

ASR 2021 -- PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Communicating Religion's Relevance

**82nd Annual Meeting of the
Association for the Sociology of Religion**

August 8–9, 2021

Virtual Conference

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THEME:

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.

Welcome from the President

Welcome to ASR's 82nd Annual Meeting, delivered virtually and organized around the theme "Communicating Religion's Relevance." Under normal circumstances, 2021 would have marked ASR's 83rd Annual Meeting, but because the coronavirus forced the cancellation of last year's conference, ASR's Council decided to move our 82nd Annual Meeting to this year. I am grateful for this decision.



We are living in a different world than we were when our Association last met in 2019 in New York City. Politics in the United States and numerous other countries has become increasingly polarized, extremist groups have used religion for their own benefit, racial injustices have sparked protests around the world, American democracy has been threatened, and Covid-19 has infected over 175 million, and killed close to 4 million people worldwide. The global pandemic, in addition to taking millions of lives, has disrupted daily lives, changed work routines, threatened economies, and accelerated the cultural revolution in communication that was already underway.

Through all of these changes, religion has played a central role, and the papers presented at this virtual conference attest to this fact. This year, we have scholars from around the world presenting on such topics as: Religion and Covid-19; Toward a Post-Colonial Sociology of Religion; Civil Religion and Civically Engaged Religion; Religion, Secularization, and Desecularization; Religion, Congregations, and Ritual; and many more. We especially welcome the many graduate students and junior scholars who bring their fresh perspectives to this year's meeting.

Kelsey Burke of the University of Nebraska Lincoln will deliver this year's Furfey Lecture on Sunday evening, August 8, on the topic "Piety, Perversion, and Politics: The False Dichotomy of Sex and Religion in America," and I will speak on the topic of "Religion as a Resource in an Increasingly Polarized Society" on Monday evening, August 9.

Other highlights of this year's conference include:

- An Awards Reception on Sunday Evening, August 8, following Kelsey Burke's Furfey Lecture;
- A special session on "Sociology of Religion in the Public Square: How to Communicate to a Broader Audience," featuring Andrew Whitehead (IUPUI), Kelsy Burke (University of Nebraska), Tia Pratt (Villanova University), Besheer Mohamed (Pew Research Center), and Samuel Perry (University of Oklahoma);

- A special session on “Anti-Asian Racism and Religion” organized by Jerry Park and Joyce Chang (Baylor University), and Joshua Tom (Seattle Pacific); and
- A joint session with the ASA Religion Section on “Religion through Du Boisian Eyes,” organized by ASR’s President-Elect Jim Spickard. (Note: attendance at this joint session requires registration at ASA.)

Furthermore, in partnership with the ASA Religion Section, we are offering a number of mentoring panels on the days preceding and following the conference dates – specifically on August 6, 11, 12, and 13. These panels do not require registration, and the Zoom links will be distributed in early August.

Although we do not have the benefit of in-person social interaction, we believe that this year’s virtual Annual Meeting will offer some of the same types of opportunities for intellectual engagement, networking, and socializing with old and new friends. All sessions are organized in a user-friendly online hall, where attendees can access sessions, the virtual book exhibit, and the link to Lunchpool’s virtual café, where people can meet, have private conversations, or network with colleagues or book publishers at any time during the conference.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped make this year’s meeting possible: Brian Starks, for his dedication and creativity in serving as this year’s Program Chair; Rachel Kraus, for her continuing commitment as Executive Officer of the Association; the members of ASR’s Ad-Hoc Virtual Conference Planning Committee, which included President-Elect Jim Spickard (as facilitator), Tricia Bruce, and Basheer Mohammed; the staff of EventPilot and LunchPool, the two online conference platforms, who worked closely with our Program Committee and Ad Hoc Virtual Conference Planning Committee to deliver our program in an online format; our sponsors, particularly Oxford University Press and the Louisville Institute; and lastly all of the members of our Association who contributed sessions or papers to make our conference an intellectually stimulating experience.

I hope you enjoy the conference, and I look forward to seeing you at one of the online receptions or in the virtual café.

