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Chair: **Philip Gorski** (2024); **Inger Furseth** (2023); **Dan Winchester** (2025)

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THEME:

Religion generates profound motivation to insist on a form of life being the most just for everyone. Every major religious tradition has centuries of arguments and debates over the ethical standards that we're to abide by, defining the proper way of being human in the world. Religious orientations come to be seen as the best way to govern whole groups, even whole societies. The enactment of justice becomes the basis for legitimizing the power to impose a praxis of justice, which inevitably asserts itself in coercion. After all, when arguments and inspiration are insufficient, enforcement and violence follow.

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 84th annual meeting of ASR. Our association is international and multifaceted, consisting of many rich conversations and converging areas of interest. Our conference is more than just “sessions”—it is a community. If you are new to our meetings, we want to know you better! And for those returning, so glad to have you back—be sure to reach out to colleagues, both new and renewed.



Our meeting this year in Philadelphia, PA, yet again brings much to offer our learning and mutual growth: themed sessions and a large reception conducted jointly with the ASA Religion Section, special lectures, fascinating sessions, our specialized bookstore, mentoring and professional development opportunities, and occasions to network. A very special thanks to our Program Chair, Ruth Braunstein (University of Connecticut), and to our Executive Officer, Rachel Kraus (Ball State), for their outstanding work in preparing a rich buffet of options for our meeting. Please take time to thank them personally.

For new members, please consider attending our receptions and our business meeting. These occasions, alongside our many sessions, are meant for meeting new people. Like all of us before you, you are encouraged to take the initiative to approach scholars you’d like to meet and introduce yourself and your research. We are friendly, highly collegial, and always curious to learn from others about the sociological workings of religion as they see it. We are also happy to connect you with other colleagues and with further opportunities to enhance your scholarship.

Our theme this year is Justice and Religion, which promises to carry forward insights and possibilities for exploring ethics and power, trauma and violence, as well as inspiration and liberation. I am pleased to highlight our wonderful Furfey Lecturer this year, Penny Edgell (University of Minnesota), who will share her research as one of the world’s top cultural sociologists. Her talk on Sunday evening is titled, “After Restructuring: Understanding the American Religious Landscape of the Twenty-first Century.”

On Monday evening, please join me as I will give a presidential lecture drawing on my current research on religiously-motivated antiracism efforts, titled, “Racial Justice and Racialized Religion: Are White Progressive Christians Getting It Right?”

On behalf of the ASR Council, our Executive Officer Rachel Kraus, and our Program Chair Ruth Braunstein, we are grateful for your participation in this year’s conference. I am always glad to be at this conference, and I look forward to connecting with friends and, perhaps, making several new ones.

Gerardo Martí
William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, Davidson College
President, ASR

WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Welcome, everyone, to the 84th Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. I am very grateful to ASR President Gerardo Martí and Executive Officer Rachel Kraus for their vision and leadership as we have prepared for this conference.

I have always loved the ASR Annual Meeting. It is a small but vibrant conference, where you are likely to bump into friendly faces around every corner, and have time to pause for longer conversations. It is a space for presenting our best new ideas, and getting feedback from peers. And it is a pleasant burst of sociality amidst the sometimes-solitary work of teaching and writing.



Our program this year reflects a commitment to supporting those things that make ASR so special. We have paper sessions on a wide range of topics, featuring research on a diversity of religious traditions and regions of the world. We are pleased to have a handful of Author-Meets-Critics sessions, celebrating new books by our colleagues. And as always, we hope you will join us for the Furfey Lecture by Penny Edgell (University of Minnesota), and the Presidential Address by Gerardo Martí (Davidson College).

- In addition to this, you will find some new kinds of sessions on the program this year.
- In addition to regular sessions, we are very pleased to offer two day-long symposia, each comprised of five thematically-linked sessions: the **Symposium on Race and Religion**, organized by Oneya Okuwobi (University of Cincinnati) and Rachel Schneider (Rice University), held on Sunday; and the **Symposium on Taking the Global South Seriously in the Sociology of Religion**, organized by Afe Adogame (Princeton Theological Seminary) and James Spickard (University of Redlands), held on Monday. We are very grateful to these colleagues for putting together such a rich slate of panels, and hope many of you will attend each.

We are also featuring two **Manuscript-Meets-Critics** sessions, a rare opportunity for book writers to get public feedback on their manuscripts before publication; and a **Before-the-Field** session, where researchers can solicit feedback on their research plans before entering the field.

These new formats are experimental, but our hope is that if they prove useful to our members, they may become a permanent feature of our Annual Meetings.

We hope you enjoy the meeting, and your time together.

