

## **ASR 2024 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**AUGUST 9, 2024**

**4:00-8:00:** ASR Executive Council Meeting

**8:00-10:00:** Opening Reception

**AUGUST 10, 2024**

**SESSIONS A: 8:30-10:00am**

### **Session A-1: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: Religion and Race in Historical Perspective**

Part of the symposium: *Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion*

**Organizer/Convener:** Kerby Goff, Rice University (*kerby.goff@rice.edu*)

#### **Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Kayla Kemp, Penn State University (*kmk6713@psu.edu*)

Title: "Who has God's word on integration?": Religious Framings of White Supremacy, 1955-1984

Presenter 2: Kate Gaddini, Stanford University (*k.gaddini@ucl.ac.uk*)

Title: "The Dems are After Our Kids": Black Christian Women and Conservative Politics in the US

Presenter 3: Gerard Jameson, Temple University (*gerard.jameson@temple.edu*)

Title: Franchise Faith to HashtagFollowMe: Rapid McDonaldization of Black American New Religious Movements through Social Media

### **Session A-2: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: RECOV-19 International Project: The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19. National results**

Part of the symposium: *Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Organizer:** Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)

**Convener:** Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin (*roberta.ricucci@unito.it*)

#### **Presenters:**

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 1: Gladys Ganiel , Queen's University Belfast (*g.ganiel@qub.ac.uk*)

Co-authors: Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal, (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)  
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen ( *radde@uni-bremen.de*)

Title: RECOV-19: Benefits and challenges of a country comparative research project

Presenter 2: Caoimhe Ní Dhónaill, Queen's University Belfast (*Caoimhe.NiDhonail@qub.ac.uk*)

Co-authors: Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal, (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)  
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen, *radde@uni-bremen.de*

Title: A Tale of Two Lockdowns: Experiences of the Pandemic in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

Presenter 3: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen (*radde@uni-bremen.de*)

Co- Authors:

Title: Religion and State in Times of Crisis. Religious Organizations and their Claim for Significance in Germany during the Covid-19 Pandemic

### **Session A-3: 8:30-10:00**

#### **Author-Meets-Critics:**

**Jose Casanova and Peter C. Phan, eds. *Asian Pacific Catholicism and Globalization: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges (2023)*,**

**Organizer/Convener:** Rhys Williams, Loyola University Chicago (*rwilliams7@luc.edu*)

**Author:** José Casanova, Georgetown University, (*jvc26@georgetown.edu*)

#### **Critics:**

- Patrick Gilger, S.J., Loyola University Chicago (*Pgilger@luc.edu*)
- Leda Nedilsky, North Park University, (*lnedilsky@northpark.edu*)
- Fenggang Yang, Purdue University, (*fyang@purdue.edu*)

### **Session A-4: 8:30-10:00**

#### **Session Title: Negotiating and Performing Religious Authority in Cyber-Space**

**Organizer:** Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (*avi.astor@uab.cat*)

**Convener:** Oren Golan, University of Haifa (*oren.golan@edtech.haifa.ac.il*)

#### **Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Pauline Cheong, Arizona State University (*Pauline.Cheong@asu.edu*)

Title: Bots in the Church: Religious Authority, Automation & Human Communication

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 2: Jan S. Danko, University of Zurich (*jan.danko@uzh.ch*)

Title: Digitalizing the Monastery: Legitimizing Digital Media in Benedictine Communities

Presenter 3: Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (*avi.astor@uab.cat*)

Co- Authors: Ghufuran Khir Allah, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
(*ghufuran.khirallah@uab.cat*)

Rosa Martínez-Cuadros, Universitat de Barcelona  
(*rosamartinezcuadros@ub.edu*)

Title: Anonymity and Digital Religious Authority

**Session A-5: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: Beliefs and Lifestances of the Nonreligious**

**Organizer/Convener:** Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa (*ryantcragun@gmail.com*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Lauren Strumos, University of Ottawa (*lstru054@uottawa.ca*)

Co-Author: Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, University of Waterloo (*sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.ca*)

Title: Distinct Nonreligious Views on the Environment

Presenter 2: Kati Tervo-Niemelä, University of Finland (*kati.tervo-niemela@uef.fi*)

Co-Author: Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, University of Waterloo (*sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.ca*)

Title: "I love the nature and I am ready to act" – Non religion, religion and nature activism

Presenter 3: Hugo H. Rabbia, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (*hrabbia@conicet.gov.ar*)

Co- Author: Juan Marco Vaggione, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba  
(*juanvaggione@yahoo.com*)

Title: Fuzzy classifications: (non-)religious identifications, practices and beliefs in Argentina

Presenter 4: Dani Guadette, University of Tampa (*dana.guadette@spartans.ut.edu*)

Co-Authors: Ryan T. Cragun. University of Tampa (*ryantcragun@gmail.com*)

Title: A Disparity in Soul and Afterlife Beliefs: Exploring Cultural Perspectives and Predictors in Nordic Countries

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Session A-6: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: Religion, Schools and Education**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Joanna Malone, University of York (*joanna.malone@york.ac.uk*)

Co-Authors: Anna Strhan, University of York (*anna.strhan@york.ac.uk*)  
Peter Hemming, University of Surrey (*p.hemming@surrey.ac.uk*)  
Sarah Neal, University of Sheffield (*s.neal@sheffield.ac.uk*)

Title: Institutionalising Nonreligion? Locating (non)religion in a Welsh Primary School

Presenter 2: Tessa Huttenlocher, University of Pennsylvania (*thutten@sas.upenn.edu*)

Title: The Disaffiliation of American Religious Colleges and Universities, 1895-1923

Presenter 3: Anna Strhan, University of York (*anna.strhan@york.ac.uk*)

Co-Authors: Joanna Malone, University of York (*joanna.malone@york.ac.uk*)  
Peter Hemming, University of Surrey (*p.hemming@surrey.ac.uk*)  
Sarah Neal, University of Sheffield, (*s.neal@sheffield.ac.uk*)

Title: Religion and Citizenship in Everyday School Life in England: The Significance of Place

Presenter 4: Guilherme Borges, Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning  
(*guibfcosta@gmail.com*)

Title: Teaching Religious (Non)Diversity in Brazil

Presenter 1: Eyyup YILMAZ, Loyola University Chicago (*eyyupyilmaztr@gmail.com*)

Title: Enlightenment Ideals and Political Realities: The Palestinian Challenge in American Academia

**AUGUST 10, 2024**

**SESSIONS B:10:15-11:45am**

**Session B-1: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Racing the Secular**

Part of the symposium: *Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion*

**Organizer/Convener:** Esther Chan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (*chane@uwm.edu*)

**Presenters:**

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 1: Esther Chan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (*chane@uwm.edu*)

Co-Author: Di Di, Santa Clara University, (*ddi@scu.edu*)

Title: How Atheist Social Media Influencers Explain the Racial Imbalance in Atheism

Presenter 2: Victoria Isaac, University of Illinois Chicago (*visaac3@uic.edu*)

Co-Author: Di Di, Santa Clara University, (*ddi@scu.edu*)

