

**81st Annual Meeting** of the  
Association for the Sociology of Religion

***Engaging Religion  
in a Contested Age***

August 11–13, 2019  
Park Central Hotel  
New York, NY



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# ***Engaging Religion in a Contested Age***

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### THEME:

Within the sociological study of religion, many religious beliefs and practices have been challenged by the fluidity of taken-for-granted definitions and boundaries. Categories or concepts such as gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, rights, liberty, autonomy, identity, culture, tolerance, and even religion itself have become contested terrain that religious groups and their surrounding societies now must negotiate, especially where migration and cross-cultural relations have challenged assumptions and practices. Recent political strife over how knowledge is constructed, legitimated, and appropriated for social action, including popular disputes over what is authentic or authoritative, have brought into public discourse additional contestations that may affect religious groups in varying ways.

How do religious groups respond or not to the varied contestations that arise, either internally or in relation to their surrounding society? Alternatively, how might religion serve as a resource for analyzing, understanding, and addressing contemporary issues or contestations in local or transnational societies?

## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Welcome to ASR's 81st annual meeting.** New York is an ideal site for our theme, Engaging Religion in a Contested Age. Contestations are part of the vitality and creativity of this cosmopolitan city where many expressions of religiosity, spirituality and secularity challenge assumptions, yet find space to co-exist more or less peaceably. One of our sessions, Religion in New York City, illustrates this diversity. Our program also offers a wide array of other sites and forms of contestation, where sociology of religion can offer substantive insights.

Highlights of this year's meeting include two sessions held jointly with the American Sociological Association, and a Welcome Reception and professional development mentoring workshop for starting scholars hosted jointly with ASA's Sociology of Religion Section. A variety of discussion salons are a new feature this year, where focused conversations among invited participants and attendees offer space for an exchange of ideas and open discussion.

Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa, this year's Furfey Lecturer, will be speaking Monday evening on "Religion in Interesting Times: Contesting Form, Function, and Future." My Presidential Address Tuesday evening will follow up by exploring different types of religion-related contestations and their relationship to social change, including where sociology of religion can inform wider investigations.

One of ASR's strengths is the international diversity of its membership and the varied topics they present at our meetings. This year we are pleased to have scholars from six continents, in addition to a variety of sessions focusing on international research. We also welcome the many graduate students and junior scholars who bring fresh perspectives to their presentations and foreshadow new directions that sociology of religion scholarship is likely to take in coming years.

ASR has long been known as a welcoming association where new members can freely meet and engage with senior scholars and other members. Whether new or a longtime member, we hope that you will look for new attendees with purple ribbons on their nametag and introduce yourselves. For learning more about ASR and possibly becoming more involved, I recommend both our Welcome Breakfast and coming to our Business Meeting.

Finally, this year's meeting would not have been possible without the creative and dedicated commitment of our 2019 Program Chair Holly Folk and Executive Officer Rachel Kraus. In addition to the work of ASR Council members throughout the year, both Outgoing President Dan Olson and President-elect Jim Cavendish have played significant roles in the association this past year. I also want to thank Development Committee Chair Melissa Wilde, who also is Chair of ASA's Sociology of Religion Section, for her role in the collaborative efforts between our two associations, and lastly to thank all of you who contributed sessions or papers to make the program both full and thought-provoking.

Have a stimulating time at our meeting here in New York.

Paula Nesbitt  
President, ASR



## WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Hello everyone and welcome to the 80th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. It's a deep honor to work with President Paula Nesbit and Executive Officer Rachel Kraus in putting this program together. And it's thrilling to coordinate the ASR meeting when it is being held in New York City, where I lived for five years and did some of my graduate work.



Our conference theme this year takes up many questions pertaining to diversity, which is fitting for our location. Historically, New York was the most religiously and culturally plural of the 13 colonies. Manhattan was founded as New Amsterdam by settlers from the Netherlands in 1624. Anne Hutchinson, one of the most famous Puritan dissenters, fled Massachusetts and established a settlement in the Bronx in 1638. Jewish settlers arrived starting in 1654, when they founded the first Jewish community in America (Today, New York City has one of the largest Jewish populations in the world). After the English took control of Manhattan in 1664, New York became, technically, an “Anglican” colony, but it continued to be a haven for dissenters and religious minorities—so many that the colony was never really able to impose a “state church” system.

I hope you have time to explore the religious life of the city, which has many historic churches as well as vibrant, living communities from every part of the world. I have listed some of my personal favorites below, but even if you are just walking around, you can find sidewalk evangelists from every faith tradition!

We have a session devoted to Religions of New York (Monday, 10:00 AM), but that is just the tip of the iceberg for our conference! This year we have more than 200 paper presentations, as well as four book salons, several salon discussions, and panels related to professionalization, teaching, seeking funding, and engaging social science research. We are also holding two joint sessions with the American Sociological Association. If you are a starting scholar, don't miss our sessions specifically oriented to graduate students: the 2019 Graduate Student Mentoring Event on Monday (11:45 AM–12:45 PM), and the Graduate Student Professionalization Session on Tuesday (1:00–2:30 PM).

I wish to thank Paula and Rachel for their guidance and encouragement. Special thanks to the volunteers who have offered to convene sessions, and to the ASA for their collaborative support.

Please enjoy the conference and all that the city has to offer.