Cheers,

Jim Cavendish

President, ASR

SESSIONS

Sunday, August 8th

Session Block A: Sunday 8/8/2021
(8:00 AM-9:30 AM -- U.S. Central Time)

Session A1: Relevant Spirituality: The Tai Ji Men Case and Protests in Taiwan

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1. "A Surprising Case: What Tai Ji Men Tells Us About Taiwan"
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2. "Tai Ji Men: A Background"
Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR (Center for Studies on New Religions), Torino, Italy
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3. "A Comparative study of State Control of Religions through Taxation in France and Taiwan"
Willy Fautré, Human Rights Without Frontiers, Brussels, Belgium
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4. "The Tai Ji Men Tax Case: An Economist's View"
Pier Marco Ferraresi, University of Torino, Italy
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5. "'Who Stole Their Youth?': Tai Ji Men Members Confront State Power."
Linda Chen, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS
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Session A2: Religion and COVID

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1. "Science, Covid, and Religion: A Regional Study"
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2. "A Problem Shared is a Problem Halved: Mental Health Effects of Sharing Problems in Congregations during the COVID-19 Pandemic"
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3. "Covid-19' ICU Room and Sphere for Interreligious Prayer: An Autoethnography Approach"
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Session A3: Innovative Empirical Research in the Sociology of Religion

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1. "The "Push and Pull" in Religious Conversion: A Synthesis of Individual Characteristics and Institutional Traits among Chinese Students in the United States"
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2. "Deprivation, Neighbor, and Church: A Multi-Dimensional Profile of the "Alternative for Germany" Constituency"
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3. "Understanding Race, Religion, and Segregation in the American South (1845-1930) through Digital Textual Analysis"
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Session A4: Religion, Secularization, and Sacralization: Global Context

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1. "Approaches to Desecularization"
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2. "A New Crisis of Religiosity: The Current Turkish Experience on Deism"
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3. "Variations in Relevance of Religion"
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4. "A Sociological Study of Religious Commitment among Students of Obafemi Awolowo University"
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**Session Block B: Sunday 8/8/2021
(10:00 AM-11:30 AM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session B1: Towards a Post-Colonial Sociology of Religion

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1. "Towards a post-colonial definition of the sacred"
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2. "End-Times in Africa: Prefigurations of the Antichrist"
Ebenezer Obadere, University of Kansas
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3. "Religion and its Pervading Incarceration of the Ghanaian"
Michael Okyerefo, University of Ghana
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4. "Towards Post-Colonial multi-secularities"
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Session B2: Religions, Congregations, and Rituals

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2. "Superdiversity and Religion in New York"
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3. "Purification Rites: Understanding Recent Social Movements as Religious Confession and Cleansing"
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4. "Shia Women's Religious Practices as a Way of Existence"
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Session B3: Redrawing Boundaries in the Sociology of Religion

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2. "Green Criminology & Sociology of Religion: A Proposed Theoretical Exchange"
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3. "Exclusivist and Inclusivist Readings of the Monotheistic Traditions"
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Session B4: Investigating Religious Institutions, Morality, and Conscience

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1. "Clericalism and sexual abuses in the Latin American Catholic Church: the case of Argentina, Chile and Peru"
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2. "Obligation, Endemic Survival & The Complexity of Moral Judgement"
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3. "The Jewish Question and A Masonic Answer: Secrecy as Solution to the Problems of Liberal Separation"
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**Session Block C: Sunday 8/8/2021
(1:00 PM-2:30 PM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session C1: Religion's Afterlives: The Next Wave of the Longitudinal Study of Generations

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Session C2: Organizing Religion's Advance: Interpreting Missionaries and their Organizations

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1. "Interpretation and Sacrifice in Missionary Death"
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2. "The World is a Mission Field: Missionary Mobilization and the Evangelical Global Imaginary"
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3. "The Effect of Social Capital on Organizational Repertoires of American Protestant Missions"
Jared Bok, University of Nevada, Reno
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4. "No one parish could contain her:' The Birth of the Woman's Missionary Movement in the United States"
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Session C3: Sociology of Religion in the Public Square: How to Communicate to a Broad(er) Audience