Ruth Braunstein
Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Connecticut
2023 Program Chair, ASR

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19	
4:00–8:00 PM	ASR Executive Council Meeting Room: Clover, 1st floor
7:00–9:00 PM	Registration Location: The Promenade, 19th floor
8:00–10:00 PM	Joint ASR and ASA Religion Section and Reception (Includes presentation of ASR and ASA Religion Section Awards) Location: The Promenade, 19th floor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20	
8:00 AM–5:00 PM	Registration Room: The Promenade, 19th floor
8:00 AM–5:00 PM	ASR Book Exhibit Room: The Promenade, 19th floor
8:30 AM–6:15 PM	Sessions A1, B1, C1, D1, E1: Symposium on Race and Religion Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor
8:30–10:00 AM	Session A (page 7)
10:15–11:45 AM	Session B (page 8)
NOON–1:00 PM	Joint ASA Religion Section and ASR Mentoring Session (Open to ASR and ASA attendees) (see page 9) Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor
1:15–2:45 PM	Session C (page 9)
3:00–4:30 PM	Session D (page 10)
4:45–6:15 PM	Session E (page 11)
6:30–8:00 PM	The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture <i>After Restructuring: Understanding the American Religious Landscape of the Twenty-first Century</i> Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor
8:00–9:00 PM	Graduate Student Meetup (self-led) Location: meet in lobby Women of ASR Meetup (self-led) Location: meet in lobby

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, AUGUST 21	
8:00 AM–2:00 PM	Registration Location: The Promenade, 19th floor
8:00 AM–2:00 PM	ASR Book Exhibit Room: Rose Garden, 19th floor
8:30 AM–6:15 PM	Session F1, G1, H1, I1, J1: Symposium on Taking the South Seriously in the Sociology of Religion Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor
8:30–10:00 AM	Session F (page 13)
10:15–11:45 AM	Session G (page 14)
NOON–1:00 PM	ASR General Business Meeting (open to everyone) Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor
1:15–2:45 PM	Session H (page 15)
3:00–4:30 PM	Session I (page 16)
3:00–4:00 PM	Reserve Book Pickup Room: Rose Garden, 19th floor
4:45–6:15 PM	Session J (page 17)
4:00–5:00 PM	Closeout Book Sale Room: Rose Garden, 19th floor
6:30–8:00 PM	ASR Presidential Address <i>Racial Justice and Racialized Religion: Are White Progressive Christians Getting It Right?</i> Gerardo Martí, Davidson College Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor
8:00–9:30 PM	ASR Presidential Reception Room: The Promenade, 19th floor

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22	
8:00–10:00 AM	ASR Executive Council Meeting 2024 ASR President, Grace Yukich, Presiding Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

HELPFUL TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE CONFERENCE

- **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. Anyone is welcome to a yellow “Happy to be Here” ribbon.
- **Participants who have a red New Attendee ribbon** are attending the ASR Annual Meeting for the first time. Please introduce yourself.
- We welcome our participants to use restrooms that fit their gender identity and to take advantage of any “family” restrooms.
- 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.
- Would you like to become more involved in the ASR? Please talk to any leadership member.
- 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 asreo@bsu.edu.
- Check out our list of restaurant recommendations available at the registration desk.
- Your drink tickets are for an alcoholic beverage of your choice at one or both of our receptions. Please drink responsibly.
- The hotel has a strict no outside food or beverage in the meeting space policy.

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(A Philadelphia institution, pronounced “redding”)

1136 Arch Street

readingterminalmarket.org

Rouge Bistro

205 S. 18th Street, 215-732-6622

www.rouge98.com

El Vez (Mexican)

121 S. 13th Street, 215-928-9800

elvezrestaurant.com

Cheesecake Factory

1430 Walnut Street, 267-457-2203

thecheesecakefactory.com

Parc (French Bistro)

227 S. 18th Street, 215-545-2262

parc-restaurant.com

Estia (Greek Mediterranean)

1405 Locust Street, 215-735-7700

estiarestaurant.com/philadelphia-pa

Jose Pistola's (Mexican)

263 S. 15th Street, 215-545-4101

pistolalife.com

Le Pain Quotidien (French Bistro)

1425 Walnut Street, 215-751-0570

lepainquotidien.com

Not within walking distance:

Buddakan (Asian Fusion)

325 Chestnut Street, 215-574-9440

buddakan.com

Sassafras Bar & Restaurant

48 S. 2nd Street, 215-925-2317

sassafrasbar.com

Han Dynasty (Sichuan Chinese)

123 Chestnut Street, 215-922-1888

handynasty.net

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**SUNDAY, 8:30–10:00 AM
SESSIONS A1–A5****A1: Symposium on Race and Religion:
Religion, Emotion, and Racial
Justice Forum**

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati
and Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.**Religious and Racialized Emotions: Racial
Pessimism, Reparations, and Social Justice**

Esther Chan, Univ. Wisconsin-Milwaukee

The Theological Legitimacy of Hostile Emotions

Candace Jordan, Princeton Univ.

Self-Care and Collective Trauma

Danjuma Gibson, Calvin Seminary

Rolanda Ward, Niagara Univ.

Stephanie Boddie, Baylor Univ.

**A2: Religion and Society Group at West
Virginia University**

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor, 19th floor

Organizer: Katie Corcoran, West Virginia Univ.

**Witches, Magic, and Crystals: Assessing
Differences in Paranormal Beliefs and Practices
across Sexual Identity Groups Using National
Survey Data**

Taylor Remsburg, West Virginia Univ.

**Lord, Destroy my Enemies: Correlates of
Hostile Prayer using a U.S. Nationally
Representative Survey**

Bernard DiGregorio, West Virginia Univ.

**An Amish Cult? Media Framing of the
Bergholz Amish**

Carina Perrone, West Virginia Univ.