Title: Race, Religious Nones, and Religious Service Attendance

Presenter 3: Anne Taylor, Yale (*anne.taylor@yale.edu*)

Title: Race and the Religion/Secular Divide: Deion Sanders' Performance of Self-Possession as "Coach Prime"

### **Session B-2: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: RECOV-19 International Project: The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19. National and comparative results**

Part of the symposium: *Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Organizer:** Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)

**Convener:** Christophe Monnot, University of Strasbourg (*cmonnot@unistra.fr*)

#### **Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Mathieu Colin, University of Montreal (*mathieu.colin@umontreal.ca*)

Title: Rebuilding faith to defeat fear? Religions and the Covid-19 pandemic in Canada

Presenter 2: Victor Khroul, University of Bremen (*victor.khroul@gmail.com*)

Title: Religious factor during the Covid-19 pandemic in Russia and Belarus

Presenter 3: Gladys Ganiel, Queen's University Belfast (*g.ganiel@qub.ac.uk*)

Title: Public Health as a Common Good: Religious Discourses about Covid-19 Vaccination in Canada, Germany, Ireland/Northern Ireland, and Poland

### **Session B-3: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Conceptualizing Religion and Intersectionality from a Global South Perspective**

Part of the symposium: *What Can the Global South Teach Us About Religion and Intersectionality?*

**Organizers:** James Spickard, University of Redlands (*jim\_spickard@redlands.edu*)

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary (*afe.adogame@ptsem.edu*)

**Convener:** Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary (*afe.adogame@ptsem.edu*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Leon Moosavi, University of Liverpool (*moosavi@liverpool.ac.uk*)

Title: A Decolonial Critique of Declarations of Intersectionality within the Field of Sociology of Religion

Presenter 2: Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University (*bbateye@oauife.edu.ng*)

Title: Reconceptualizing Religion and Intersectionality in the 'Nigerian' Global South: An Authentic Work in Progress or Chimera?

Presenter 3: Themba Shingange, University of South Africa (*shingt@unisa.ac.za*)

Title: Religious Power Dynamics in the context of the Global South: An intersectionality perspective

Discussant: James Spickard, University of Redlands (*jim\_spickard@redlands.edu*)

**Session B-4: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Secularizing Religion**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Matthew Blanton, University of Texas at Austin (*mblanton@utexas.edu*)

Title: Religious Disaffiliation in Latin America: Generational Shifts and Global Diffusion

Presenter 2: Galen Watts, University of Waterloo (*galen.watts@uwaterloo.ca*)

Co-Authors: Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, University of Waterloo (*sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.ca*)

Title: The "Secular" Sacred Canopy: Revisiting the Heretical Imperative in Secular Contexts

Presenter 3: Louisa Roberts, University of South Dakota (*louisa.roberts@usd.edu*)

Title: Is the West Exceptional in Its Experience of Generation-on-Generation Religious Decline? A Worldwide, Longitudinal Analysis of Generational Patterns in Religiosity, 1981-2020

Presenter 4: Tess Starman, Howard University (*tess.starman@bison.howard.edu*)

Title: A Corrupted Faith: examining the role of power and hegemony in Christian deconstruction then reconstruction as a Religious None.

Presenter 5: Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, University of Leipzig (*wohlrab@uni-leipzig.de*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: The Secular as a Problem: How to Deal with Narratives in the Research on Religion and its Other

**Session B-5: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Making and Defining Religion**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Richard Pitt, University of California San Diego (*rpitt@ucsd.edu*)

Co-Authors: Samuel Smith, UC San Diego, (*sas038@ucsd.edu*)

Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego, (*lsharma@ucsd.edu*)

Daniel Belback, UC San Diego, (*dbelback@ucsd.edu*)

Title: In The Company Of Faith: The Interconnectedness of Religious Community and Authentic Religious Expression

Presenter 2: Veronique Pioch-Eberhart, Université de Strasbourg, France

(*veronique.eberhart@etu.unistra.fr*)

Title: Defining Spirituality in Coaching

Presenter 3: Jian Su, Purdue University (*su356@purdue.edu*)

Title: "Jesus is my friend": How American Evangelicals Construct Ethical Selves Through Relationships

Presenter 4: Josiah Taru, Great Zimbabwe University (*jtaru@gzu.ac.zw*)

Co-Authors: Fraser McNeill, University of Pretoria (*fraser.mcneill@up.ac.za*)

Title: "Faith it 'till you Make it": Spiritual Hustling among Zimbabwean Pentecostal Youth

**Session B-6: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Religion, Politics and Christian Nationalism**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Katherine Wiley, Vanderbilt University (*katherine.t.wiley@vanderbilt.edu*)

Title: Faith, Moral and Civic Commitments, and Lived Practice of Social Action

Presenter 2: David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame (*dsikkink@nd.edu*)

Co-Authors: Greg Wurm, University of Notre Dame (*gwurm@nd.edu*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Americans' Views of Religion and Public Life: The Effect of Three Cultural Models on Attitudes toward Religious and Nonreligious Outgroups

Presenter 3: Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri (*neitzm@missouri.edu*)

Title: Christian Nationalism, Moral Culture and Women's Rights

Presenter 4: Darci Schmidgall, University of Oklahoma (*dkschmidgall@ou.edu*)

Co-Authors: Popy Begum, Saint Louis University (*popy.begum@slu.edu*)

Christopher Seto, Purdue University (*setoc@purdue.edu*)

Samuel Perry, University of Oklahoma (*samperry@ou.edu*)

Title: Deciding for Her: Christian Nationalism and (Lack of) Support for Access to Legal Abortion Across Circumstances

**Commented [R1]:** Let's add the business meeting from 12:00-1:00

**AUGUST 10, 2024**

**SESSIONS C:1:15-2:45pm**

**Session C-1: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Race, Religion, and Politics**

Part of the symposium: *Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion*

**Organizer/Convener:** Rachel Schneider, Rice University: Religion and Public Life Program (*rsv2@rice.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Bianca Mabute-Louie, Rice University (*bm54@rice.edu*)

Title: "I'm not Republican or Democrat. I'm not interested:" The Politics of Being Apolitical Among Chinese American Evangelicals after 2020

Presenter 2: Roger Baumann, Hope College (*baumann@hope.edu*)

Title: African American Christian Clergy Engagement with Israel and Palestine Since October 7, 2023

Presenter 3: Risa Comer, Purdue University (*risac@purdue.edu*)

Title: Racist, Religious, and Reproductive Politics of Embryo Personhood in Post-Dobbs USA

Presenter 4: Glenn Bracey, Villanova University (*Gbracey@villanova.edu*)

Title: The Other Special Relationship: White and Asian Christians' Racial Attitudes

Presenter 5: Jerry Park, Baylor University (*jerry\_park@baylor.edu*)



ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Racialized Religious Institutions or Church Racial Composition? Social Contextual Factors and Individual Support for Black Lives Matter

**Session C-2: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: RECOV-19 International Project: The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19. Comparative results**

Part of the symposium: *Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Organizer:** Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)

**Convener:** Chris Miller, University of Ottawa (*cmiller5@uottawa.ca*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen (*radde@uni-bremen.de*)

Title: Religion and COVID-19. Between religious explanation of the crisis and religious speechlessness

Presenter 2: Marta Kołodziejska, University of Warsaw (*ma.kolodziejska@gmail.com*)

Title: "The Relationship with God also becomes virtual" – attitudes towards digital media use among Christian leaders in Poland, Ireland, Germany, and Canada in times of the pandemic.

