirituality*  
James A. Fenimore, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- ❖ *Religion and Gender, an Attempted Overview*  
Inger Furseth, University of Southern California

**Session I4 Religious Giving and Missions — Fisherman Wharf**

Convener: Anthony E. Healy, Visions-Decisions, Inc., Atlanta

- ❖ *Pre-Post 2002 Boston Scandal Effects on Financial Support for Religious Ministries*  
Anson Shupe, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne & Susan E. Darnell, Portage, Indiana
- ❖ *Religion, Empathy, and Altruism*  
Matt Bradshaw & Christopher G. Ellison, University of Texas at Austin
- ❖ *Way to Give: Tithing Practices of Low-Income Churches*  
Stephanie Boddie, Washington University
- ❖ *Short-Term Missions as Civic Service: A New Ethic*  
Stephanie Boddie & Elizabeth Johnson, Washington University



**Session I5: The Efficacy of Liberal Moralities — Nob Hill**

Organizer and convener: Donna Chirico, York College

Discussant: Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

- ❖ *Where Lies the Wisdom: The Question of Moral Creativity*  
Donna Chirico, York College
- ❖ *Judging From and For the Dominant: Religious Objects as Legal Subjects*  
Frank S. Ravitch, Michigan State University
- ❖ *Interrogating the Relationship of Religion, Spirituality, and Environmentalism*  
Evan Berry, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Sunday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Session J1: ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: Deepening Democracy through Faith-Based Citizen Activism: Strengths, Critiques, Alternatives — Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

- ❖ Omar M. McRoberts, University of Chicago
- ❖ Scott Reed, Pacific Institute for Community Organization
- ❖ Marshall Ganz, Harvard University
- ❖ Janice Fine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Session J2: Protestant Expansion in Latin America — Union Square**

Convener and discussant: Otto Maduro, Drew University

- ❖ *The Limits of Instrumentality: The Logic of Gift Exchange in Venezuelan Pentecostalism*  
David Smilde, University of Georgia
- ❖ *Religious Diffusion and the Political and Social Consequences of Missionary Style*  
H.B. Cavalcanti, James Madison University
- ❖ *Religious Discourse: An Attempt to Produce Cultural Dialogue*  
Maria de Lourdes Beldi de Alcântara, University of Sao Paulo

**Session J3: Tips for Graduate Students I: Publishing in Journals — Lombard**

Organizer: Suzanne Fournier, Purdue University

- ❖ Nancy Nason-Clark, University of New Brunswick
- ❖ Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis
- ❖ Rhys Williams, University of Cincinnati

**Session J4: Judaism — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener: Rachel Kraus, Purdue University

Discussant: Dana Fenton, Lehman College, CUNY

- ❖ *Jewish Diversity on Capitol Hill: A Comparative Analysis of Reform and Orthodox Washington Offices*  
Rachel Kraus, Purdue University
- ❖ *Intermarriage and American Jewish Identity*  
Robert Liebman & Joshua Bass, Portland State University
- ❖ *Conservadox: The New Denomination in Judaism*  
Jessica Greenberg, Middlebury College

**Sunday, August 15, 12:30-2:15 p.m.**

**Session K1: Testing Economic Models of Religious Change — Whitcomb**

Convener: José Casanova, New School for Social Research

- ❖ *A New Map of Social Distance and Religious Competition among U.S. Denominations*  
Daniel V.A. Olson, Indiana University, South Bend
- ❖ *Understanding Church Growth and Decline: A Test of the Market Based Approach*  
Laurie Cooper Stoll & Larry R. Peterson, University of Memphis
- ❖ *Rewards and Rational Choice: Examining the Potentially Undermining Effects of Reward Structures at Church-affiliated Colleges and Universities*  
Robin D. Perrin, Pepperdine University
- ❖ *Can Durkheim Account for Conversion and Reaffiliation? A Comparison between a Structural Functional Research Program and Stark and Finke's Rational Choice Theory*  
Durk H. Hak, University of Groningen