**Exposure to Worldview Pluralism and Adopting
an Atheistic Worldview**

Katie Corcoran, West Virginia Univ.

**A3: Case Studies of Religious
Communities**

Room: Red, 1st floor

Convener: Christophe Monnot, Univ. of Strasbourg

**Prophet or Profit? An Ethnographic Study of a
Wilmington Megachurch**

Sarah Krueger, Univ. of North

Carolina Wilmington

 **Foiling Farmageddon? A Case Study of a
Sustainable Christian Agricultural Initiative
at Bethlehem Farm, West Virginia**

Julius Malin, Univ. of Basel

Max Manfred Bergman, Univ. of Basel

Zinette Bergman, Univ. of Basel

**Hillsongs, NYC. A profile of the downfall and
attempted resurgence of the global church
planting phenomenon in New York City.**

Hans Tokke, City Univ. of New York

Yasmine Rodriguez, Eastern Univ.

Janice Lagata

**A4: Changing Understandings of
Migration and Islam**

Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma
de Barcelona**Migration, Gender, and Class: Religious Means
and Extra-religious Ends**

Md Sabur, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst

**It not only a strategic maquillage. Changes
and continuities in the use of Muslim
religious spaces**

Roberta Ricucci, Univ. of Turin

A5: Religion, Race and Inequalities

Room: Terrace, 16th floor

Convener: Stephanie House-Niamke,
West Virginia Univ.**When Black Women Enter...Incorporating
More Intersectionality into the Sociological
Study of Religion**

Stephanie House-Niamke, West Virginia Univ.

**Legacies of Exclusion: Racial Segregation and
Discrimination against LGBTQ Students at
Christian Colleges and Universities**

Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State Univ.

Gabby Gomez, Oklahoma State Univ.

**Congregational Racial Composition and Well-
Being among Black Americans**

Anna Holleman, Duke Univ.

**SUNDAY, 10:15–11:45 AM
SESSIONS B1–B6**

**B1: Symposium on Race and Religion:
Race and Religion in a Global Context**

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati
and Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.

**Whiteness, Color-Blind Buddhism and Raced
Secularism in Western Buddhism**

Nalika Gajaweera, Univ. of Southern California

**Racializing the Ummah: Mapping Religioscapes
in the Global Muslim Community**

Mostafa Amini, Harvard Univ.

**From “Standing With Israel” to “Journeys
Toward Justice”: Trajectories of African
American Christian Engagement with
Palestine and Israel**

Roger Baumann, Hope College

**Haitian Lives Matter: Race-Making and Un-
Making during American Mission Encounters
in the Dominican Republic**

Nicole Nathan, Temple Univ.

**Theological Cultures of Anti-apartheid
Religious NGOs**

Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College

**B2: Before-the-Field: Identifying
Mechanisms behind the Formation
of Municipal Officials’ Church-
State Attitudes**

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Convener: Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount Univ.
Gary Adler, Penn State Univ.
Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State Univ.
Damon Mayrl, Colby College
Eric Plutzer, Penn State Univ.

**B3: From Cases to Scandals: Sexual
Abuse in the Catholic Church**

Room: Red, 1st floor

Organizer: Giuseppe Giordan, Univ. of Padova

**How do cases become scandals? Evidence from
three European Catholic countries**

Brian Conway, Maynooth Univ.

**Media representations of sexual abuse in the
Catholic Church in Italy**

Giuseppe Giordan, Univ. of Padova

**Between politics and religion. Sexual scandals
in the Catholic Church as part of the
parliamentary campaign in Poland**

Magdalena Ratajczak, Univ. of Wrocław

**Sexual abuse and the Catholic Church in
Croatia: cases but not (yet?) scandals**

Siniša Zrinščak, Univ. of Zagreb

**B4: The Role of Faith-Based
Organizations in African Society**

Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Nweke Florence Ewomazino, Univ. of
Lagos, Nigeria

**Assessment of the Impact of Justice,
Development and Peace/Caritas Advocates
(Jdpc) Cum Rev. Matthew Kuka’s Role In
Justice Dispensation In Nigeria**

Abiodun Aderele, The Nigerian Baptist
Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso

**Exploring the Roles of Faith-Based
Organisations (FBOs) in the socio-economic
empowerment of women in Afikpo community,
Ebonyi State Nigeria**

Charles Nwobia, David Umahi Federal Univ. of
Health Sciences, Uburu

**A Scoping Review of Faith-Based Responses
to Human Trafficking in Sub-Sahara Africa**

Logan Knight, Ohio State Univ.
Njeri Kagotho, Ohio State Univ.

B5: Ritual

Room: Terrace, 16th floor

Convener: Nancy Ammerman, Boston Univ.

**Becoming Conduits for God: Pentecostal
Christians and the Quest to Perform Sincere
Ritual Prayer**

Spencer Paine, Univ. of California, Irvine

**Christmas as a Humanist Festival:
Approaching Ritual and Rites de Passage
in New Existential Movements**

Lois Lee, Univ. of Kent
Anna Strhan, Univ. of York
Rachael Shillitoe, Univ. of Birmingham

**The Making of a Jewish Adult: Bar/Bat Mitzvah
through the Lens of Cultural Capital**

Ilana Horwitz, Tulane Univ.