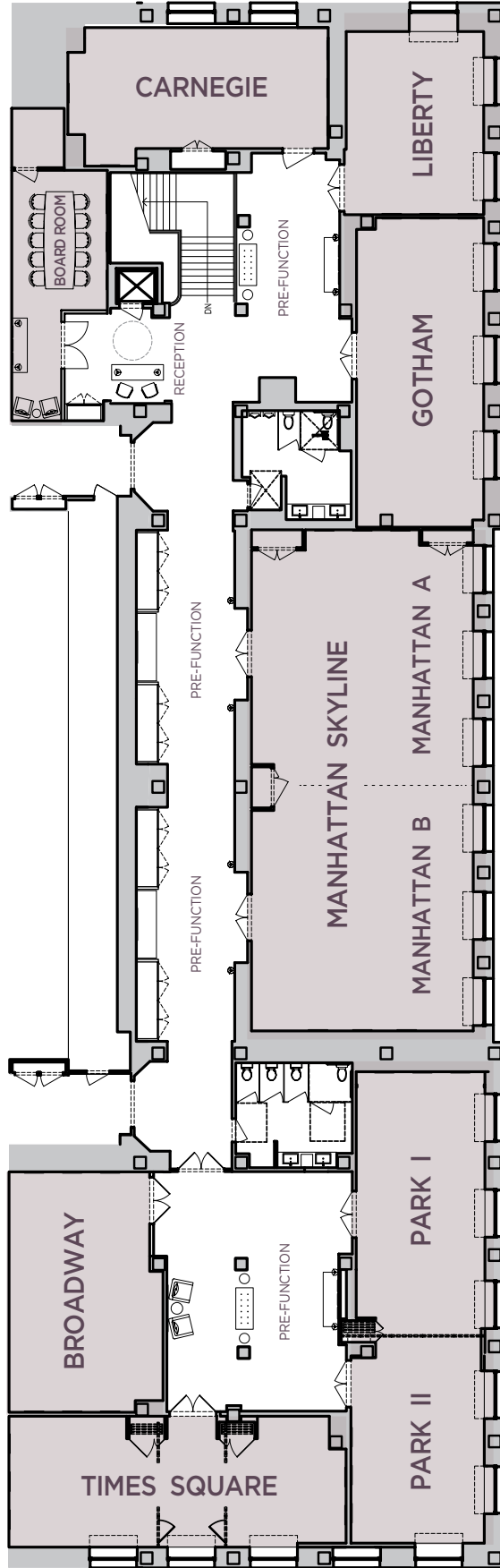
Holly Folk  
2019 Program Chair, ASR



## HELPFUL TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE CONFERENCE

- **Don Richter**, Associate Director of [Louisville Institute](#), a grant-making agency of Lilly Endowment's Religion Division, will be available August 11–13 to meet with prospective grant applicants and discuss Institute funding opportunities. To discuss your research with Don, email him ([drichter@louisville-institute.org](mailto:drichter@louisville-institute.org)) and suggest times you're available. Don't miss the "Grant Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion" workshop (Session G6 on Tuesday morning).
- **Elaine Howard Ecklund and John H. Evans** will be hosting a **Sociology of Religion and Science Network Meeting** to discuss grant funds available for sociologists examining the intersection of religion and science. This session will take place on August 12 from 9:15–11:15 AM.
- **Discussion salons** offer space for attendees to engage in the exchange of ideas and open discussion.
- **All beverages at the receptions are complementary.** They are included with your registration fee.
- **Participants who have a ribbon** attached to their name badges are part of ASR leadership. Please feel free to introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have about the association.
- **Participants who have a purple New Attendee ribbon** are attending the ASR Annual Meeting for the first time. Please introduce yourself.
- **Optional pronoun stickers** are available for no charge at the registration desk. If you would like to use a sticker to share your pronouns, please feel free to do so.
- We welcome our participants to use restrooms that fit their gender identity and to take advantage of any "family" restrooms.
- **All ASR conference events will take place on the Mezzanine level of the hotel** except for the receptions in the Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar).
- Our **book exhibit** features a variety of intellectually engaging monographs written by our members and others in our field. Take time to check it out and don't forget about our book sale at the end of the conference from 5:30–6:00 PM.
- Would you like to become more involved in the ASR? Fill out an interest form at the registration desk. You might be contacted as opportunities become available.
- Feel free to leave any comments you have about the conference with the registration desk. Your feedback can be anonymous if you wish. You may also email feedback to Rachel at [contact@sociologyofreligion.com](mailto:contact@sociologyofreligion.com).
- **The hotel has a strict no outside food or beverage in the meeting space policy.** Feel free to visit the grab and go counter in the lobby.

# HOTEL MEZZANINE MAP



## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

2:30–4:10 PM	<b>ASR/ASA Joint Session I (see page 10)</b> <i>Religion and Contested Understandings of Gender and Sexuality</i> Location: Sheraton New York, Gramercy Room
4:00–8:00 PM	<b>ASR Executive Council Meeting and Dinner</b> Room: Gotham
7:00–9:00 PM	<b>Registration in Mezzanine Foyer</b>
8:00–10:00 PM	<b>Joint ASR/ASA Religion Section Reception</b> Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar) Presiders: Rachel Kraus, ASR Executive Officer Melissa J. Wilde, ASA Religion Section President
8:30 PM	<b>Awards Presentation</b>

### MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00–8:15 AM	<b>Welcome Breakfast (Tickets Required)</b> Room: Manhattan A
7:45 AM–5:00 PM	<b>Registration in Mezzanine Foyer</b>
8:00 AM–6:00 PM	<b>ASR Book Exhibit</b>
8:15–9:45 AM	<b>Sessions A1–A7 (see page 10)</b>
9:15–11:15 AM	<b>Sociology of Religion and Science Network Meeting</b> Room: Manhattan A Conveners: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University John H. Evans, UC San Diego
10:00–11:30 AM	<b>Sessions B1–B7 (see page 12)</b>
11:45 AM–12:45 PM	<b>Professional Development Workshop for Starting Scholars</b> Room: Manhattan Skyline
1:00–2:30 PM	<b>Sessions C1–C7 (see page 14)</b>
2:45–4:15 PM	<b>Sessions D1–D7 (see page 15)</b>
4:30–6:00 PM	<b>Sessions E1–E7 (see page 16)</b>
6:15–7:15 PM	<b>The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture</b> <i>Religion in Interesting Times: Contesting Form, Function, and Future</i> Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa Room: Manhattan Skyline
7:30–9:00 PM	<b>The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture Reception</b> Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)



## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 12

9:00–10:30 PM	<b>Graduate Student Meetup</b> Location: Park Central Hotel Lobby / The Irish Pub (837 7th Ave) <b>Women of ASR Meetup</b> Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)
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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:45 AM–2:00 PM	Registration in Mezzanine Foyer
8:00 AM–4:30 PM	ASR Book Exhibit
8:15–9:45 AM	Sessions F1–F7 (see page 18)
8:30–10:10 AM	<b>ASR/ASA Joint Session II (see page 19)</b> <i>Religion and Contested Understandings of Social Justice</i> Location: Sheraton New York, Empire Ballroom West
10:00–11:15 AM	Sessions G1–G7 (see page 19)
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	<b>ASR General Business Meeting (open to everyone)</b> Room: Manhattan Skyline
1:00–2:30 PM	Sessions H1–H7 (see page 20)
2:45–4:15 PM	Sessions I1–I7 (see page 22)
4:00–4:30 PM	Reserve Book Pickup
4:30–6:00 PM	Sessions J1–J7 (see page 23)
5:30–6:00 PM	Closeout Book Sale
6:15–7:15 PM	<b>ASR Presidential Address</b> Paula Nesbitt Room: Manhattan Skyline
7:30–8:30 PM	<b>ASR Presidential Reception</b> Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

7:00–8:15 AM	<b>2nd ASR Executive Council Meeting and Breakfast</b> 2020 ASR President, James C. Cavendish, Presiding Room: Gotham
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# SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

# MONDAY, AUGUST 12

## SUNDAY, 2:30–4:10 PM

### ASA/ASR Joint Session I: Religion and Contested Understandings of Gender and Sexuality

Room: Sheraton New York, Gramercy Room  
Convener: J. E. Sumerau, University of Tampa  
NOTE: The Joint Session will happen before ASR  
Registration opens on Sunday. Please bring proof of  
registration for the ASR meeting, such as a printed  
copy of your receipt.

*Standing on the beach: LGBTQI and Allied  
Evangelicals Challenging Binary  
Interpretations of Genesis*

Dawne Moon, Marquette University

*Understanding bi+ people's connections to  
religion, nonreligion, and spirituality*

Lain A.B. Mathers, University of Illinois

*Contesting Queer: Lessons from Christian  
Sex Advice*

Kelsy Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

*Fluidity and Catholicism*

Nik Lampe, University of Central Florida

## SUNDAY, 4:00–8:00 PM

### ASR Executive Council Meeting and Dinner

Room: Gotham

## SUNDAY, 7:00–9:00 PM

### Registration

Location: Mezzanine Foyer

## SUNDAY, 8:00–10:00 PM

### Joint ASR/ASA Religion Section Reception

Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)  
Presiders: Rachel Kraus, ASR Executive Officer  
Melissa Wilde, ASA Religion Section  
President

## MONDAY, 7:00–8:15 AM

### Welcome Breakfast (Tickets Required)

Room: Manhattan A

NOTE: The Welcome Breakfast will happen before  
Registration opens on Monday. If you are attending  
the Welcome Breakfast, and did not get your ticket  
from Registration on Sunday evening please bring  
proof of registration to the Breakfast, such as a  
printed copy of your receipt.

## MONDAY, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

### Registration

Location: Mezzanine Foyer

## MONDAY, 8:00 AM–6:00 PM

### ASR Book Exhibit

## MONDAY, 8:15–10:45 AM, SESSIONS A1–A6

### A1: Religion and the State: Policy and Culture

Room: Manhattan B

Convener: Anthony Blasi, Tennessee State Univ.