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Session C4: Religion, Theology, and Revolution

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1. "Black Christianity's Response to Prominent Black Sectarian Groups: The Case of Martin Luther King Jr. and Black Theologians"
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2. "The Jewish Question and A Masonic Answer: Secrecy as Solution to the Problems of Liberal Separation"
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3. "An Assessment of the Success and Shortcomings of the Black Panther Party Movement and its Twenty-first Century Relevance"
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**Session Block D: Sunday 8/8/2021
(3:00 PM-4:30 PM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session D1: Author Meets Critics: Religious Parenting by Christian Smith, Bridget Ritz, & Michael Rotolo

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Session D2: Civil Religion and Civically Engaged Religion

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1. "A Tale of Two Civil Religions"
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2. "Christian Nationalism as Civic Culture: Purity, Performance, and the Creation of Unsettled Times"
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3. "Inclusive and Included? Practices of Civic Inclusivity of American Muslims in Los Angeles"
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Session D3: Varieties (and Consequences) of Evangelical Christianity

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1. "Globalization of Korean Evangelicals: New-Right and Outreach warriors"
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2. "Who are the Liberal Evangelicals?"
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3. "In a State of Need: How State-Level Characteristics Affect Individuals' Monthly Welfare Payments"
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Session D4: Religion, Secularization, and Sacralization: US Context

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1. "Challenging the Secularization Thesis: Pandemic, Conspiracy Theories, and Religion"
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2. "Unmasking the Sacred in Popular Culture: A Social Scientific Study of Comic-Con Fan Communities"
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3. "Paradoxes of belief and belonging among Los Angeles Jews"
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**Session Block E: Sunday 8/8/2021
(6:00 PM-9:00 PM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Furfey Lecture

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**"Piety, Perversion, and Politics:
The False Dichotomy of Sex and Religion in America"**

Monday, August 9th

**Session Block F: Monday 8/9/2021
(8:00 AM-9:30 AM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session F1: Religion and Migration

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1. "European Government Restrictions on Immigrants: Understanding the Influence of Government Religious Favoritism and National Religious Culture"
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2. "Religious Factors in the Migration Case and Their Results: Syrian Migrants in Turkey"
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3. "'Cross is fix': The influence of Christianity on Chinese immigrant families"
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4. "Examining Trans-National Social Ties between the Episcopal Mission of Hankow and the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston"
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Session F2: Pope Francis' Countries and the Increasing of Religious Diversity: Sociological and Political Lessons from Comparative Research on Argentina, Italy and Spain

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1. "Regulation of Religious Diversity in Argentina"
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2. "Religious diversity in Italy: the role of local authorities"
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3. “Comparing and contrasting the management of religious diversity at local level. A cross-countries discussion”

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Session F3: Memorial Session in Honor of Jay Demerath

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Session F3: Religion, Secularization, and Sacralization: European Research

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1. “Uncertain Faith. A quanti-qualitative research in Italy”
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2. “Religious Residue? The Impact of Childhood Affiliation on Religiosity among Nones”
Nadia Beider, Hebrew University
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3. “Between Explanation and Exoticization: What Does BBC's Young, Welsh and Pretty Religious communicate about religion in 21st century Britain?”
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4. “The place of religion in the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP)”
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**Session Block G: Monday 8/9/2021
(10:00 AM-11:30 AM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session G1: A New Look at Methods in Studying Religion

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1. "Computational Approach to Examining Mainstream Judgments of the Role of Religion in Social Institutions"
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Andrea Voyer, Stockholm University
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2. "A New Look at Survey Non-Response and Accuracy of Religious Service Attendance Self-Reports through the Notre Dame Undergraduate Religion and Spirituality Longitudinal Study"
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Session G2: Gender and the Relevance of Embodied Religion and Spirituality