**B6: Author Meets Critics:
Blood Entanglements: Evangelicals
and Gangs in El Salvador**

Room: Terrace, 17th floor

Convener: Robert Brenneman, Goshen College

Critics:

Robert Brenneman, Goshen College

Jonathan Calvillo, Emory Univ.

Richard Wood, Univ. of New Mexico

Respondent:

Stephen Offutt, Asbury Theological Seminary

SUNDAY, 12:00–1:00 PM

Mentoring Session

Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor

This is a joint ASA Religion Section and ASR Event open to ASR and ASA attendees

Food and beverages provided in part by the ASA Religion Section

Table 1: Writing Productively

Scott Desmond, Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ. Columbus

Rachel Ellis, Univ. of Maryland

Table 2: Surviving and Thriving in the Research-Focused Job Market

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State Univ.

Jeffrey Guhin, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

Table 3: Surviving and Thriving in the Teaching-Focused Job Market

Robert Brenneman, Goshen College

Maureen K. Day, Franciscan School of Theology

Damon Mayrl, Colby College

Table 4: Publishing Articles

Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State Univ.

Patricia Snell Herzog, Indiana Univ.

Jaime Kucinkas, Hamilton College

Table 5: Preparing Early for the Job Market

David Eagle, Duke Univ.

Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan Univ.

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston Univ.

Table 6: Preparing for the Non-Academic Job Market

Ilana Horwitz, Tulane Univ.

Michelle Mueller, California Institute of Integral Studies

Table 7: Grant Writing

Prema Kurien, Syracuse Univ.

Lisa Pearce, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**SUNDAY, 1:15–2:45 PM
SESSIONS C1–C5**

**C1: Symposium on Race and Religion:
Race,-Religion, and Intersectionality
Mini-Paper Session**

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.

Convener: Esther Chan, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Racial Segregation, Gentrification, and
Minority-Serving Churches**

Jerry Park, Baylor Univ.

Stephanie Boddie, Baylor Univ.

Brandon C. Martinez, Providence College

Amy Hillier, Univ. of Pennsylvania

**The Intersectional Challenge of Antiracism in
White Progressive Churches**

Gerardo Martí, Davidson College

Black Women and Paths to Ministry

Dawrell Rich, Drew Univ.

Social Class Hierarchies in Multiracial Churches

Isaiah Jeong, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

**White Churches and the Reproduction of
White Supremacy**

Tryce D. Price, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

**Insisting on Intersectionality: How the ATS
Student Questionnaires Invite the Subject
Positionality of Adult Learners and Seminarians
at Theological Schools in the United States
and Canada**

Christopher The, The Association of Theological Schools

**C2: Sociological Perspectives on the
Presence of Religious Symbols in the
Public Square**

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Organizer: Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Convener: Damon Mayrl, Colby College

**From Seats of Government to Public Forums:
Understanding the Dynamics of Symbolic
Struggle over Religious Displays at US
State Capitols**

Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

(Session C2, continued)

Christmas Tree or Something Else? Local Holiday Displays and Government Officials' Preferences for Religion in Public

Gary Adler, Penn State Univ.

Religious Symbols in Greek Public Schools: Deconstructing the Shadow of Lautsi

Effie Fokas, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

C3: The "Problem" of Religion in Contemporary Transnational Encounters

Room: Red, 1st floor

Organizer: Jaeun Kim, Univ. of Michigan

Seeing like a Church, Seeing like a State: Church-State Relation in Religious Asylum Adjudications

Jaeun Kim, Univ. of Michigan

Christian Cosmopolitans or Colonialists? How Evangelical Missionaries Imagine Religious Universalism in a World of Cultural Difference

Daniel Winchester, Purdue Univ.

Conflicting Convictions: Korean Evangelicals' Engagement with Cold War Politics and the Culture War

Myung-Sahm Suh, Ewha Womans Univ.

C4: Congregational Change: Decline, Growth and Change

Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Jared Bok, Univ. of Nevada, Reno

Congregations in Decline: What are the Main Factors for the Death and Merger of Local Congregations in Switzerland?

Christophe Monnot, Univ. of Strasbourg
Jeremy Senn, ISSR, Univ. of Lausanne
Jörg Stolz, ISSR, Univ. of Lausanne

Monotonic Market Change: How Contracting/Expanding Protestant Markets Impact the Founding of American Protestant International Ministries

Jared Bok, Univ. of Nevada, Reno

Disaffiliation and New Urban Churches: A Shift in the Boundaries with Society

Benjamin Gagné, Université de Montréal

Factors Affecting Church Health: Findings from More than 50 Churches of Christ

Suzanne Macaluso, Abilene Christian Univ.

C5: Sociology of Religion in Practice: The Goals and Impact of Religion Research Beyond the Academy

Room: Terrace, 17th floor

Convener: Ruth Braunstein, Univ. of Connecticut

Tricia Bruce, Univ. of Notre Dame
Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center
Amy Lawton, Brandeis Univ.
Frank Newport, Gallup
Nabil Tueme, Springtide Research Institute

**SUNDAY, 3:00–4:30 PM
SESSIONS D1–D5**

D1: Symposium on Race and Religion: Exploring Method and Theory Through the Study of Black Religion

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.