*Fertilizing Morality: The Effect of State  
Context on Moral Attitudes Around In-Vitro  
Fertilization*

Sharan Mehta, Rice University

*State Structure and Government Involvement  
in Religion*

Tim Cupery, Fresno State University

*New Frontiers of Religious Freedom*

James Guth, Furman University

*Study of Social Perception of Religious  
Freedom: Exploring the Impact of Religiosity  
and Secularism*

Olga Breskaya, University of Padova

Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padova

## **A2: Socioeconomic Status and Religiosity**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary

### *Is religious pluralism only for the elite?*

Ilana M. Horwitz, Stanford University

### *Religion as a Determinant of Subjective Social Status*

Jesse DeDeyne, Baylor University

### *Socioeconomic Status and Beliefs about Divine Involvement and Concern in China*

Brian McPhail, Purdue University

### *How Visitors Differ: Religious Participation as Bridging Social Capital in Status Culture Activities*

Lukas Szrot, University of Kansas

## **A3: Religions and Narratives of Mission and Flight**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Jared Bok, University of Nevada, Reno

### *Religious Persecution and Christ's Second Coming: American Religious Groups' Varied Views on the Holocaust*

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania  
Meghan Garrity, University of Pennsylvania

### *Boundary Crossings and the Study of the Holocaust: Feminist Reflections on Religious/Ethnic Identity and Genocide Scholarship*

Janet Jacobs, University of Colorado

### *Stories of Ordinariness: Evangelical Missionaries' Redemption Stories as Cultural Meaning-making Tools*

Adam Kotanko, Purdue University

### *Why Religions Spread: The Largely Unexplained Stories*

Robert Montgomery

## **A4: Religion and Public Health**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Matthew May, Oakland University

### *Stress, Beliefs about God, and Mental Health*

Christopher Ellison, University of Texas at San Antonio

Kevin J. Flannelly, Center for Psychosocial Research

### *The Paradox of Health Services in Religious Congregations: Do the Supernatural have to Conflict with the Secular?*

Anna Holleman, Duke University

### *Religion, Depression, and Sleep: Does Disaffiliation Improve Sleep Quality for People with Diagnosed Depression?*

Matthew May, Oakland University

### *The R-Word: How Discrimination is Linked to Poorer Health Outcomes, and Whether Religion can Mitigate its Effects*

James Clark Davidson, Baylor University

## **A5: Korean Religious Nationalisms**

Room: Park I

Convener: Joseph Yi, Hanyang University

### *The Law, Money or Guns? Unification Diversification Striving to Restore of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth*

Eileen Barker, London School of Economics

### *Anti-Korean Sentiment and Anti-Japanese Sentiment, Conflicts and Grudges: Is There Really No Road to Reconciliation?*

Seon-Keun Cha, Daesoon Institute of Religion and Culture

### *Religious Politics and Political Religion in North Korea and America*

Kyungtek Chun, Drew University

### *South Korean Evangelical Narratives on North Korea and Homosexuals*

Joseph Yi, Hanyang University

## **A6: Religiosity Across the Life Cycle: Adolescent Socialization**

Room: Park II

Convener: Scott Desmond, Indiana University  
Purdue University Columbus

### *Adolescent Religiosity, Information Management, and Substance Use*

Scott Desmond, Indiana University  
Purdue University Columbus

### *Religious Participation's effect on Adolescents' Cultural Capital and Academic Achievement*

Maika Tuala, University of Nebraska

*Parental Influence and Religious Context:  
A Cross-Level Perspective on Volunteerism  
During Adolescence and Early Adulthood*  
Fanhao Nie, Valdosta State University

*The Influence of Parent's Experiences  
Growing Up in Shaping Views about Religious  
Socialization*  
Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York

## MONDAY, 9:15–11:15 AM

### Sociology of Religion and Science Network Meeting

Room: Manhattan A

Conveners: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University  
John H. Evans, UC San Diego

## MONDAY, 10:00–11:30 AM, SESSIONS B1–B7

### B1: Reconsidering Influential Theories of Religion

Room: Manhattan B

Convener: Feyza Akova, University of Notre Dame

*Kindred, Co-Workers, and Religions of  
the Spirit: Rethinking and Reclaiming  
W.E.B. Du Bois's Sociology of Religion  
and American Culture*

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

*Early Christianity and Theories of  
Rationalization*

Emma Wasserman, Rutgers University

*The Possibility of Organic Change in the  
African Diaspora: Religion and Power with  
Diminished Self-Determinism*

Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University

*Contested Ideals: The Universal/Local  
Dynamic in Islamic Law*

Asmahan Sallah, Univ. of Wisconsin–Whitewater

### B2: Religion in New York City

Room: Broadway

Convener: Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University

*Religious Pluralism and Identity in a Super-  
diverse Urban Ecology*

Richard Cimino, SUNY Old Westbury

Hans Tokke, City University of New York

*A Sociological Portrait of the Religious  
Congregations of Manhattan, 1939–1999*

Casey Homan, University of California, Berkeley

*All is Not Lost: When a Black Church Finds  
A Third Way to Retain Its Presence in Harlem*

Stephanie Boddie, Baylor University

Beverly Frazier, University of Pennsylvania

### B3: Denominational Studies

Room: Gotham

Convener: Gina Zurlo, Gordon-Conwell Theological  
Seminary

*Lutheran Identity in the United States*

Wayne Luther Thompson, Carthage College

*Organizing Worship: the Role of  
Denominational Authority in the Production  
of Atypical Religious Worship*

Joseph Roso, Duke University

*Schism in Contemporary Mainline  
Protestantism: Theoretical Insights from the  
United Methodist Church*

Dale McConkey, Berry College

*Hidden in Plain Site: Mapping the Growth of  
Pentecostal Christianity in America*

Gordon Melton, ISR, Baylor University

### B4: Practical Hybridities

Room: Liberty

Convener: Hannah Evans, Baylor University

*African Diaspora and Cuban Organic Religious  
Traditions: "Integrated Religious Multiplicity,"  
Toward an Understanding of Africa inspired  
Religiocultural Identity*

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University  
Shanti Ali Zaid, Michigan State University

*Hybrid Religious Festivity as Civil Sphere for  
Interreligious Engagements in Central Java,  
Indonesia*

Izak Lattu, Satya Wacana Christian University

### B5: Gender, Socialization and Personal Definition

Room: Park I

Convener: Rafia Mallick, University of Oklahoma

*Young Children's Constructions of Race and  
Gender: A Case Study of Three Protestant  
Churches*

Henry Zonio, University of Kentucky

*Secularization and Political Polarization: How Religious Contexts Shape the Impact of Same-Sex Marriage and Partnership Legislation on Public Attitudes towards Homosexuality in Europe*

Weiqian Xia, Stockholm University

*Reconciling Nonbinary Gender with Binary Cisgendered Religions*

Helana Darwin, Stony Brook University

*Queer, Celibate Christians: An Analysis of Stigmatized Identities*

Sarah Collins, University of Memphis

### **B6: Discussion Panel: Church and State in Local Politics**

Room: Park II

Organizer: Damon Mayrl, Colby College

Discussants:

Gary Adler, Pennsylvania State University

Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

Rhys H. Williams, Loyola University – Chicago

### **B7: Book Salon – Health scholars respond to Pew Research Center report Religion’s Relationship to Happiness, Civic Engagement and Health Around the World**

Room: Times Square

Organizer: Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

Discussants:

Ellen Idler, Emory University

Christopher Ellison, University of Texas at San Antonio

Chaeyoon Lim, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York

Respondent:

Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

## **MONDAY, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM**

### **Professional Development Workshop for Starting Scholars**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

Jointly offered by the ASA Religion Section and the ASR

Organizer: Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania

Contact: Lisa Pearce, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

For all Graduate Students (prospective, current, or recently graduated) attending the ASR or ASA meetings in NYC with any interest in the Sociology of Religion: Please join us for a **mid-day mentoring event** with free food, wisdom, and networking galore. We will start with two 20 minute mini-sessions during which you can select from the following mentoring stations to receive brief presentations, ask questions, and connect with others. For the final 20 minutes, stations will be organized by research interests. Mingle with mentors and peers who have similar interests in religion *and* areas such as social movements, politics, gender, race/ethnicity, stratification, family and life course, health, immigration, comparative historical, etc. Many thanks to the Association for the Sociology of Religion and the ASA Sociology of Religion Section for co-sponsoring this event!