**Session K2: Thematic Session: Morality in Post-Communist Societies — Union Square**

Convener: Jerry Pankhurst, Wittenberg University

- ❖ *Moral Values in Post-Communist Slovenia*,  
Vinko Potocnik, University of Ljubljana
- ❖ *Political Transformation, Religion, and Morality: An Examination of Post-Communist Nations*  
Tim Bower, Western Michigan University
- ❖ *Why, at all, Do We Need Religion? Religion and Morality in Post-Communist Europe*  
Sinisa Zrinščak, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- ❖ *The Globalized Beginnings of Evangelical Understandings of Morality on Post-Communist Transitions*  
Catherine Wanner, Pennsylvania State University

**Session K3: Religion, Healing, Welfare and Well-Being: Policies and Praxis in Comparative Perspective — Lombard**

Organizers: Grace Davie, University of Exeter, and Ivan Varga, Queens University, Kingston

Convener: Adam Possamai, University of Western Sydney

Discussant: Grace Davie, University of Exeter

- ❖ *Is the New Age a Religion of Well-being or Something More?*  
Martin Geoffroy, Fordham University
- ❖ *Healing, Religion and Well-being*  
Régis Dericquebourg, Université de Lille III
- ❖ *Anxious Moments: The Calming Role of Religious Faith and Practice Among U.S. Adults*  
Christopher G. Ellison, Amy Burdette, & Terrence Hill, University of Texas at Austin

**Session K4: Teenagers, Spirituality, and Freedom of Religion — Governor's Suite (Rm 745)**

Convener: Richard McCarthy, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

- ❖ *What Do You Believe? A Documentary Screening and Dialogue*  
Sarah Feinbloom, Sarafina Productions

**Sunday, August 15, 2:30-4:15 p.m.**

**Session L1: ASR/ASA Joint Thematic Session: Conscience: Sociological Reconstruction and Deconstruction — Whitcomb**

Organizer and convener: William H. Swatos, Jr., ASR/RRA Executive Office

Discussant: Edward A. Tiryakian, Duke University

- ❖ *Conscience, Individual and Collective, in Contemporary America*  
Robert Bellah, University of California, Berkeley
- ❖ *Sociology's Bearing on the Problem of Conscience and Western Religions*  
Anthony Blasi, Tennessee State University
- ❖ *Conscience and Its Contexts in Late Modernity*  
John Simpson, University of Toronto

**Session L2: Tips for Graduate Students II: Working as a Sociologist of Religion — Union Square**

Organizer and convener: Paul Y. Chang, Stanford University

Panelists:

- ❖ Christian Smith, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- ❖ John H. Evans, University of California, San Diego
- ❖ Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University
- ❖ Grace Davie, University of Exeter

**Session L3: Religion, Advocacy, and Social Services — Lombard**

Convener and discussant: Anthony E. Healy, Visions-Decisions, Inc., Atlanta

- ❖ *Proximity Matters: Understanding Congregations through an Ecological Framework*  
Jill Witmer Sinha, Amy Hillier, & Charlene C. McGrew, University of Pennsylvania
- ❖ *The Non-sacred Use of Congregational Space: The Moral Imperative and the Dissemination of Morality*  
Ram Cnaan, Charlene C. McGrew, & Beverly Frazier, University of Pennsylvania
- ❖ *"Thou Shalt Not Take the Name of Thy God in Vain": National Religious Advocacy Groups' Use of "God Talk"*  
Rachel Kraus, Purdue University

**Session L4: Civil Religion and Moral Dialogues — Fisherman's Wharf**

Convener and discussant: Kevin J. Christiano, University of Notre Dame

- ❖ *Rally 'Round the Flag? A Continuance of Discussion on Civil Religion*  
Michael H. Montgomery, Chicago Theological Seminary
- ❖ *A Consistent Ethic of Life: Prudential Judgment or Moral Judgments*  
William V. D'Antonio, Catholic University of America
- ❖ *Escape From Morality*  
William A. Stahl, Luther College, University of Regina