Gospel Music, Religion, and the Black American Experience

Victoria Isaac, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

Connected Faith: Digital Black Religion Survey

Erika Gault, Univ. of Arizona

Black Religious Thought

Cleve V. Tinsley IV, Virginia Union Univ.

Sweet Potato Pie and Pumpkin Pie: Dubosian and Weberian Differences in Religion

Charles Williams, Univ. of Michigan

Tilling the Land: A Global, Historical Hermeneutic for the Study of Black Religion

Jason O. Jeffries, Univ. of Denver

D2: How to Maximize Impact by Following Open Science Best Practices Throughout the Research Process

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Organizer: Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

Convener: Patricia Snell Herzog, Indiana Univ.

Planning stage best practices, including funding proposals and preregistration

Erik Gjesfeld, John Templeton Foundation

Publication stage best practices, including preprints and open access

Philip Cohen, Univ. of Maryland College Park

Preservation stage best practices, including data sharing, licensing and archiving

Andrew Whitehead, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. Indianapolis and Association of Religion Data Archives

D3: Studying Spirituality

Room: Red, 1st floor

Organizer: Rachel Kraus, Ball State Univ.

Nancy Ammerman, Boston Univ.

Jaime Kucinskis, Hamilton College

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

Joseph Blankholm, Univ. of California,
Santa Barbara**D4: Clergy and Religious Leadership**

Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Andrew Chalfoun, UCLA

God Has Let Me Down—Dealing with God's Injustice in CoachingVeronique Pioch-Eberhart, Université
de Strasbourg**Embracing the Mystery: Navigating Theological Uncertainty in a Mainline Seminary**

Erin Johnston, Duke Univ.

Malcontented Ministers: Unraveling Faith, Occupational Frustration, and Other Factors Leading Clergy Away from Religious Leadership

Landon Schnabel, Cornell Univ.

Minding the Gap: Mismatches in Chaplaincy Supply and Demand

Amy Lawton, Brandeis Univ.

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis Univ.

D5: Manuscript-Meets-Critics: My Tax Dollars: The Sacred Taxpayer and the Almighty Dollar

Room: Terrace 17th floor

Critics:

Gary Adler, Penn State Univ.

Tricia Bruce, Univ. of Notre Dame

Isaac Martin, Univ. of California, San Diego

Daniel Winchester, Purdue Univ.

Damon Mayrl, Colby College

Respondent:

Ruth Braunstein, Univ. of Connecticut

SUNDAY, 4:45–6:15 PM**SESSIONS E1–E6****E1: Symposium on Race and Religion: Closing Salon: Race, Religion, and Identity**

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati
and Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.**Emotional Conversions to Whiteness**

Glenn Bracey, Villanova Univ.

Unfinished Business: From the Great Migration to Black Lives Matter

Stephanie Boddie, Baylor Univ.

Stories of Estranged Pioneers

Korie Little Edwards, The Ohio State Univ.

E2: Religion, COVID-19, and other Pandemics

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Convener: Susan Prager, Brooklyn College/
CUNY, Ret.**Covid and Community in a Manhattan Synagogue**

Susan Prager, Brooklyn College/CUNY, Ret.

Factors influencing COVID-19 vaccination among Orthodox Jews

Ephraim Shapiro, Ariel Univ.

“The Graves Cannot Be Dug Fast Enough”: Excess Deaths Among US Amish and Mennonites During the 1918 Flu Pandemic

Daniel Eash-Scott, Goshen College

Daniel Stoltzfus, Goshen College

Robert Brenneman, Goshen College

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Room: Red, 1st floor

Convener: Minjung Noh, Lehigh Univ.

Moral Navigating: To Kill with Restraint in Service of the State

Taylor Winfield, McGill Univ.

Woke Perspectives: A Socio-Theological Inquiry into the Phenomenon Transforming Western Civilization

Ronen Shoal, Princeton Univ.

The Moral Matrices of American Jews

Ilana Horwitz, Tulane Univ.

Science, Religion, and Justice: Examining Moral Freighting in Midwestern Discourses

Rebecca Catto, Kent State Univ.

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Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Anna Strhan, Univ. of York

MOVE's Primordial Children: Concepts of the Child and Family in the Philosophy of John Africa and the Pivotal Role of Children in the Escalating Conflict between MOVE and the City of Philadelphia

Susan J. Palmer, McGill Univ.

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Colton Daniels, St. Mary's Univ.

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Alphia Possamai-Inesedy, Western Sydney Univ.

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Katherine Johnson, RMIT

The Aesthetics of Godless in Childhood

Rachael Shillitoe, Univ. of Birmingham

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Room: Terrace, 16th floor

Convener: Sean Thomas, Palm Beach

Atlantic Univ.