Presenter 3: Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)

Co- Authors:

Title: RECOV-19. Relations with scientific, political and religious authorities in the pandemic context

**Session C-3: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Decolonizing Religion, Race, and Mental health**

Part of the symposium: *What Can the Global South Teach Us About Religion and Intersectionality?*

**Organizers:** James Spickard, University of Redlands (*jim\_spickard@redlands.edu*)

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary (*afe.adogame@ptsem.edu*)

**Convener:** Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary (*afe.adogame@ptsem.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Mulalo Sadiki, University of Free State & Nelson Mandela University (*drsadikil@gmail.com*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Intersectionality in African Traditional Religion: A contextual and methodological framework for the African Zionist Church

Presenter 2: David Elliott, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (*davidelliott260@gmail.com*)

Title: Has Methodism's 'White History' Determined its 'Black future'? Exploring the enduring intersections of Whiteness, Religion and Christianity in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa

Presenter 3: Nombulelo Tholithemba Shange, University of Free State (*tholithemba.shange@gmail.com*)

Co- Author: Ntando Sindane, University of Western Cape

Title: Decolonial Turn in the relationship between Ibandla lamaNazaretha (Shembe Church) and Black Consciousness Philosophy

Presenter 4: Jolel Miah, University of Sunderland (*jolel.miah@sunderland.ac.uk*)

Title: Intersectionality of Faith and Ethnicity on Mental Health Wellbeing in diverse UK towns (Luton and Bedford)

Presenter 5: Hadje Cresencio Sadjé, University of Vienna (*hadjesadje@gmail*)

Title: What can the Global South teach us about religion and intersectionality?" Exploring a Decolonial Option with Syed Farid al-Attas and Karl Gaspar

#### **Session C-4: 1:15-2:45**

##### **Author-Meets-Critics:**

**Orit Avishai: *Queer Judaism: LGBT Activism and the Remaking of Jewish Orthodoxy in Israel.***

**Organizer/Convener:** Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan University, (*cirby@iwu.edu*)

**Author:** Orit Avishai, Fordham University (*avishai@fordham.edu*)

##### **Critics:**

- Kelsy Burke, University of Nebraska - Lincoln (*kburke@unl.edu*)
- Todd Fuist, Illinois Wesleyan University (*tfuist@iwu.edu*)
- Jonathan Coley, Oklahoma State University (*jonathan.s.coley@okstate.edu*)
- Dawne Moon, Marquette University (*dawne.moon@marquette.edu*)

**Session C-5: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Religion in Place**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Terrence Hill, University of Texas at San Antonio (*terrence.hill@utsa.edu*)

Co-Authors: Pui Yin Cheung, University of Hong Kong (*benpyc@hku.hk*)

David Curtis, University of Utah (*david.curtis@fcs.utah.edu*)

Yehua D. Wei, University of Utah (*wei@geog.utah.edu*)

Laura Upenieks, Baylor University (*laura\_upenieks@baylor.edu*)

Ming Wen, University of Hong Kong (*mingwen@hku.hk*)

Title: Neighborhood Context, Religious Struggles, and Depressive Symptoms

Presenter 2: Benjamin Gagné, Université de Montréal et Université de Strasbourg

(*benjamin.gagne@umontreal.ca*)

Title: New evangelical churches and urbanity: transformation dynamics

Presenter 3: Nhan Nguyen, University of Texas at San Antonio (*nhan.nguyen3@my.utsa.edu*)

Co-Authors: Christopher Ellison, University of Texas at San Antonio

(*christopher.ellison@utsa.edu*)

Terrence Hill, University of Texas at San Antonio (*terrence.hill@utsa.edu*)

Title: Religion and Loneliness During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Presenter 4: Jacob Legault-Leclair, University of Waterloo (*j4legaul@uwaterloo.ca*)

Co-Author: Nicolas Mougeot, Université d'Ottawa (*nmoug058@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Secularization or religious pluralism in Québec? What effect does immigrants' religious affiliation have on the religious fabric of cities like Montréal, Québec and Gatineau?

**Session C-6: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Religion Across the Life Course**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Rachael Shillitoe, University of Birmingham (*rachaelshillitoe@gmail.com*)

Title: The good life Exploring children's moral worlds

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 2: Jesse M. Smith, Western Michigan University (*jesse.smith@wmich.edu*)

Co-Author: Fiona Dougherty, Western Michigan University  
(*fiona.g.dougherty@wmich.edu*)

Title: Liminal Religiosity: How the life course shapes the space between religious and secular worldviews

Presenter 3: Erin Johnston, Duke University (*erin.johnston1@duke.edu*)

Co-Authors: Kathleen Sellers, Duke University (*kathleen.sellers@duke.edu*)  
Kelsey Mischke, NC State (*kelsey.mischke@duke.edu*)

Title: Pathways to Divinity School: Insights from the Religious Life Histories of Seminary Students

Presenter 4: Richard Pitt, University of California San Diego (*rpitt@ucsd.edu*)

Co-Authors: Elizabeth Miller, UCSD, (*eam001@ucsd.edu*)  
Maya Machado, UCSD, (*mcmachado@ucsd.edu*)  
Francis Galang, UCSD, (*fgalang@ucsd.edu*)

Title: Bridging Religious Pasts and Futures: The Nexus Between Religious Identity Commitment, Centrality, Reflected Appraisals, and Belief Stability

#### **Session C-7: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Religion, Gender and Sexualities I**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Erin Johnston, Duke University (*erin.johnston1@duke.edu*)

Title: (Gendered) Pathways to Divinity School: Insights from the Religious Life Histories of Seminary Students

Presenter 2: Popy Begum, Saint Louis University (*popy.begum@slu.edu*)

Title: Selling Sex in India: A Socio-Religious Overview of Law and Policy

Presenter 3: Janine Trevisan, IFRS BG (*janine.trevisan@bento.ifrs.edu.br*)

Co-Author: Aline Selli de Almeida, IFRS BG (*Alineselli14@outlook.com*)

Title: Women in the Evangelical Parliamentary Front: Comparative analysis of evangelical women elected in 2014, 2018 and 2022 to the Brazilian National Congress

Presenter 4: Kati Tervo-Niemelä, University of Eastern Finland (*kati.tervo-niemela@uef.fi*)

Title: Gender Gap Inverted?