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1. "Embodied regulation and the Roman Catholic Church: The Case of Abortion"
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2. "Bloody Embodiment: Red Tent Gatherings and Witchcraft"
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3. "Power and Resistance within the Religious and Spiritual journeys of Orgasmic Meditation Practitioners"
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Session G3: Understanding Religious Minorities Better

Organizer: Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University
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1. "A Place of Our Own: Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities"
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2. "Shifting from one monopoly to another? Members of minority religions reflecting about the field of religion in communist and post-communist Lithuania"
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3. "An Organizational Analysis of the Schismatic Church of Satan"
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4. "Exploring Contemporary Canadian Antisemitism Through Discourse Analysis"
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Session G4: Memorial Session in Honor of Bill Swatos

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Association for the Sociology of Religion

Annual Business Meeting

11:45 AM-12:45 PM

**Session Block H: Monday 8/9/2021
(1:00 PM-2:30 PM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session H1: Black American Religious Life

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2. "A Converging Diaspora: Institutional Identity In A Black Majority Multiethnic Congregation"
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3. "The Church Attendance Problematic: Religious Expression among Black Christian Millennials"
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Session H2: Religion and Gender

Organizer: Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University
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1. "Gender and the Construction of Jewish Identity in A Polarized Society"
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2. "Ambivalent Complementarianism: Women Redefining Gender Ideologies in Contemporary Conservative Christianity"
Marina Rivera Ramos, University of Central Florida
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3. "Gendered Barriers, Gendered Access, and Gendered Adaptation: Female-Identified Rabbinical Students' Experiences of Learning Talmud"
Katie Light Soloway, Yeshivat Maharat
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4. "Belonging without Believing: Masculinity, Islam, and Secularity in Bangladesh"
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Session H3: Religion and Family Life

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1. "Family Radio Ten Years Later: Where Are They Now?"
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2. "Coming of Age without Sex: Identity Development and Abstinence"
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3. "Impact of Clerical Position and Gender on Family Life"
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Session H4: Anti-Asian Racism and Religion

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1. "Stopping AAPI Hate: a Movement Fighting Covid- 19 Racism"
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2. "The Unbearable Whiteness of Secular Mindfulness"
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3. "Reading Violence against Asians: Jeong as a trans-national, trans-religious liberating framework"
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4. "Asian American Evangelicals' Attitudes and Responses to Anti-Asian Racism"
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**Session Block I: Monday 8/9/2021
(3:00 PM-4:30 PM -- U.S. Central Time)**

Session I1: Religion and Feminism

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1. "Decentering Whiteness in Christian Feminisms: Textual Analysis of Key Feminists Writings"
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2. "The Resilience of Female Clergy: Gender and the Relationship Between Occupational Distress and Mental Health Among Congregational Leaders"
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3. "'Bring a Folding Chair': Constraint and Adaptation in Contemporary Catholic Women's Leadership"
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4. "Global and Individual Authority in a Feminist Orthodox Jewish Congregation"
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Session I2: Religion and Violence

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1. "Spiritual Narratives, Lived Religion and the Clothesline Project"
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2. "'Reckless Love': Aggressive Romantic Language in Contemporary Worship Music and Its Implications on Situations of Abuse"
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3. "Is It Religion or Patriarchal Traditionalism that Justifies Violence?"
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Session I3: Religion and Challenging Oppression(s)

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1. "The Sacredness of Black Lives: A Comparison of Prominent Figures from two Different Religious Traditions"
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2. "Some Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Incarcerated Students Online"
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3. "Resource Mobilization Theory and The Role of Black Clergy Members in the Fight for Racial Justice during the Early 21st Century."
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4. "NATIVITY CHURCH Movement: Making Religion Relevant in the Age of Globalization"
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Session I4: Religion and Sexuality

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1. "The Internal Contradictions of Institutionalized Heteronormativity: Housing and Visitation Policies at Christian Colleges and Universities"
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2. "Getting Involved with Homosexual America: the Korean Immigrant Methodists' Growing Tolerance toward Sexual Minorities"
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3. "Spirituality, Religion, and Relevance: Experiences of Black Men who have Sex with Men"
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**Session Block J: Monday 8/9/2021
(6:00 PM-9:00 PM -- U.S. Central Time)**