Kithitu/Oathing: A Kamba Spiritualized Cultural Justice system for Reconciliation and Social Stability

Telesia K. Musili, Univ. of Nairobi

An Appraisal of the Role of African Traditional Religion in the Promotion of Peace and Justice Among the Igbos of Nigeria

Grace Umezurike, Ebonyi State Univ.,

Abakaliki, Nigeria

Invoking doykeit (hereness) and radical diaspora as a means of understanding our responsibilities as Jewish people living on Indigenous lands

Sterling Stutz, Univ. of Toronto

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The Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture

Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor

After Restructuring: Understanding the American Religious Landscape of the Twenty-first Century

Penny Edgell, Univ. of Minnesota

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Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Co-Organizers: Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary and James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

Not Just an Issue of Justice: Why the Global South Matters to the Sociology of Religion

James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

Contending with Religious Complexity in Southern Africa—the indigenous in sociology of religion

Federico Settler, Univ. of KwaZulu-Natal

Megachurches in the Global South: A Global North Export?

Jeaney Yip, Univ. of Sydney

Latin American Sociology of Religions at a Glance: Contributions and Challenges

Olga Odgers-Ortiz, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

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Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Organizer: Hyemin Na, Wesley Theological Seminary

“Be Fruitful and Multiply”: Religious Campaigns for Childbirth in Korea and the Sense-making Practices of Korean Christian Women

Hyemin Na, Wesley Theological Seminary

Freedom from Ordinary Trauma in Family in Young Korean Generation

Heejin Lee, Independent Scholar

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Minjung Noh, Drew Univ./Emory Univ.

Christian Environmental Activism and Weekly Funeral Procession Protest at the Wolsong Nuclear Power Plants

Shin Young Kim, Seoul National Univ., Drew Univ.

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Convener: Ellie Ash, Boston Univ.

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Elizabeth Johnson, Duke Univ.

Who Will Represent Us? Disentangling the Sources of Disloyalty among Southern Baptist Conservatives, 1979–1993

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Lynette Moran, Univ. of Pittsburgh

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Jeanne Deysson, Université de Strasbourg

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Sean C. Thomas, Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.

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Audra Dugandzic, Univ. of Notre Dame

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Laura Wallace, Univ. of Leeds

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Lucas Sharma, Univ. of California San Diego

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Kenneth Vaughan, Texas Lutheran Univ.

Becoming adults between National and Religious Identity in the Romanian diaspora

Roberta Ricucci, Univ. of Turin

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Binu Varghese, Princeton Theological Seminary

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Room: Terrace, 17th floor
 Titus Hjelm, Univ. of Helsinki, Editor, *Sociology of Religion*
 Andrew Whitehead, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. Indianapolis

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G1: Taking the Global South Seriously in the Sociology of Religion: Session Two: Epistemologies and Cases

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 Convener: James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

Decolonising Epistemologies and African Religion

Osamamen Oba Eduviere, Univ. of Iowa

Interreligious Conflict as Definitional Dispute

Chad Bauman, Butler Univ.

Indigenous Knowledge and its Role in a Comprehensive Understanding of Oath-taking in Human Trafficking

Faith Ehiemua, Univ. of Benin

Taking spirits seriously: Lessons from fieldwork among Pentecostal Charismatics in Harare, Zimbabwe

Josiah Taru, Univ. of Zimbabwe

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Room: Cliveden, 19th floor
 Convener: Suzanne Macaluso, Abilene Christian Univ.

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Rodrigo Serrao, Hope College

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Simranjit Khalsa, The Univ. of Memphis

State of the (Graduate Student) Subfield: Sociology of Religion and the Scholars of Tomorrow

Matthew Blanton, Univ. of Texas at Austin

G3: Women, Power and Justice

Room: Red, 1st floor
 Convener: Nancy Ammerman, Boston Univ.

Christian Women Empowered or Oppressed? Exploring Narratives From Igbo Communities of Southeastern Nigerian

Ngozi U. Emeka-Nwobia, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria

Show Me a Story: Gendered Interpretation of Female Biblical and Talmudic Characters in Graphic Novel Adaptations

Talia Hurwich, George Washington Univ., Miriam Eisenstein Ebsworth, NYU Steinhardt

First Century-A Paradigmatic Struggle: Women, Power, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1797–1900)

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State Univ.

Critical Perspectives on Religion and Gender Justice in African Indigenous Religious Traditions

Victor Odewale, Obafemi Awolowo Univ., Ile-Ife
 Segun Aluko, Obafemi Awolowo Univ., Ile-Ife
 Mary Aderemi, Obafemi Awolowo Univ., Ile-Ife

G4: Manuscript-Meets-Critics: Growing up Godless: Nonreligious Childhoods in Contemporary England

Room: Terrace, 17th floor
 Critics:
 Anna Hickey-Moody, RMIT
 Joseph Blankholm, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
 Rebecca Catto, Kent State Univ.
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Respondents:

Anna Strhan, Univ. of York

Rachael Shillitoe, Univ. of Birmingham

MONDAY, 12:00–1:00 PM

ASR General Business Meeting

Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor

Open to everyone

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H1: Taking the Global South Seriously in the Sociology of Religion: Session 3: Cases and Alternatives I

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor

Organizers: Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary and James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

Convener: Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

Colonization and its Effects on the Proper Representation of African Traditional Religion in Academic Discourse

Christian Onuh, Univ. of Nigeria

“Begin to Hold Your Baby Like Your Baby Need to Breastfeed Prophetically”: The Significance of Praying Prophetically in Inter-Denomination Christian Gathering to Africa Christianity

Samaila Ayuba, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Urban Face of Megachurch Leadership: A Comparative and Quantitative Analyses of Megachurch Leadership in the Context of Urban Centers in the Philippines

Joel Tejedo, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary

Embracing Anthropocosmic Worldview in Indigenous Religions: Towards a Gendered Climate Justice

Telesia K. Musili, Univ. of Nairobi

H2: Sociology of Religion and Science in These Times

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Organizer: Elaine Ecklund, Rice Univ.