**AUGUST 10, 2024**  
**SESSIONS D:3:00-4:30pm**

**Session D-1: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Race, Religion, Intersectionality, and Epistemology**

Part of the symposium: *Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion*

**Organizer/Convener:** Shaonta' Allen, Dartmouth University (*Shaonta.Allen@dartmouth.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University (*bkalinowski@rice.edu*)

Title: Race, Place, and Evangelical Christian Views of Scientific Authority

Presenter 2: Minjung Noh, Lehigh University (*min223@lehigh.edu*)

Title: Beyond the Corollaries of Racialization: A Korean-Haitianist Perspective on the Politics of Representation

Presenter 3: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University (*Kevin\_Dougherty@baylor.edu*)

Co- Authors: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College, (*gemarti@davidson.edu*)

Mark Mulder, Calvin University, (*mark.mulder@calvin.edu*)

Title: Opposition Within: Resistance to Antiracism Efforts in Antiracist Churches

Presenter 4: Stephanie House-Niamkes, West Virginia University (*housesniamkes@mix.wvu.edu*)

Title: Black Americans and the White Jesus Phenomenon

Presenter 4: Shaonta' Allen, Dartmouth University (*Shaonta.Allen@dartmouth.edu*)

Title: Race, Religion, and Epistemology among Black Millennial Christians

**Session D-2: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Symposium Session IV - Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Comparative researches**

Part of the symposium: *Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Organizer:** Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin (*Roberta.ricucci@unito.it*)

**Convener:** Mathieu Colin, University of Montreal (*mathieu.colin@umontreal.ca*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Samirah Majumdar, Pew Research Center (*SMajumdar@PewResearch.org*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: COVID-19 and restrictions on religion

Presenter 2: Chris Miller, University of Ottawa (*cmiller5@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Talking About it Won't Kill You: The Covid-19 Pandemic, Death Awareness, and Responses

Presenter 3: Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin (*Roberta.ricucci@unito.it*)

Title: Similarities and differences in religious experience during the Covid-19 pandemic. A comparative analysis in five countries

### **Session D-3: 3:00-4:30**

#### **Session Title: Revisiting Religion, Gender, and Migration**

Part of the symposium: *What Can the Global South Teach Us About Religion and Intersectionality?*

**Organizers:** James Spickard, University of Redlands (*jim\_spickard@redlands.edu*)  
Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary (*afe.adogame@ptsem.edu*)

**Convener:** James Spickard, University of Redlands (*Jim\_Spickard@redlands.edu*)

#### **Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Telesia Musili, University of Nairobi (*telesia.musili@uonbi.ac.ke*)

Title: Intersectionality as an Analytic Sensibility in African Women Theologies on HIV and AIDS

Presenter 2: Felicity Apaah, University of Ghana (*feliabraham44@yahoo.com*)

Title: Nana Kow Ackon V: The spiritual odyssey of a 'woman king' in Ghana

Presenter 3: Ali Masawudu, University of Johannesburg (*alimasod74@yahoo.com*)

Title: Intersecting Margins: Navigating Race, Sect, and Gender as a Black African Muslim Shi'i Scholar in South Africa

Presenter 4: Ruth Amwe, (*ruth.amwe@ptsem.edu*)

Title: Constructing Spaces of Duality: An Intersectional Conflict Analysis of Gender, Religion, and Violence

Presenter 5: Mary Kihuha and , Pan-African Christian University  
(*mary.kihuha@pacuniversity.ac.ke*)

Co-author: Stephen Muoki

Title: "Included Yet Excluded: Women and Intersectionality in Charismatic Christian Movements in Kenya"

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Session D-4: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Religion, Nonreligion and Social Change: What Can Law Tell Us?**

**Organizer/Convener:** Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa (*lbeaman@uottawa.ca*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Paula Montero, University of São Paulo (*pmontero@usp.br*)

Title: Juridical narratives in same-sex marriage regulations in Brazil

Presenter 2: Guadalupe Allione Riba, National University of Córdoba (*allioneguada@gmail.com*)

Title: Disputes around sex and gender equality in contemporary Argentina: The religious and non-religious during the same-sex marriage legislative debate

Presenter 3: Cory Steele, University of Ottawa (*csteele2@gmail.com*)

Co-Authors: Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa (*lbeaman@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Marriage and Religion in Canada: No Longer (exclusively) Hand in Hand

**Session D-5: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Questioning Norms in Sociology of Religion**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Landon Schnabel, Cornell (*schnabel@cornell.edu*)

Title: Stylized Facts Established in the Christian West Do Not Generalize

Presenter 2: Manuel Rodriguez, University of Notre Dame (*mrodri27@nd.edu*)

Title: Epistemic Exclusion: Latinx Religion and its Underrepresentation within Sociology

Presenter 3: Hadje Sadjje, University of Vienna, Austria (*hadjesadje@gmail.com*)

Title: "What can the Global South teach us about religion and intersectionality?"  
Exploring Decolonial Option with Syed Farid al-Attas and Karl Gaspar

**Session D-6: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Religion and Violence**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Jolene Chu, World HQ of Jehovah's Witnesses (*jochu@jw.org*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Harm and Healing: Re-forming génocidaires and healing survivors through forgiveness among Jehovah's Witnesses in Rwanda

Presenter 2: Suzanne Schenewerk, Duke University (*suzanne.schenewerk@duke.edu*)

Title: In the Right Hands: Conservatism, Religiosity, and Handgun Ownership

Presenter 3: Elizabeth Johnson, Duke University (*ej12@duke.edu*)

Title: Patterns of Harm: Exploring the Dynamics of Workplace Harassment in Pastoral Careers

Presenter 4: Carolina Seigler, Princeton University (*cseigler@princeton.edu*)

Title: Better the Devil You Know: The Effect of Sexual Misconduct Disclosure on Future Pastoral Employment

**AUGUST 10, 2024**

**SESSIONS E: 4:45-6:15pm**

**Session E-1: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Closing Salon: Storytelling about Race, Religion, and Belonging**

Part of the symposium: *Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion*

**Organizer/Convener:** Oneya Okuwobi, University of Cincinnati (*oneya.okuwobi@uc.edu*)

**Storytellers/Discussion Leaders:**

- Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University (*rebecca.y.kim@pepperdine.edu*)
- Richard Pitt, University of California San Diego (*rpitt@ucsd.edu*)
- Luther Young, The Ohio State University (*young.2734@buckeyemail.osu.edu*)

**Session E-2: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Symposium Session V - The COVID-19 Pandemic and religion in the US and Switzerland**

Part of the symposium: *Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Organizer:** Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin (*Roberta.ricucci@unito.it*)

**Convener:** Joseph Yi, Hanyang University (*joyichicago@yahoo.com*)

**Presenters:**



ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 1: Scott L. Thumma, Hartford International University  
([sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu](mailto:sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu))

Co-Authors: Allison L. Norton, Hartford International University,  
([anorton@hartfordinternational.edu](mailto:anorton@hartfordinternational.edu))

Title: Post-Pandemic Peril: Tracing the impact of COVID-19 on America's congregational vitality.

Presenter 2: Christophe Monnot, University of Strasbourg ([cmonnot@unistra.fr](mailto:cmonnot@unistra.fr))

Co-Authors: Allison L. Norton, Hartford International University,  
([anorton@hartfordinternational.edu](mailto:anorton@hartfordinternational.edu))

Title: The effects of the Covid pandemic and the reaction of congregations in Switzerland.