ASR Presidential Address

by

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"Religion as a Resource in an Increasingly Polarized Society"

Tuesday, August 10th

Joint ASA/ASR Session

(Attendees must register through ASA)

(10:00 AM-11:25 AM -- U.S. Central Time)

Thematic Session Title: *Religion through Du Boisian Eyes (Joint ASA-ASR Session)*

Session Organizers:

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Session Description: Mainstream sociology, including the sociology of religion, has long ignored or suppressed the work of W.E.B. Du Bois. This is despite the fact that his work contains both empirical and theoretical breakthroughs. This session examines how a Du Boisian approach might better illuminate aspects of religion – including but not limited to African American religion – that the mainstream has heretofore left underexamined.

Session Participants:

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College, ctgilkes@colby.edu

- "Chief Churches and Noisy Missions" in *The Philadelphia Negro: An Empirical Foundation of Du Bois's Theory of African American Christianity*

Damon Mayrl, Colby College, dwmayrl@colby.edu

- "The Souls of Violent Folk: A Nation Red in Tooth and Cross."

Sandra Barnes, Vanderbilt University, sandra.l.barnes@vanderbilt.edu

- "Becoming a Man: A Du Boisian Examination of the Experiences of Black Men Who Have Sex with Men"

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- Title "What Would Be Different? How a Du Boisian Vision Would Have Improved the Sociology of Religion"

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- "Towards a Phenomenological Sociology of Religion: Tools from the Phenomenologies of W.E.B. Du Bois and Alfred Schutz"

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CALL FOR PAPERS

83RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION THEME: RELIGION, REPRESSION, AND THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Hotel: Sheraton Grand Los Angeles (at 7th & Hope)

Program Chair: Rebecca Catto, Kent State University

Date: August 6 (welcome reception) – August 8, 2022

Religion can be a source of both repression and liberation. Some political and religious leaders use religion to control people; others use it to free people from both objective and subjective chains. Religious organizations can collaborate with repressive forces, or they can oppose them in the name of justice. Individuals can use religion to defend systems and structures that harm people, or they can use religion to repair that harm and even prevent it. How and when each happens depends on cultural, social, and economic factors, on social definitions, and on the religious resources available at the time. Mapping and understanding these dynamics is urgent and vital.

The 2022 annual meeting invites presentations and thematic sessions that analyze any aspect of the relationship between religion, repression, and the search for justice:

1. How and when do religious organizations, groups, or individuals attempt to control others – either internally in their own communities or externally in society at large? What rationales do they give for doing so? What techniques do they use? How do they describe their actions? What interactions do they have with non-religious institutions or actors?
2. How and when do religious organizations, groups, or individuals support social justice? What rationales do they give? What techniques do they use? How do they describe their actions? What problems and possibilities do they encounter?
3. How do para-religious, quasi-religious, and anti-religious groups and actors figure into this? How and why do they embrace either movements for repression or for justice? How do they conceive of what they are doing? What leads them to act as they do?
4. More specifically, what role does religion, including civil religion(s), play in the recent rise of right-wing anti-democratic activism? How do these actors conceive of what they are doing? What rationales do they give for their activism? What factors encouraged or mitigated their rise?
5. How do these processes within the United States compare with similar things going on in other parts of the world?
6. How does religious and non-religious involvement in movements for control and for social justice affect religions' future?

Papers and sessions may also focus on any other topic in the sociology of religion. We especially encourage papers and sessions that pursue and stimulate new avenues of research and highlight innovative theoretical and methodological approaches. We welcome specialty sessions, including book events, workshops on teaching and professional development, and discussions that focus on a particular question or topic.

DEADLINES:

- Session proposals: March 31, 2022
- Paper abstract submissions: April 30, 2022
- All submissions should be made through the ASR website at www.sociologyofreligion.com beginning in mid-January 2022.

ASR Membership is required to organize a session, present a paper, serve as a panelist, or hold another role in the program. Participants are expected to register for the meeting by July 1, 2022.

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