#### ***Maximizing Mentorship***

(Kraig Beyerlein & Prema Kurien)

#### ***Developing as a Teacher***

(Matt May, Richard Pitt, & Meredith Whitnah)

#### ***Preparing to Publish***

(Jonathan Coley, Gerardo Marti, & Jerry Park)

#### ***Doing Public Sociology of Religion***

(Tricia Bruce, Richard Flory, & Paula Nesbitt)

#### ***Surviving & Thriving on the Job Market***

(Ruth Braunstein, Jennifer Lê, & Jack Delehanty)

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(Gary Adler, Elaine Howard Ecklund, & Don Richter)

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(Amy Burdette, Amy Mcdowell, & Emily Mckendry-smith)

#### ***Making the Most out of Conferences***

(Amy Adamczyk, Kelsy Burke, Damon Maryl)

#### ***Being a Productive Writer***

(Penny Edgell, Jeremy Uecker, & Grace Yukich)

#### ***Doing Research Abroad***

(Jean Beaman, Rachel Rinaldo, & Joseph Yi)

## MONDAY, 1:00–2:30 PM, SESSIONS C1-C7

### **C1: Modernity and Constructions of Islamic Identity**

Room: Manhattan B

Convener: Feyza Akova, University of Notre Dame

*The Islamic Interpretation and Adaptation of the Secular Lifestyle*

Nihan Uzun, University of Missouri

*The Meaning of Modernity in Everyday Life*

Feyza Akova, University of Notre Dame

*Reformist Muslim Intellectuals in the United States and Multiple Modernities Framework*

Serhan Tanriverdi, Wellesley College

### **C2: Religious Settings, Diversity, and Social Change**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Jerry Park, Baylor University

*From Margin to Mainstream: Pentecostal Diversity in Chile*

Martin Lindhardt, Univ. of Southern Denmark

*Measuring Intra-Religious Diversity*

Shaheen Mozaffar, Bridgewater State University

*The Effects of Acculturation on Inter-generational Conflict in Korean Diaspora Churches in North America*

Jacob Y. Park, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Mediated Congregation: The Rise of The Crystal Cathedral*

Erica Robles-Anderson, New York University

### **C3: Secularity in Canada**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Rachael Shillitoe, University of York

*Lingering Hints of Transcendence and the Limits of Nonbelief: How Complete Is the Loss of Belief among 'Nones', Agnostics and Atheists in Canada and the U.S.?*

D. Alastair Hay, Hay Research International

*Secularism and Jewish Schools in Quebec: The right to education and the threat of assimilation*

Ariane Bédard-Provencher, McMaster University

*Assembling Secularity and Islam: Feminist Discourses and Encounters in Québec, Canada*

Shane Dussault, McGill University

*Exploring Nonreligion Through Sex Work in Canadian Law*

Cory Steele, University of Ottawa

### **C4: Spirituality, Technology, and Digital Religion**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Dana Fenton, Lehman College CUNY

*The Transmission of Affect through Audio/Visual Production Work in Churches*

Kevin McElmurry, Indiana University Northwest

*Technology Use By Religious Tradition: Social Media, Text Messaging, and Perceived Relational Closeness*

Daniel Allen, Baylor University

*Big Data and Digital Religion: The Archimedean Affect*

Alphia Possamai-Inesedy, Western Sydney University

*Mapping Young Religion. Contested understanding of religion by young people in social media*

Miriam Diez Bosch, Ramon Llull University

### **C5: Salon Discussion – Critical-Constructive Approaches to Measuring Global Religions: What We Can and Can't Do with Surveys**

Room: Park I

Organizer: Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University

Discussants:

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University

Gina Zurlo, Gordon-Conwell

Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York

### **C6: Engaged Scientology in A Contested Context: Russia and the West**

Room: Park II

Organizer: Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR

Respondent:

Eric Roux, European Interreligious Forum for Freedom of Belief



*The Russian Context and the Question of Religious Liberty*

Rosita Soryte, International Observatory of Religious Liberty of Refugees

*When Freedom of Religion and Belief Becomes a Popularity Contest: The Case of the Church of Scientology in Russia*

Kristina Arriaga, The Oxford Society for Law and Religion

*TV vs TV: Leah Remini vs Scientology Network*

Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR

**C7: Association for the Sociology of Religion Lifetime Achievement Award**

Discussants:

Eileen Barker, London School of Economics

Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa

Rhys H. Williams, Loyola University Chicago

**MONDAY, 2:45–4:15 PM,  
SESSIONS D1–D6**

**D1: Religious Views on Abortion**

Room: Manhattan B

Convener: Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

*Religion and support for abortion across the world*

Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York

*Attitudes Towards Abortion: Does Believing in God Make a Difference for the Non-Religious?*

Nicole Frame, Purdue University

*To be or not to be? Trends in Attitudes towards Abortion among Americans*

Rafia Mallick, University of Oklahoma

*Problematizing the Abortion Attitudes' Binary*

Tricia Bruce, University of Notre Dame

Bridget Ritz, University of Notre Dame

**D2: New Directions in Qualitative Research**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Elena van Stee, Calvin College

*Religion in Italy: a mixed methods approach*

Roberto Cipriani, Italian Sociological Association

*Ethnography and Theology*

James Spickard, University of Redlands

*Practiced Religion: The Need for and Application of a Post-Secular Method*

Patrick Gilger, New School for Social Research

*Growing up nonreligious in contemporary Britain*

Rachael Shillitoe, University of York

**D3: Minority Religions and State Control I**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Stuart Wright, Lamar University

*Spiritual Diplomacy: Esalen, Russia, and International Relationships*

Marion Goldman, University of Oregon

Dusty Hoesly, UC Santa Barbara

*The Mass Apprehension of Old Order Mennonite Children, Manitoba 2013: From Child Abuse Allegations to the Transformation of a Community*

Susan Palmer, McGill University

Lianne Koren, McGill University

*Russian Treatment of Minority Religions and the European Court of Human Rights*

James Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno

**D4: Religiosity Across the Life Cycle: Young Adults**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia

*Black, "Woke," and Christian: How Black Christian Millennials are "Doing Religion"*

Shaonta' Allen, University of Cincinnati

*Spiritual Dysphoria: A Confliction on the Campuses of Some Religiously Affiliated Colleges and Universities*

Noel Adams, Marquette University

*Religion and Ultimate Concerns During the Transition to Adulthood: The Role of Values in Forming Religious Outlooks*

Michael Rotolo, University of Notre Dame

## **D5: Salon Discussion – Survey Research in Religion Among African Americans: Best Practices and Challenges**

Room: Park I

Organizer: Kiana Cox, Pew Research Center

Discussants:

Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center  
R. Khari Brown, Wayne State University  
Ryon J. Cobb, University of Texas, Arlington

## **D6: Rethinking Transcendence**

Room: Park II

Organizer: Michal Pagis, Bar Ilan Univ.

Discussant:

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

*Attending to Transcending: Lessons from Fasting with the Eastern Orthodox*

Daniel Winchester, Purdue University

*Transcending Social Situatedness in Vipassana Meditation Practice*

Michal Pagis, Bar Ilan University

*Transcending Ruptures*

Kristin Surak, SOAS, University of London

*Spine-Tingling: Evoking Embodied Transcendence through Nature-Based Experiences*

Erika Summers-Effler, University of Notre Dame

## **MONDAY, 4:30–6:00 PM SESSIONS E1-E7**

### **E1: Radicalization, the Media and Political Violence**

Room: Manhattan B

Convener: Amy Adamczyk, CUNY

*The return of women who joined the IS to Scandinavia*

Inger Furseth, University of Oslo

*Radicalization and the Media: Final Report*

Solange Lefebvre, Institute for Religious Studies, University of Montreal

*The rising of the Alt-right, Esthetic and Symbols*

Mathieu Colin, University of Montreal

*The Media in Radicalized Individual Trajectories*

Mathilde Vanasse-Pelletier, University of Montreal

### **E2: Secularization and Religious Ideas**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Jared Bok, University of Nevada, Reno

*Middle Generation Religious Values and Patterns of their (Non)Transmission in Contemporary Lithuania*

Milda Alisauskiene, Vytautas Magnus University

*Religious None Perceptions toward the Religiously Affiliated in the United States and Canada*