What Science, Religion, and Science and Religion Mean: Insights from Cognitive Interviews

Shiri Noy, Denison Univ.

Timothy L. O’Brien, Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Water is Life: Mobilizing Scientific and Religious Authority in Indigenous Environmental Activism

Wes Markofski, Carleton College

Incongruent Identities: Sources and Implications in the Case of Science and Religion

Hana Shepherd, Rutgers Univ.

Kirsten Morehouse, Harvard Univ.

Paul DiMaggio, New York Univ.

Secularization, Spirituality, and the Social Locations of Worldview Enchantment

Katie Corcoran, West Virginia Univ.

How Racial and Religious Frames Shape Narrations of Human Reproductive Technologies

Jauhara Ferguson, Rice Univ.

H3: Latinx/Hispanic Religion and Politics

Room: Red, 1st floor

Convener: Minjung Noh, Lehigh Univ.

Hispanic Nationalism in Micro-communities in Corona/Jackson Heights, Queens

Hans Tokke, City Univ. of New York

Richard Cimino, SUNY Westbury

Yasmine Rodriguez, Eastern Univ.

The Rise of the Latin American “Nones”: Religious Disaffiliation and Its Sociopolitical Implications

Matthew Blanton, Univ. of Texas at Austin

Latino Religiosity and Attitudes towards Social and Political Issues: An Analysis of the Cooperative Election Survey

Brandon C. Martinez, Providence College

Gerardo Martí, Davidson College

The Importance of Faith: Religion and Latinx Americans’ Attitudes Toward Immigration Policy

Manuel Rodriguez, Univ. of Notre Dame

H4: Religion and Prosocial Attitudes and Behaviors

Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Scott Desmond, Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ. Columbus

Pro-social Attitudes towards Ethno-religious Out-groups during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Survey Experiment in Five Countries

Sarah Carol, Univ. College Dublin

Lea David, Univ. College Dublin

Sinisa Malesevic, Univ. College Dublin

Religious High Schools, Social Capital, and Civic Engagement in Young Adulthood

David Sikkink, Univ. of Notre Dame

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Exploring Congregational Practices Around Religious Giving in the U.S.

Brian Starks, Kennesaw State Univ.

The Company You Keep: Religiosity, Peer Networks, and Marijuana Use

Scott Desmond, Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ. Columbus

H5: Sociology of Religion in Practice: The State of DEI within the Sociology of Religion

Room: Terrace, 17th floor

Conveners: Tia Noelle Pratt, Villanova Univ. and Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac Univ.

**MONDAY, 3:00–4:30 PM
SESSIONS I1–I4**

I1: Taking the Global South Seriously in the Sociology of Religion: Session Four: Cases and Alternatives II

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Prophecy and Politics of Imagining the Desirable: Religious Discourse and Grammar in Political Place in Ethiopia

Yonas Ashine, Univ. of Addis Ababa

The Beliefs Behind the Songs Before Prayers: Perspectives from the Global South

Florence Ewomazino Nweke, Univ. of Lagos

Religiosity and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya

Redwan Bin Abdul Baten, Univ. of Iowa

Abigail A. Lee, Univ. of Iowa

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Taking the Global South Seriously in the Study of Religion: A Reflection on Muslims in Urban Accra

Charles Prempeh, Kwame Nkrumah Univ.

I2: Author Meets Critics: “Modeling the Future of Religion in America”

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor

Critics:

Philip Schwadel, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln

Melissa Wilde, Univ. of Pennsylvania

Ruth Braunstein, Univ. of Connecticut

Landon Schnabel, Cornell Univ.

Respondent:

Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

I3: Christian Nationalism

Room: Red, 1st floor

Convener: Scott Desmond, Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ. Columbus

Profiles, Proselytizing, and Posts:

Understanding the Intersection Between Social Media Usage, Anti-Immigrant Sentiment, and Christian Nationalism,

Amethyst Marroquin, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio

Christian Nationalism Among Evangelical Christians Through a Critical Race Theory Lens

Marina Rivera Ramos, Univ. of Central Florida

The First ‘New Nation’: The Deep Cultural Themes in American Exceptionalism and Christian Nationalism

Rhys Williams, Loyola Univ. Chicago

I4: Religion and Politics

Room: Clover, 1st floor

Convener: Binu Varghese, Princeton Theological Seminary

Religious Liberalism as Macro-Level Culture

Ellie Ash, Boston Univ.

Shifting Towards the Spiritual: How to Engage in a More Spiritual Conversation using Contemplative Blue Ecology

kai glenney, Independent Scholar

Clergy Political Actions and Agendas: New Findings from the National Survey of Religious Leaders

Joseph Roso, Duke Univ.

Mark Chaves, Duke Univ.