Presenter 3: Greg Smith, Pew Research Center ([GSmith@PewResearch.org](mailto:GSmith@PewResearch.org))

Co- Authors:

Title: How the religious attendance habits of Americans changed during the COVID-19 pandemic

### **Session E-3: 4:45-6:15**

#### **A Book Panel Discussion: Megachurches and the Global South**

**Afe Adogame, Chad M. Bauman, Damaris Parsitau, and Jeaney Yip, eds: The Routledge Handbook of Megachurches, 2024**

Part of the symposium: *What Can the Global South Teach Us About Religion and Intersectionality?*

**Organizer/Convener:** James Spickard, University of Redlands ([jim\\_spickard@redlands.edu](mailto:jim_spickard@redlands.edu))

#### **Co-Editors:**

- Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary ([afe.adogame@ptsem.edu](mailto:afe.adogame@ptsem.edu))
- Chad Bauman, Butler University, ([cbauman@butler.edu](mailto:cbauman@butler.edu))
- Jeaney Yip, University of Sydney ([Jeaney.yip@sydney.edu.au](mailto:Jeaney.yip@sydney.edu.au))

#### **Panelists:**

- François Gauthier, University of Fribourg ([francois.gauthier@unifr.ch](mailto:francois.gauthier@unifr.ch))
- Gerardo Marti, Davison College ([gemarti@davidson.edu](mailto:gemarti@davidson.edu))
- Scott Thumma, Hartford International University ([sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu](mailto:sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu))
- Amos Yong, Fuller Seminary ([amosyong@fuller.edu](mailto:amosyong@fuller.edu))

**Session E-4: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Religion and Health**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Bethany Gull

Co-Authors: Ryan Cragun

Title: Pills, Placebos, and Prayer: Latter-day Saints' Views on Conventional and Alternative Health Interventions

Presenter 2: Rachael Murdock, Baylor University (*Rachael\_Murdock1@baylor.edu*)

Co-Authors: Laura Upenieks, Baylor University (*laura\_upenieks@baylor.edu*)

Title: God's Plan, God's Community? Divine Control, Congregational and Spiritual Support, and Life Meaning and Satisfaction

Presenter 3: Terrence Hill, University of Texas at San Antonio (*terrence.hill@utsa.edu*)

Co-Authors: Jessica Pfaffendorf, North Carolina State University (*jpgaffe@ncsu.edu*)  
Amy Burdette, Florida State University (*aburdette@fsu.edu*)

Title: Conservative Protestantism and Penis Size: A Novel Test of Phallocentric Masculine Insecurity

Presenter 4: Colton Daniels, St. Mary's University (*cdaniels4@stmarytx.edu*)

Co-Authors: Xioahe Xu; University of Texas at San Antonio (*xioahe.xu@utsa.edu*)

Eric Shattuck; Florida State University (*es23w@fsu.edu*)

Thankam Sunil; University of Tennessee Knoxville (*tsunil@utk.edu*)

Jessica Perrotte; Texas State (*j.perrotte@txstate.edu*)

Title: Religious Involvement, Race/Ethnicity, and Mental Health: Exploring the Black-White Mental Health Paradox

Presenter 5: Laura Upenieks, Baylor University (*laura\_upenieks@baylor.edu*)

Co-Author: Markus Schafer, Baylor University (*markus\_schafer@baylor.edu*)

Title: Educational Gradients in Chronic Pain: Religion/Spirituality as Compensation or Enhancement?

**Session E-5: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Religion, Marriage and Families**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Riley Peterson, Baylor University (*Riley\_Peterson1@baylor.edu*)

Title: Education and Capstone Marriage

Presenter 2: Jauhara Ferguson, Rice University (*jf56@rice.edu*)

Title: Do We Belong Together?: A Qualitative Analysis of Marriage Formation among U.S. Black Muslims

Presenter 3: Francesco Cerchiaro, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands (*francesco.cerchiaro@ru.nl*)

Title: Making couples beyond borders: Religion and gender among Muslim men and women married outside their religious group

Presenter 4: Agata Rejowska, Jagiellonian University (*agata.rejowska@uj.edu.pl*)

Title: Humanist wedding ceremonies and gender patterns: continuation and change

**Session E-6: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Religion and LGBTQ+ Communities**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego (*lsharma@ucsd.edu*)

Co-Authors: Tom Medvetz, UC San Diego (*tmedvetz@ucsd.edu*)

Title: Rendering Agreement on Homosexuality Unstable in the Catholic Church: The Presence of LGBTQ Catholics as Parrhesia

Presenter 2: Kati Tervo-Niemelä, University of Eastern Finland (*kati.tervo-niemela@uef.fi*)

Title: The Forerunners and the Preservers of the Church: The case of same-sex marriages in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Presenter 3: Frederic Strack, Université de Sherbrooke (*frederic.strack@gmail.com*)

Title: Beyond "reactive culturalism": How Intergroup contacts impact Orthodox Jews over the issue of homosexuality

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 4: Fabio Bolzonaro, Waseda University (*fabio.bolzonar@cantab.net*)

Co-Authors: Chris Seoyun Choi, Korean Catholic Queer Woman Community,  
Alpha Omega (*ubegame@gmail.com*)

Title: Out of the Closet in Contentious Times: A Comparison of the Beliefs, Expectations,  
and Practices of LGBTQ+ Catholics in Italy and South Korea

Presenter 1: Christopher Chambers, Providence College (*cchambe4@providence.edu*)

Title: 'Divinely Created in the Image of God:' Centering Black Subjectivity in an Analysis  
of Black Gay Men's Approaches to their Religious and Sexual Identities

**6:30-8:00:** Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture, Geneviève Zubrzycki

**AUGUST 11, 2024**  
**SESSIONS G:8:30-10:00am**

**Session G-1: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title:** The COVID-19 Pandemic and religion in Kenya, the US and South Korea

Part of the symposium: *Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Organizer:** Mathieu Colin, University of Montreal (*mathieu.colin@umontreal.ca*)

**Convener:** Scott L. Thumma, Hartford International University  
(*sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Nema C. M. Aluku, Tangaza University College (*naluku@gmail.com*)

Co-Authors: Redwan Bin Abdul Baten, University of North Carolina at Charlotte,  
(*rbinabdu@charlotte.edu*)

Rima A. Afifi, University of Iowa College of Public Health,  
(*rima-afifi@uiowa.edu*)

Beatrice W. Churu, Tangaza University College  
William T. Story, University of Iowa

Title: Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on religiosity among adolescents in western  
Kenya

Presenter 2: Spencer Paine, University of California, Merced (*spencerpaine@ucmerced.edu*)

Co-Authors: Redwan Bin Abdul Baten, University of North Carolina at Charlotte,  
(*rbinabdu@charlotte.edu*)