Joel Thiessen, Ambrose University

Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, University of Waterloo

*What Americans do and don't know about religion*

Becka Alper, Pew Research Center

### **E3: Identity in Diaspora**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Gowoon Jung, Kyung Hee University

*Mushukyo Discourse, Adolescent Othering and Yamagoe Catholic Church in Japan*

Alec LeMay, Bunkyo University

*Somali Conversion to Christianity: A UK Case*

Matyas Bodi, University of St Andrews, Scotland

*Korean-American Transnational Religious Identities of Tampa Korean United Methodist Church*

Jeyoul Choi, University of Florida

*"Same but Different": American Rabbinic Formation through Encounters with Others in Israel*

Katie Light Soloway, Independent Researcher

### **E4: Studies on Practice-Based Inclusion**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Joseph Yi, Hanyang University

*Attending to Absence: A strategy for Intersectional analysis*

Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri

*A Liturgy of Sanctuary: Immigration and Changing Religious Practice*

Carlos Ruiz, University of Iowa

*"We don't build walls, we build longer tables": Race and Welcome Talk in a White Evangelical Church*

Amy McDowell, University of Mississippi

*“Bring Your Straight Friends”: Black-White Differences in Social Identity of LGBT-Affirming Church Members*

Austin Colby Lee, University of Pennsylvania

### **E5: Religion and the Political Economy**

Room: Park I

Convener: Perry Chang, Presbyterian Church

*The Effect of Competition on Religious Demographics in Korea*

Staci Jin-Young Kim, Daesoon Institute of Religion and Culture

Sangkyu Park, Daesoon Institute of Religion and Culture

*Engaging Religion in Turkey and India: The Contestation Over Continuity, Rupture and Manifestations*

Bahar Tabakoglu, New School for Social Research

*Neoliberalism and Evangelicalism in the US: A case study of the Southern Baptist Convention*

Joshua Tuttle, George Mason University

*When Charisma Bankrupts the Church: Understanding the Crystal Cathedral and Robert H. Schuller’s Unsustainable, Business-based Church Growth Model*

Gerardo Martí, Davidson College

### **E6: Subverting Hegemony in Scholarship and Society**

Room: Park II

Convener: Kristen Nielsen Donnelly, Abbey Research

*Religion, Imprisonment, and Gender in The Handmaid’s Tale*

Kristen Nielsen Donnelly, Abbey Research

*Do Opposites Attract? Exploring Religion and Humour, Breaking Barriers One Joke at a Time*

Lina Molokotos-Liederman, University of the Arts London

*Holy Jesters and Secular Fools: Background, Foreground, and Secularity in the Study of Religious Humor*

Samuel Stabler, Hunter College CUNY

### **E7: Book Salon – Gay on God’s Campus**

Room: Times Square

Discussants:

Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac University

Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame

Ying-Chao Kao, Virginia Commonwealth Univ.

Sharon Erickson Nepstad, Univ. of New Mexico

Respondent:

Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University

## **MONDAY, 6:15–7:15 PM**

### **The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

*Religion in Interesting Times: Contesting Form, Function, and Future*

Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa

## **MONDAY, 7:30–9:00 PM**

### **The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture Reception**

Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)

## **MONDAY, 9:00–10:30 PM**

### **Graduate Student Meetup**

Location: Park Central Hotel Lobby / The Irish Pub (837 7th Ave., New York, NY 10019)

Informal Mixer for graduate students. Gather at 9:00 PM in the Park Central Hotel Lobby, and walk to The Irish Pub. If you run late, go directly to The Irish Pub, and meet us there!

### **Women of ASR Meetup**

Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)

Informal gathering—a traditional event at the ASR!

# TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

## TUESDAY, 7:45 AM–2:00 PM

### Registration

Location: Mezzanine Foyer

## TUESDAY, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

### ASR Book Exhibit

## TUESDAY, 8:15–9:45 AM, SESSIONS F1-F6

### F1: Questioning Epistemological Frameworks

Room: Manhattan Skyline

Convener: Gina Zurlo, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

*What can data science do for the study of religion? A comparison of classification methods*

Simon Brauer, Duke University

*Knowledge, Understanding, and Identity: Integrating the sociology of religion and public understanding of science for refined framing and analysis*

Rebecca Catto, Kent State University

### F2: Secularity across the Life Cycle

Room: Broadway

Convener: Christel Manning, Sacred Heart University

*Facing Mortality without Religion: The Construction of Secular Meaning Making Maps*

Christel Manning, Sacred Heart University

*Nonreligious Organizations as Stigma Management*

Amanda Schutz, University of Arizona

*Secular Meaning-making—Neither Religiosity nor Spirituality: Non-religious Existential Meaning Exploration*

Daniel G. Delaney, University of Louisville

*Religious and Age-Related Determinants of Getting Tattoos and Piercings*

G. Rainville, AARP

### F3: Studying Social Intolerance

Room: Gotham

Convener: Lukas Szrot, University of Kansas

*Evangelical Twentysomethings: Comparing Active and Nominal Affiliates*

Tim Clydesdale, The College of New Jersey

*White Christian Nationalism and Relative Political Tolerance for Racists*

Joshua Davis, University of Oklahoma

*Islamophobic America: Why Americans are anti-Muslims*

Ruiqian (Richie) Li, Baylor University

*Feminism and Hostile Sexism Among the Religiously Affiliated*

Amanda Hernandez, Baylor University

### F4: Masculine Spiritualities

Room: Liberty

Convener: Jared Bok, University of Nevada, Reno

*Between Church and State: Freemasonry and the Everyday Negotiation of the Religious-Secular Binary*

Graham Hill, University of Bern

*Contingent Religious Extremism: Franciscan Missions in California in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*

Jared Bok, University of Nevada, Reno

*Catholicism, Templars, Cathars, and You*

Steven Foertsch, New School for Social Research

*Service and the Sacred*

Taylor Winfield, Princeton University

### F5: Religion in Political Contention I: Regressive Patterns and Continuities in Religious Activism

Room: Park I

Conveners: Jean-Pierre Reed, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion

*The Godly Souls of White Folks': How Evangelical Christian Right Reproduce the White Souls*

Yuen-Yung Sherry Chan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*The Domestication of Faith-based Organizations in America through the Case of Refugee Resettlement in Two U.S. cities*

Samina Hossain, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*The Historical Roots of the Islamic Movement in Modern Iran*

Khashayar Ostovany, New School for Social Research

### **F6: Book Salon – Fenggang Yang – Atlas of Religion in China: Social and Geographical Contexts**

Room: Park II

Convener: Tony Carnes, Editor and Publisher, A Journey through NYC religions

Discussants:

Kenneth Guest, Baruch College CUNY

Richard Flory, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California

Gordon Melton, Baylor University

Respondent:

Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

## **TUESDAY, 8:30–10:10 AM**

### **ASA/ASR Joint Session II: Religion and Contested Understandings of Social Justice**

Location: Sheraton New York, Empire Ballroom West

Organizer: Richard L. Wood, Univ. of New Mexico

Discussant:

Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

*Left and Right Populist Views of Social Justice: Religious and Quasi-religious*

Ruth Braunstein, University of Connecticut

*Malcolm X and Martin: Rival African-American Views of Justice-and their Reverberations Today*

Bryan Massengale, Fordham University

*Between Community and Sectarianism: calling out and the religious discipline of prefiguration*

Mario Venegas, University of Texas at Austin

## **TUESDAY, 10:00–11:15 AM, SESSIONS G1-G6**

### **G1: Capitalism, Consumerism and Religious Values**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

Convener: Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University

*Still My Brother's Keeper? Individual Religiosity and Shifts in Adherence to the Principle of Care among Americans between 2002 and 2014*

Alex Bierman, University of Calgary

*Financial Strain and Psychological Distress: Exploring the Moderating Role of Religion*

Pablo E. Gonzalez, University of Texas--San Antonio

*Can a blessing be bought? Business and the transcendental in the prosperity gospel*

Martin Lindhardt, University of Southern Denmark

### **G2: The Work Experience across Faith Traditions**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University

*Congregational Influences on Work*

Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University

*At the Crossroads of Religion and Work: Korean Women Professionals' Narratives Aligning Evangelical Identity with Professional Identity at a Workplace*

Gwooon Jung, Kyung Hee University

*Job Satisfaction in Campus Ministry: The Relation of Spiritual Practices to Attitudes about Ministry Work*

Linda Kawentel, University of Notre Dame

*Cantor: The Ignored Clergy*

Susan Prager, Brooklyn College CUNY, Ret.