Turgut Keskindürk, Duke Univ.

A House Secure in Its Internal Divisions? The Value of Increased Exposure to Similar Opinions and a U.S. Third Party’s Journey from Coercion to Competitive Cooperation

Sean C. Thomas, Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.

**MONDAY, 4:45–6:15 PM
SESSIONS J1–J4**

J1: Taking the Global South Seriously in the Sociology of Religion: Session 5: Co-existence on Shared Sacred Spaces in Nigeria: An Integrated Approach

Room: Wine Hall, 19th floor
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J2: Measuring Religion

Room: Cliveden, 19th floor
Organizer: Susan Prager, Brooklyn College/CUNY, Ret.

RELTRAD2: Refining the State of the Art of Religious Classification by Reconsidering the Classification of Nondenominational Respondents

Joshua Gaghan, Duke Univ.
David Eagle, Duke Univ.

Measuring the Metaphysical Tradition: A Mixed-Methods Approach to Studying Spiritual Americans

Joseph Blankholm, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

Familial religious socialization, church membership and religiosity in Germany: insights from the ToRaG project

Olaf Müller, Univ. of Münster

Religious Beliefs in a Reconstructionist Synagogue

Susan Prager, Brooklyn College/CUNY, Ret.

J3: Cultural Theories of Religion

Room: Red, 1st floor
Convener: Elena G. van Stee, Univ. of Pennsylvania/Harvard Univ.

Models For, Of, and Against Religion and Non-Religion in the Public Sphere

Greg Wurm, Univ. of Notre Dame
David Sikkink, Univ. of Notre Dame

What is a Religious Identity?

Todd Nicholas Fuist, Illinois Wesleyan Univ.

Homo Religiosus—Man and Religion Through the Perspective of the Sociology of Knowledge

Ronen Shoval, Princeton Univ.

J4: Secularization and Religion in Higher Education

Room: Clover, 1st floor
Convener: Matthew Blanton, The Univ. of Texas at Austin

Consecration and Re-enchantment in U.S. Medical Schools

Amy Lawton, Brandeis Univ.

The Secularization of Turkish University: Exploring the Intellectual and Institutional Dynamics

Eyyup Yilmaz, Loyola Univ. Chicago

MONDAY, 6:30–8:00 PM

ASR Presidential Address

Room: Red and Clover, 1st floor

Racial Justice and Racialized Religion: Are White Progressive Christians Getting It Right?

Gerardo Martí, Davidson College

MONDAY, 8:00–9:30 PM

ASR Presidential Reception

Room: The Promenade, 19th floor

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Despite well-publicized declines in religious affiliation in the U.S., religion remains an important source of community, meaning, and identity for a large portion of humanity. Religion scholars have often treated religious identity as having a direct influence on people's lives, ignoring how religion intersects with things like race, gender, class, and sexuality in shaping people's opportunities and orientations. In a similar vein, sociologists often ignore religion, despite its deep entanglements with other aspects of people's social lives and experiences. To understand religion in today's world and to cultivate deeper integration with other sociological subfields, sociologists of religion must continue developing innovative approaches to studying religion that emphasize its intersections with other social institutions and with other elements of identity and status.

The 2024 annual meeting welcomes discussion and exploration of all research relevant to the sociological study of religion today and especially solicits theoretically and methodologically rigorous scholarship pursuing themes of religion and intersectionality.

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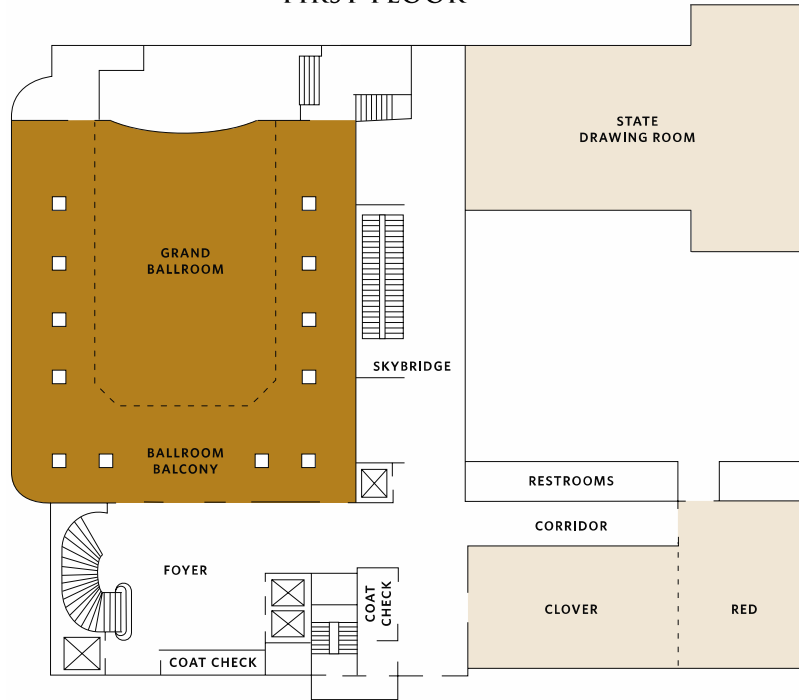
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