Rima A. Afifi, University of Iowa College of Public Health,

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

([rima-afifi@uiowa.edu](mailto:rima-afifi@uiowa.edu))  
Beatrice W. Churu, Tangaza University College  
William T. Story, University of Iowa

Title: Faith over Facts: How a Pentecostal Church Mishandled the COVID-19 Pandemic and Went Out of Business

Presenter 3: Joseph Yi, Hanyang University ([joyichicago@yahoo.com](mailto:joyichicago@yahoo.com))

Title: Pandemic Nationalism and Religious Minorities (Sincheonji) in South Korea

**Session G-2: 8:30-10:00**

Session Title: Transforming Notions of Death and Dying  
Part of the symposium:

**Organizer/Convener:** Chris Miller, University of Ottawa ([cmiller5@uottawa.ca](mailto:cmiller5@uottawa.ca))

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Chris Miller, University of Ottawa ([cmiller5@uottawa.ca](mailto:cmiller5@uottawa.ca))

Co-Authors: Lori G. Beaman, University of Ottawa ([lbeaman@uottawa.ca](mailto:lbeaman@uottawa.ca))

Title: Nonreligious Afterlife? Emerging Afterlife Imaginaries in Death Cafés

Presenter 2: Hinna Hussain, University of Ottawa ([hhuss060@uottawa.ca](mailto:hhuss060@uottawa.ca))

Co-Authors: Lori G. Beaman, University of Ottawa ([lbeaman@uottawa.ca](mailto:lbeaman@uottawa.ca))

Title: Transforming Preferences for End-of-Life Practices Among Death Café Participants

Presenter 3: Edmundo Maza, University of Ottawa ([emaza041@uottawa.ca](mailto:emaza041@uottawa.ca))

Talking About Death: Shifting Language and Emerging Euphemisms in Obituaries

Discussant: Christel Manning, Sacred Heart University ([manningc@sacredheart.edu](mailto:manningc@sacredheart.edu))

**Session G-3: 8:30-10:00**

**A Panel Discussion: Innovation in Religion and Spirituality: Conceptualization and Measurement**

Religion is often assumed to be resistant to innovation. Yet, religious communities have always adapted to changing contexts. This panel will discuss whether “innovation” can be a helpful concept for understanding religious change. The four panelists in this moderated session will draw on diverse streams of research to address such questions of conceptualization and measurement.

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Organizer/Convener:** Brandon Vaidyanathan, The Catholic University of America  
(*brandonv@cua.edu*)

**Panelists:**

- Brandon Vaidyanathan, The Catholic University of America (*brandonv@cua.edu*)
- Galen Watts, University of Waterloo, (*galen.watts@uwaterloo.ca*)
- Evan Stewart, University of Massachusetts—Boston (*evan.stewart@umb.edu*)
- Christine Sheikh, Metropolitan State University of Denver (*christinesheikh@gmail.com*)
- Scott Thumma, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace  
(*sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu*)

**Session G-4: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: Transformative Work: Ministry, Advocacy and Mentorship**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Spencer Paine, University of California, Merced (*spencerpaine@ucmerced.edu*)

Title: Job Crafting with Jesus: How Young Men in a Pentecostal Church Respond to Unanswered Occupational Callings

Presenter 2: Alonso Aravena, Baylor University (*alonsoaramen@gmail.com*)

Co-Authors: Carson Mencken, Baylor University (*carson\_mencken@baylor.edu*)

Title: Effectively Measuring Human Flourishing and Christian Mentoring in Challenging International Contexts

Presenter 3: Andrew Chalfoun, UCLA (*achalfoun@g.ucla.edu*)

Title: Is the Mission Field a Liberalizing Work Environment? Evidence from a Qualitative Study

Presenter 4: Sabrina Daniels, Creighton University (*SabrinaDanielsen@creighton.edu*)

Co-Authors: Ellie Simmons, University of Colorado - Boulder

Title: Facing and Framing Decline: American Catholic Sisters, Organizational Change, and Advocacy

**Session G-5: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: Religion, Class, and Inequalities**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 1: Ke-hsien Huang, Sociology Department, National Taiwan University  
(*huangk@ntu.edu.tw*)

Title: Defending Dignity with/as God: Homeless Religious Practices When Interacting with Religious Groups

Presenter 2: Spencer Paine, University of California, Merced (*spencerpaine@ucmerced.edu*)

Title: Job Crafting with Jesus: How Young Men in a Pentecostal Church Respond to Unanswered Occupational Callings

Presenter 3: Alyssa Calder-Hulme, University of Chicago (*alyssa.hulme@gmail.com*)

Title: Charting the Impact of Religion on Women's Economic Vulnerability in the Twenty-first Century: Perspectives from Mormon Culture

Presenter 1: Jamy Rentschler, University of Nebraska Lincoln (*jrentschler2@unl.edu*)

Title: Beliefs and Benefits: Exploring How Opinions on Public Basic Needs Programs Varies by Religious Tradition

**Session G-6: 8:30-10:00**

**Session Title: Exploring Christian-Jewish Relations**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: George Mazza, The Catholic University of America (*mazzag@cua.edu*)

Co-Authors: Kathryn Burrows, National Coalition of Independent Scholars  
(*harrietdash@gmail.com*)

Title: The Neglected Study of Sermons in the Sociology of Religion: Catholic Homilies and References to Jews and Judaism

Presenter 2: Asena Karipek, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (*acar2@illinois.edu*)

Title: Devoutly Islamophobic: The Impact of Christian Zionist Ideology on Middle Eastern Politics

Presenter 3: Megan Hollinger, University of Ottawa (*mholl027@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Combating Antisemitism in Canada Through Social Strategies: Preliminary Comparative Findings of Three Cities in Canada

Presenter 4: Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire (*michele.dillon@unh.edu*)

Title: How can solidarity be fostered between Catholics and Jews in the U. S.?

**Session G-7: 8:30-10:00**

**Author-Meets-Critics:**

**Courtney Ann Irby: *Guiding God's Marriage: Faith and Social Change in Premarital Counseling*, NYU Press, 2024**

**Organizer/Convener:** Rhys Williams, Loyola University Chicago (*rwilliams7@luc.edu*)

**Author:** Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan University, (*cirby@iwu.edu*)

**Critics:**

- Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College (*mwhitnah@westmont.edu*)
- Sam Perry, University of Oklahoma, Norman (*samperry@ou.edu*)
- Gary Adler, Jr., Penn State University (*gary.adler@psu.edu*)

**AUGUST 11, 2024**

**SESSIONS H:10:15-11:45am**

**Session H-1: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Religion and Work**

**Organizer/Convener:** Michal Pagis, Bar-Ilan University (*michalpagis@gmail.com*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Evan Stewart, University of Massachusetts Boston (*Evan.Stewart@umb.edu*)  
Co-Authors: Jaime Kucinskas, Hamilton College (*jkucinsk@hamilton.edu*)

Title: Working on your Civic Self: Irregular Work and the Changing American Civic Landscape

Presenter 2: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University (*ehe@rice.edu*)  
Co-Authors: Jaime Kucinskas, Hamilton College (*jkucinsk@hamilton.edu*)

Title: The Upsides and Downsides of Integrating Faith With Work

Presenter 3: Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University (*jonathan.s.coley@okstate.edu*)  
Co-Authors: Gary J. Adler, Pennsylvania State University (*gary.adler@psu.edu*)

Damon Mayrl, Colby College (*dwmayrl@colby.edu*)

Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount University (*rebecca.sager@lmu.edu*)

Eric Plutzer, Pennsylvania State University (*exp12@psu.edu*)



ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Religion and Occupational Activism among Local Government Officials in the United States

Presenter 4: Michal Pagis, Bar-Ilan University (*michalpagis@gmail.com*)  
Co-Authors: Orly Tal, Bar-Ilan University (*orlytal3@gmail.com*)

Title: Negotiating Public/Private Religion at Work: The Case of Buddhism and Judaism Inspired Psychologists.