### **G3: Catholic Social Action**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Laurel Kearns, Drew University

*A New History of Liberation Theology*

Ulf Borelius, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

*Women Religious of Argentina and the Accompaniment of the Poor. Stages, Balance, and Perspectives of the preferential option for the poor launched after Vatican II*

Ana Lourdes Suarez, Catholic University of Argentina

*Understanding Catholic Pastoral Care for Latino Migrant Farmworkers -Preliminary Summary of Findings of the Survey to 178 Dioceses*

Sung D. Chun, Mercy College of Ohio

*Age cohort patterns over time in what it means to be a "Good Catholic"*

Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

### **G4: Identity Construction in Modern Judaism**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa

*Identity construction among adults of mixed Jewish parentage*

Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College

*Citizenship or Civil Participation: The Involvement of Haredi and Nonreligious Jews in Israel Society*

Ephraim Tabory, Bar Ilan University

*Family Scandals and the Challenges of Kinkeeping among Jewish Genealogists*

Jennifer Thompson, California State University, Northridge

### **G5: Minority Religions and State Control II: Examining Effects of State Intervention and Control of Minority Religions**

Room: Park I

Convener: Stuart Wright, Lamar University

*The Dynamics of Dissolution: State Actions Resulting in NRM Dissolution*

Stuart Wright, Lamar University

*State Control of Minority Religions in China: China and Chinese Religion*

Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR

*Religion-Based Refugee Claims in Trans-National Perspective: Asylum Cases around the World Involving The Church of The Almighty God*

James Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno

### **G6: Professional Workshop - Grant Funding Opportunities for Research in the Sociology of Religion**

Room: Park II

Organizer: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Discussants:

Gary Adler, Pennsylvania State University

Tia Noelle Pratt, Aquinas Center

Don Richter, Louisville Institute

## **TUESDAY, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM**

### **ASR General Business Meeting (open to everyone)**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

## **TUESDAY, 1:00–2:30 PM, SESSIONS H1–H7**

### **H1: Graduate Student Professionalization Session: Bringing Sociology of Religion to a Broader Audience**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

Convener: Nicole Frame, Purdue University

*Selling Sociology of Religion to Those Outside of the Field: Bringing research on religion to an audience that does not engage with this field and making them care*

Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

*Publishing in Non-Sociology of Religion Journals: How to frame your work correctly*

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania

*Developing a Reputation beyond a Sociologist of Religion*

Joy Charlton, Swarthmore



## **H2: Constructing and Producing Islamic Identity**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Rafia Mallick, University of Oklahoma

*Culture in Action among Second-Generation Muslim Americans: Inventorying, Appraising, and Reorganizing Cultural Tools*

Rebecca Karam, City College of New York

*Studying Hybrid Media Spaces: Muslim Identities and Social Media*

Sana Patel, University of Ottawa

*Wearing Your Religion at Work or that of Your Employer. Modest Fashion at Work and the Employee Experience in UK Faith-based Organisations*

Lina Molokotos-Liederman, University of the Arts London

*New actors in the cities. Comparing and contrasting how Young Muslims are developing their religious identity in three European countries*

Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

## **H3: Alternative Spiritualities**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Susan Palmer, McGill University

*Finding Meaning in Ayahuasca: A Comparison Between Peruvian and American Retreats*

Joseph Marshall Brown, University of North Carolina Wilmington

*Sacred Land and Secular Concerns: When the Archangels Disregard Zoning By-Laws*

Marie-Ève Melanson, McGill University

*Psytrance as a Form of Substitute Spirituality among Shababniks in Brooklyn*

Gabi Abramac, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Kabbalah with Amnesia: Redefining Religion for a Secular Audience*

Joshua Daniels, University of Chicago

## **H4: Congregational Success and Struggle**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Jerry Park, Baylor University

*Race and the Contested Rewards of Leading Multiracial Congregations*

Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University

*Plausible Presence: Routinized Charisma in a Latinx Pentecostal Church*

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University School of Theology

*Thriving evangelical congregations in the Netherlands: A circulation of the Saints?*

Paul Vermeer, Radboud University

*Accounting for Failure: How New Worshiping Community Leaders Talk About the Closing of Their Worshiping Communities*

Perry Chang, Presbyterian Church

## **H5: The Social Impact of Religious Beliefs**

Room: Park I

Convener: Scott Desmond, Indiana University Purdue University Columbus

*Contexts of Past Religious Conflict and Health Consequences for Religious and Ethnic Minorities: Evidence from East-Central Europe*

Laura Upenieks, University of Texas at San Antonio

*Religious Involvement, Race, and Mental Health: How does Religion Attenuate the Effect of Depression Differentiate by Race?*

Colton Daniels, University of Texas at San Antonio

*Racism in the Hands of an Angry God: How Maintaining Judgmental Views of God May Activate or Resist Colorblind Racism Frames Regarding Police Treatment of African Americans*

Tim Lauve-Moon, Baylor University

*Measuring Variations in Religion-State Relations in 183 Countries*

Shaheen Mozaffar, Bridgewater State University

## **H6: Religious Identity, Subjective Perception and Social Outlook**

Room: Park II

Convener: Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa

*Metamorphosis after Mormonism: Women's Reflections on the Non-religious Autonomous Self and Flourishing over Forty*

Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa

*Religious Attendance, Social Ties and Self-Rated Health among Retired NFL Players*

Tim Cupery, Fresno State University

*The Headwaters of Christian Nationalism? The Political Orientations of Evangelical Protestant School Graduates in the United States*

David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame

*Does Religion Lead to Division: A Cross-national Examination of the Relationship between Religion and Outgroup Trust*

Yun Lu, Sun Yat-sen University

Yunping Tong, Purdue University

## **H7: Salon Discussion on Reflexive Ethnography**

Room: Times Square

Facilitator: James Spickard, University of Redlands

Discussants:

Laurel Kearns, Drew University

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

## **TUESDAY, 2:45–4:15 PM, SESSIONS I1–I6**

### **I1: Religion, Gender, and Social Power**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

Convener: Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary

*Negotiating space for action: Religion as resource in young Muslim women's family disputes*

Louise Lund Liebmann, Roskilde University, Intercultural Studies

*Breaking the Mould: Challenging Femininity through Secular Images of the Virgin Mary*

Aurelia Puigdomenech, University of York

*Idealists about Islam, Pragmatists about Gender: Marriage and Sisterhood in an African American Muslim Community*

Pamela Prickett, University of Amsterdam

### **I2: Religious Diversity, Inclusion, and Civic Engagement**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Nicole Frame, Purdue University

*Religion and Politics in the NFL: A First Look at The Role of Christian Religion in the 2017 Anthem Demonstrations*

Evelyn Bush, Fordham University

*Race, Religion and Public Policy: Exploring Differences Among Latino and White Evangelicals and Catholics on Contested Public Policy Debates*

Esmeralda Sanchez Salazar, Rice University

*White Racial Positioning and Calls for Religious Engagement in South Africa*

Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College

### **I3: Religion and Popular Culture**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia

*Agency and Conservative Religious Women. The Public Discourse of Fundamentalist Mormon Plural Wives*

Mathilde Vanasse-Pelletier, University of Montreal

*Sweet Child of Mine: Public Perceptions, Realities, and Fictions of Child Brides in Fundamentalist Mormon Polygamy*

Philippa Juliet Meek, University of Exeter

*Christian Music as Social Movement Music? Contemporary Christian Music and Young Adult Religious Involvement*

Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia

Anne Kristen Hunter, University of West Georgia

*The role of "Just Christian" books as ecumenical ties*

Nathaniel Porter, Virginia Tech

### **I4: Perceptions of the Other**

Room: Liberty

Convener: Sarah Collins, University of Memphis

*New Insights Into Muslim-Jewish Relations: A Study in Marrakech*

Roy Mittelman, City College of New York

*Belief in Supernatural Evil and Immigration Attitudes*

Brandon Martinez, Providence College  
Joshua C. Tom, Seattle Pacific University

*On populist religion: Interpreting populism of Central and Eastern Europe*

András Máté-Tóth, University of Szeged

*In the Name of Secularism and in the Name of Satan: The Satanic Temple's Fight for the Separation of Church and State in the US*  
Mathieu Colin, University of Montreal

**I5: Catholicism and Status: Dimensions of Power, Solidarity and Marginalization**

Room: Park I

Convener: Maureen Day, Franciscan School of Theology

*Equality of the Baptized? Ministers Navigate Race, Gender and Ordination Status*

Maureen Day, Franciscan School of Theology

*Unsung: Catholic Sisters Volunteering at the U.S. Mexico Border*

Patricia Wittberg, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

*Erasing a Legacy: Marginalized Status and the Price of St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia*

Tia Noelle Pratt, Aquinas Center

*Encountering Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Through a Pastoral Response*

Linh Hoang, Siena College

**I6: Religion and Ethnonationalisms**

Room: Park II

Convener: Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

*Religion, Civic Engagement and Polarization in Tocqueville's America*

Michael Young, University of Texas at Austin  
Daniel Krasnicki, University of Texas at Austin

*Protestants and Democracy: A Protestant Ethic or a Tyranny of the Majority?*

Kenneth Vaughan, Baylor University

*Re/constructed religion: Ethnonationalism in Hungarian Contemporary Pagan Groups*

Réka Szilárdi, University of Szeged

*The Religious and Political Context of Hate Crimes in the United States*

Shawn M. Ratcliff, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**TUESDAY, 4:00–4:30 PM**

**Reserve Book Pickup**

**TUESDAY, 4:30–6:00 PM,  
SESSIONS J1–J7**

**J1: Teaching Sociology of Religion**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

Organizer: Suzanne Macaluso, Abilene Christian University

Discussants:

Rachel Kraus, Ball State University

Tia Noelle Pratt, Aquinas Center

**J2: Religion and Education**

Room: Broadway

Convener: Patricia Wittberg, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

*Countering the Increased Secularisation of Young People in Catholic Schools through Social action: Pope Francis Service Awards*

Glen Thompson, Sydney Catholic Schools  
Cheryl Fernandez, Sydney Catholic Schools

*The institutional and individual factors of religious change among international students in the U.S.*

Xiaozhao Yousef Yang, Sun Yat-sen University/Murray State University

**J3: Intersectional Social Justice**

Room: Gotham

Convener: Laurel Kearns, Drew University

*Consultation, Mitigation, and Indigenous Spiritualities in the National Energy Board's Reconsideration Report for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project*

Lauren Strumos, University of Ottawa

*Careers in Social and Religious Work: Regional and Racial/Ethnic Variation*

Jason John Burt, Baylor University

*Communicating to diverse religious groups on climate change and sustainability*

Laurel Kearns, Drew University

*#TacoTrucksatEveryMosque: Social Movement Building in Solidarity, Collective Identity and Racialized Religion*

Jem Jebbia, Stanford University

#### **J4: Religion in Political Contention II: Historical Patterns in Religious Activism**

Room: Liberty

Organizers: Jean-Pierre Reed, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion

*From Cofradia de San Jose to Lapiang Malaya: Identities, Ideologies, and Influences of the Popular Religious Movements to the Development of the Filipino Nationalist Consciousness*

Arvin D. Eballo, University of Santo Tomas

*Sovereignties and Disruptions: Assemblages and Religious and Socio-Political Change*

Paul-François Tremlett, The Open University, UK

*The liberation Christendom in Mexico. Just a memory or still valid?*

Armando García Chiang, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

#### **J5: Politicization of Religion and Religionization of Politics**

Room: Park I

Organizer: Charles Karol Borowsky, International Institute for Suburban and Regional Studies

Discussants:

Charles Karol Borowsky, International Institute for Suburban and Regional Studies

Elizabeth LeBlanc, International Institute for Suburban and Regional Studies

Jason Freeman, Towson University

#### **J6: Book Salon – Diffused Religion by Roberto Cipriani**

Room: Park II

Organizer: Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

Discussants:

Rebecca Catto, Kent State University

Richard Flory, University of Southern California

#### **J7: Salon Discussion: Compassion, Trust and More – Studying the Ways Groups and Organizations Foster Emotions**

Room: Times Square

Organizers: Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University; Maureen Day, Franciscan School of Theology

**TUESDAY, 5:30–6:00 PM**

**Closeout Book Sale**

**TUESDAY, 6:15–7:15 PM**

**ASR Presidential Address - Paula Nesbitt**

Room: Manhattan Skyline

**TUESDAY, 7:30–8:30 PM**

**ASR Presidential Reception**

Location: Park Kitchen Lounge (1st floor lobby bar)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

**WEDNESDAY, 7:00–8:15 AM**

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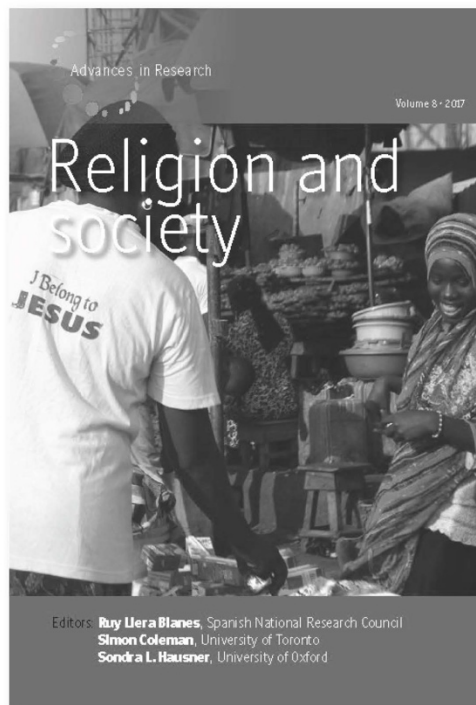
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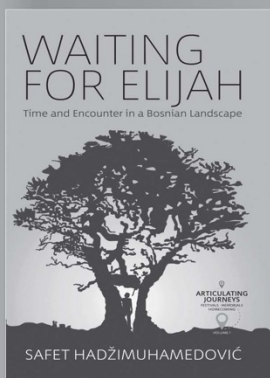
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Rice University and the University of California, San Diego are pleased to announce a \$2.9 million re-granting initiative. The “Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation” project will specifically fund sociological research that empirically examines how identities and beliefs are related to science and religion. This project has been designed to provide support for new scholarship in the *sociology of science and religion*. The project, led by Elaine Howard Ecklund (Rice University) and John H. Evans (University of California, San Diego), is funded through the Templeton Religion Trust and coordinated by The Issachar Fund.

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Religion and science are perhaps the dominant ways of meaning making in the late modern world. While theologians and philosophers have built an impressive body of work on how science and religion should relate, and historians on how people have connected science and religion in the past, we know little about how *contemporary* people *actually* understand the science and religion interface. This project on the **sociology of science and religion**, with a focus on **beliefs and identities**, is running concurrently with, and interacting with, separate yet aligned proposals in cognitive science/psychology and evolutionary anthropology.

We can imagine sociologists asking a number of questions within this broad framework. We offer just a few examples: How do aligned identities (such as race, class, and gender identities) intersect with religious identities to shape beliefs about science, and beliefs about the relationship between religion and science? How do people use religion and science to anchor their identities in the modern world? For example, are there people for whom science is an identity that operates in a manner similar to how religion operates as a source of identity? Do people use religion and science to establish other identities? Given that people experience religion and science at the same time in their lives, how do people combine these perspectives to form meaningful action?

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Awards for projects related to this initiative are available through the following five award types:

- 1) **Sociology graduate student fellowships** (\$50,000 each for a total of two years of funding).
- 2) A two-year **postdoctoral fellowship** for a sociologist to be in residence at Rice University.
- 3) Research grants (\$100,000 each) for **early career sociologists**.
- 4) Research grants (\$200,000 each) for **mid-career sociologists**.
- 5) Research grants (\$200,000 each) for **senior sociologists**.

All awards will run two years in length. Early-career, mid-career, and senior scholar awards are eligible to begin as early as April 1, 2020; all projects must be completed by June 30, 2022. Graduate student and post-doctoral fellowships will begin on July 1, 2020 and must be completed by June 30, 2022. Letters of Intent will be due in October 2019 or in January 2020 (depending on award type).

*A website for this initiative (with complete information about grant application eligibility, instructions and deadlines) is forthcoming. In the interim, for more information please contact:*

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# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 82ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION THEME: ENGAGING RELIGION IN A CONTESTED AGE

Location: San Francisco, CA

Hotel: Hotel Nikko San Francisco, 222 Mason Street

Date: August 7 (welcome reception) – August 9

Program Chair: Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University

Although scholars of religion are keenly aware of the relevance of religion in today's world, too often social elites and academics diminish the importance of religion. Even scholars who are well aware of religion's relevance sometimes do an inadequate job explaining how religion permeates practically every aspect of social life. As sociologists of religion, we understand the relevance of religion to individuals as well as its consequences in the social, cultural, political, and economic dimensions of modern societies.

The 2020 annual meeting's thematic sessions will focus on several key topics:

- What is the role of sociologists of religion in communicating the relevance of religion to their (our) fellow academics and to the broader public?
- Are there ways that various sectors of our society have misunderstood, or failed to fully understand, religion, which sociologists of religion can remedy?
- How do social and political elites, as well as ordinary citizens, employ religion when communicating about, or working to address, issues of local, national, or international concern?
- How do social actors, including social movement leaders, draw upon religion and religious narratives to frame social problems? To appeal to human cognition, emotion, and morality?
- What are religion's unique features that distinguish it from other social phenomenon and help explain its distinct capacity to influence human and social life?
- How, and under what circumstances, does religion contribute to new forms of identity, community, meaning, expression, moral conviction, and social control? How do we, as sociologists of religion, communicate religion's relevance in these facets of our lives, to others?

Papers and sessions may be thematic or focus on any topic within the sociology of religion. Those that pursue and stimulate new avenues of research and innovative theoretical and methodological approaches are especially encouraged. Specialty sessions, including book salons, teaching and professional development, and discussions that focus on a particular question, are also welcome.

### DEADLINES:

- Session proposals: March 31, 2020
- Paper abstract submissions: April 30, 2020
- All submissions should be made through the ASR website at [www.sociologyofreligion.com](http://www.sociologyofreligion.com)

ASR Membership is required for organizing a session, presenting a paper, serving as a panelist, or holding another role in the program. All are expected to register for the meeting by July 1, 2020. For questions, contact Brian Starks ([bstarks3@kennesaw.edu](mailto:bstarks3@kennesaw.edu)), James Cavendish ([jcavendi@usf.edu](mailto:jcavendi@usf.edu)), or Rachel Kraus ([contact@sociologyofreligion.com](mailto:contact@sociologyofreligion.com)).

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## EXPLORING RELIGION IN NEW YORK

This is not a comprehensive list! But here are some of my favorite locations. I hope you get a taste of the spiritual flavors of the Big Apple. Best wishes.

—Holly

- **METAPHYSICAL ASSOCIATIONS:** Midtown Manhattan used to be the prime location for many metaphysical associations, but some organizations have moved to the outer boroughs due to high real-estate costs. But the **New York Theosophical Society** is still located a few blocks from the Park Central Hotel. Make sure to take advantage of the **Quest Bookshop**, one of the best resources for esoterica in the city.  
**Location:** 240 and 242 East 53rd Street, between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
- **RELIGIOUS NGOS:** Also in Midtown Manhattan, the **Church Center for the United Nations** houses many non-government organizations, including Church Women United, the World Council of Churches, the Methodist Division of World Peace, and the United Church of Christ. United Nations Plaza is located at First Avenue and East 44th Street. Also, **The Japan Society** is around the corner, and they often have temporary art exhibitions.  
**Location:** 777 United Nations Plaza. Note: Manhattan doesn't have great east-west subway service, so walking (30 minutes from the Park Central Hotel) or taking a taxi are probably better options for transportation.
- **MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS:** The neighborhood surrounding Columbia University has many important sites for American religious history, including **Union Theological Seminary**, **Jewish Theological Seminary**, and **Riverside Church**. **The Interchurch Center** on West 120th Street (at Riverside Drive) houses many faith-based non-profit organizations, but it is arguably better known for its distinctive concrete architecture; satirically, the building is sometimes referred to as the "God Box." On your way, be sure to stop by the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, at 110th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.  
**Subway Stop:** West 116th Street on the 1 Broadway–Seventh Avenue Local (the Red Line). (You also can get off the train one stop south, at 110th Street, and walk north.)
- **CLOISTERS MUSEUM:** Located in Fort Tryon Park, this is one of the most beautiful museums in the city. The building is comprised of sections imported and rebuilt from several medieval monasteries, and the stonework is impressive throughout. More important, the Cloisters houses the Medieval art collection of the Metropolitan Museum—make sure to allot enough time to explore the Treasury downstairs.  
**Subway Stop:** Fort Tryon Park / 191st Street on the 1 Broadway–Seventh Avenue Local (the Red Line). (Note: To get to the museum from the subway, it is a bit of a walk uphill, and it might be worth taking a taxi from the 191st Street station.)
- **OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL—PONTIFICAL SHRINE:** Located in East Harlem, this church was featured in Robert Orsi's famous study, *The Madonna of 115th Street*. It is a wonderful site to explore devotional Catholicism, and even has a miniature reconstruction of the Grotto of Lourdes. Like many churches in New York, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is actually a complex with several buildings. The church address is 448 East 116th Street. First-time visitors may have trouble finding the entrance to the shrine, which is a small door, far back in the parking lot on the east end of the building. But every time I have visited, it has been open, so have faith if you go!  
**Subway Stop:** 116th Street 6 on the IRT Lexington Avenue Line (the Green Line).

- **MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH:** If you head down toward Greenwich Village, be sure to stop at the Marble Collegiate church. It was founded in 1628 by the Dutch, and is a historic site for Reformed Protestantism. From 1932–1984, Marble Collegiate was led by the famous writer, Norman Vincent Peale, author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*. And more recently, it has served as the main church of President Donald Trump, so a colorful history from many angles! The church is at Fifth Avenue and 29th Street, five blocks south of the Empire State Building, so if you have time, be sure to see that famous NYC landmark as well!  
**Subway Stop:** 1 to 28th Street / 7th Avenue (the Red Line)
- **TIBET HOUSE:** Also in Greenwich Village, this art gallery is a precious jewel for Vajrayana Buddhism. It is about a mile from Marble Collegiate, and an easy walk if you decide to visit both sites. Founded by supporters of the Dalai Lama, Tibet House is an important site for the diasporic Tibetan community. Don't miss the gift shop!  
**Location:** 22 West 15th Street (between 5th & 6th Avenues)  
**Subways:** 4 Train to 14th Street, Union Square (the Green Line) or 1 Train to 14th Street (the Red Line).
- **FLUSHING NEIGHBORHOOD IN QUEENS:** If you have time to travel outside Manhattan, I strongly recommend visiting this historic neighborhood in Queens. It has vibrant East Asian and South Asian communities, and a great number of Hindu and Buddhist temples. You also can find the **oldest Quaker Meeting House** in America, built in 1694, located at 137-16 Northern Blvd. Like many Friends Meetings, the Flushing Quaker Meeting operates on a very small budget, and the building is only open for worship on Sundays, at 11 AM). But if you arrive before our conference, this building is really a must-see. Its interior is very interesting—be sure to ask about the wall configured to slide up and down, to separate the women's and men's sections (Quakers did not segregate by gender for worship, but women and men held separate "business meetings").  
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