**Session H-2: 10:15-11:45**

Session Title: Measuring and Theorizing Religion: Does Social Change Make a Difference?

**Organizer/Convener:** Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa (*lbeaman@uottawa.ca*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania (*douglas.ezzy@utas.edu.au*)

Title: Lifestances, (non)religion, and the ethics of relationships

Presenter 2: Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa (*rcragun@ut.edu*)

Title: Lived Religion: The Metastatic Cancer of the Study of Religion

Presenter 3: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa (*pbeyer@uottawa.ca*)

Title: The Invention of Nonreligion: Addressing the Durkheimian Dilemma

Presenter 4: Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, University of Waterloo (*sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.ca*)

Title: New Survey Measures of Religiosity, Spirituality, Worldviews and Lifestances

**Session H-3: 10:15-11:45**

Session Title: **Safe, Seen, and Siloed: The Landscape of Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry in the United States**

**Organizer/Convener:** John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State University  
(*jschmalzbauer@missouristate.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: John Schmalzbauer, (*jschmalzbauer@missouristate.edu*)

Title: A Place to Belong: Exploring the Landscape of Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry

Presenter 2: Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University (*rebecca.y.kim@pepperdine.edu*)

Title: Unequal Homes: Race and Religion in the Campus Ministry Landscape

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 3: Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University (*kgarcesfoley@marymount.edu*)

Title: Muslim, Jewish, and Hindu Student Groups on Campus: Spaces for Spiritual Growth and Safety

Presenter 4: Tricia Bruce, Springtide Research Institute (*triciabruce@gmail.com*)

Title: "They Don't Love Who I Love": Allyship and Alignment in College Campus Ministry

#### **Session H-4: 10:15-11:45**

##### **A Discussion: Religion and intersectionality, but which religion?**

This facilitated discussion looks at the religious constraints on the agency of LGBTQIA+ believers. Religious constraints refer to religion as a social fact and the work of interpreting texts and the institutional organization of religious groups.

**Organizer/Convener:** Frederic Strack, Université de Sherbrooke (*Frederic.strack@gmail.com*)

##### **Discussion Leaders:**

- Frederic Strack, Université de Sherbrooke (*Frederic.strack@gmail.com*)
- Loïc Bizeul, Université de Sherbrooke (*loic.bizeul@usherbrooke.ca*)

#### **Session H-5: 10:15-11:45**

##### **Session Title: Exploring Dynamics of Religious Identity and Diversity: Immigration and Multiculturalism**

##### **Convener:**

##### **Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University (*dodsonj2@msu.edu*)

Title: Church Building in the Americas' African Diaspora: Historical Sociology Revelations

Presenter 2: Shantanu Mehra, York University (*smehra25@yorku.ca*)

Title: Almost the same: Becoming Muslim Minority in multiculturalism and secularism

Presenter 3: Christophe Monnot, University of Strasbourg (*cmonnot@unistra.fr*)

Co-Authors: Boris Wernli, FORS University of Lausanne (*boris.wernli@unil.ch*)

Title: More tolerance or more prejudice? What is the tendency of in-tolerant attitudes towards other religious groups in Switzerland?

Presenter 4: Binu Varghese, Princeton Theological Seminary (*binuvarghesem@gmail.com*)

Title: Interrogating privileged Indian American Christianity in the backdrop of Dutch colonial capitalism in 17th century Malabar coast

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 5: Osamamen Oba Eduviere, The University of Iowa (*obaeduviere@uiowa.edu*)

Title: Intersectionality and Religion: Possibilities for African Migrant Women in Iowa

**Session H-6: 10:15-11:45**

**Session Title: Religious Change**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Wenjun Fan, Wuhan University (*wenjunfan99@gmail.com*)

Co-author: Ying Liang, Wuhan University (*whuliangying@126.com*)

Title: Still A Religious Revival? Changes of (Non)Religious Groups and Their Perceived Religious Importance in Mainland China and Taiwan

Presenter 2: Daniel Miguel, Pomona College (*dveliz@bearcubs.santarosa.edu*)

Co-Authors: Sölen Sanli Vasquez, Santa Rosa Junior College  
(*ssanlivasquez@santarosa.edu*)

Title: Like Attending Your Own Funeral: The Social Death of Ex-Jehovah's Witnesses

Presenter 3: Lois Lee, University of Kent (*l.a.lee@kent.ac.uk*)

Co-Authors: Adam Baimel, Oxford Brookes University (*p0089392@brookes.ac.uk*)

Title: Worldview Diversity in Atheist Britain: A Typology of Existential Orientations

Presenter 4: Philip Schwadel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*pschwadel2@unl.edu*)

Co-Authors: Christopher Ellison, University of Texas at San Antonio  
(*christopher.ellison@utsa.edu*)

Title: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis of African American Religious Involvement, 1972-2021

**ASR/ASA Mentoring Session: 12:00-1:00pm**

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

**AUGUST 11, 2024**  
**SESSIONS I:1:15-2:45pm**

**Session I-1: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Religion and Rights**

**Organizer/Convener:** Olga Breskaya, University of Padova (*olga.breskaya@unipd.it*)

Convener: , ()

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Anthony Blasi, Retired, San Antonio (*j6anthonyblasi@yahoo.com*)

Title: Classical Sociology and Rights: From Religiously Based Critique to Theories of Freedom of Religion

Presenter 2: Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padova (*giuseppe.giordan@unipd.it*)

Title: Religious Minorities and Rights: A Case Study on Buddhism in Italy

Presenter 3: Brian Conway, Maynooth University (*Brian.Conway@mu.ie*)

Title: Sexual abuse and the Catholic Church: Insights from Three European Catholic Countries

Presenter 4: Olga Breskaya, University of Padova (*olga.breskaya@unipd.it*)

Title: Social Perceptions of Religious Freedom among Youth in Poland and Italy

**Session I-2: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Global East Survey of Religion and Spirituality: New Measures and Preliminary Findings**

**Organizer:** Fenggang Yang, Purdue University (*fyang@purdue.edu*)

**Convener:** Richie Li, Purdue University (*li4985@purdue.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University (*fyang@purdue.edu*)

Title: Developing New Measures of Religiosity in the Global East: Some Reflections on the Long Process from Pre-Test to Data Collection

Presenter 2: Francis Jae-ryong Song, Kyung Hee University (*jsong@khu.ac.kr*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: The Recent Religious Landscape in South Korea: Evidence from the Global East Survey of Religion and Spirituality

Presenter 3: Yoshihide Sakurai, Hokkaido University (*saku@let.hokudai.ac.jp*)

Co- Authors: Koki Shimizu, Hokkaido University, (*kokishimizu@let.hokudai.ac.jp*)

Title: Religious Consciousness, Attitude, and belonging among non-religious Japanese

Presenter 4: Ke-Hsien Huang, National Taiwan University (*huangk@ntu.edu.tw*)

Co-Authors: Kuo-Hsien Su, National Taiwan University, (*khsu@ntu.edu.tw*)

Title: Religious belonging, belief and practices in an inclusive, multi-faith context: The cases of Taiwan

**Session I-3: 1:15-2:45**

Session Title: Nones: Growth, Change, and Enhanced Understandings

**Organizer/Convener:** Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa (*ryantcragun@gmail.com*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Gregory Smith, Pew Research (*GSmith@pewresearch.org*)

Title: An update on religious 'nones' in the U.S.

Presenter 2: Peter Beyer, University of Ottawa (*pbeyer@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Nonreligion and Migration: Results from a Multinational NCF Survey

Presenter 3: Alastair Hay, Hay Research (*ahay@hayresearch.com*)

Title: A 'Worldviews Framework': A Gateway to a Better Understanding of Religious 'Nones' in Canada?

Presenter 4: Ryan Cragun, University of Tampa (*rcragun@ut.edu*)

Title: Estimating Membership and Participation in Organized Secular Groups in Eight Countries

**Session I-4: 1:15-2:45**

Session Title: Religion, Gender, and Sexualities II

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Hasna Saliha Coskun, University of Pennsylvania (*hsalihacoskun@gmail.com*)

Co-Authors: Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania (*mwilde@sas.upenn.edu*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: "She is rather ignorant." Immigration, Race, and Women's Suffrage Among American Religious Groups, Circa 1920

Presenter 2: Maciej Potz, University of Lodz, Poland (*maciej.potz@uni.lodz.pl*)

Title: Cloistered agency: the empowering political cultures of female monasticism

Presenter 3: Laura Jagelková, Jan Stanislav Institute of Slavistics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (*belicajova3@uniba.sk*)

Title: Lived Religion in Slavic Countries: The Symbolism of the Tree

Presenter 4: Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (*yariel@email.unc.edu*)

Title: Shifting Intersectionality? The Social, Cultural, Literary, and Spiritual agendas of Two Beat Writers

**Session I-5: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Cultural Practices and Perceptions across Catholicism**

**Organizer/Convener:** Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego (*lsharma@ucsd.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Richard Wood, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at USC (*woodrich@usc.edu*)

Title: Listening Practices for a Synodal Catholicism

Presenter 2: Kenneth Amadi, University of Notre Dame (*kamadi@nd.edu*)

Title: Performing Dependency and Survival: Thanksgiving and Ritual Development in the Nigerian Catholic Culture

Presenter 3: Megan Fitz, University of Notre Dame (*fitzge8@nd.edu*)

Catholic Priests' Perceptions of Social Support from their Bishops, Religious Superiors, and Fellow Priests

Presenter 4: Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego (*lsharma@ucsd.edu*)

Co-Authors: Tricia C. Bruce, University of Notre Dame, (*tbruce@nd.edu*)

Title: Catholic Priests' Perceptions of Homosexuality: Findings from the National Study of Catholic Priests

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Session I-6: 1:15-2:45**

**Session Title: Digital Religion**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Shane Dussault Ovidia, McGill University (*sjovadia@gmail.com*)

Title: A Troll Religion: From Humor to Gnostic Neo-Nazism

Presenter 2: Frenika Rivers, American University (*fm4940a@american.edu*)

Co-Authors: Ernesto Castaneda, American University (*ernesto@american.edu*)

Title: Societal Views of Artificial Intelligence as a Deity

Presenter 3: Di Di, Santa Clara University (*ddi@scu.edu*)

Co-Authors: Esther Chan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (*chane@uwm.edu*)

Title: Faith in Influence: Exploring the Experiences of Religious Influencers

Presenter 4: Alyssa Calder Hulme, University of Chicago (*alyssa.hulme@gmail.com*)

Title: Religion and Gendered Organizational Structures in the New Economy: Sexism in Silicon Slopes

**AUGUST 11, 2024**

**SESSIONS J:-3:00-4:30pm**

**Session J-1: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Education, religion and non religion in Brazil and Canada. How diversity is reframing public education**

**Organizer:** Guilherme Borges, Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning (*guibfcosta@gmail.com*)

**Convener:** Lori G. Beaman, University of Ottawa (*lbeaman@uottawa.ca*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Paula Montero, University of São Paulo (*pmontero@usp.br*)

Title: Religious Education Throughout Brazil's Legal History

Presenter 2: Guilherme Borges, Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning (*guibfcosta@gmail.com*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Religious Education in Brazil: Exploring Teacher Training

Presenter 3: Solange Lefebvre, University of Montreal (*solange.lefebvre@umontreal.ca*)

Title: Education, diversity and religions in Quebec and Ontario

**Session J-2: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations: Vitality, Racial Reckoning, and Change**

**Organizer/Convener:** Allison Norton, Hartford Institute for Religion Research  
(*anorton@hartfordinternational.edu*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Scott Thumma, Hartford Institute for Religion Research  
(*sthumma@hartfordinternational.edu*)

Co-Authors: Charissa Mikoski, Hartford Institute for Religion Research,  
(*cmikoski@hartfordinternational.edu*)

Title: Post-Pandemic Peril: Tracing the impact of COVID-19 on America's congregational vitality

Presenter 2: Amidu Elabo, Hartford Institute for Religion Research  
(*aelabo@hartfordinternational.edu*)

Co-Authors: Charissa Mikoski, Hartford Institute for Religion Research,  
(*cmikoski@hartfordinternational.edu*)

Title: Mental Health and Identity Congregational Vitality During and After the Covid-19 Pandemic

Presenter 3: Daniel Cueto-Villalobos, University of Minnesota (*cueto006@umn.edu*)

Co- Authors: C. Brittany Watts, Hartford Institute for Religion Research  
(*brwatts@hartfordinternational.edu*)

Title: BIPOC churches and the 2020 racial reckoning: Evidence from Black, Latinx, Asian-American, and Multiracial congregations

Presenter 4: Allison Norton, Hartford Institute for Religion Research  
(*anorton@hartfordinternational.edu*)

Title: Lessons from the Research Journey: Mid-point Insights From Conducting a Large Scale Study of Congregations



ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Session J-3: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Religion, Protest and Social Movements**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Joseph Yi, Hanyang (*joyichicago@yahoo.com*)

Title: Promoting Liberty of North Koreans: Four (Christian) Approaches

Presenter 2: Bilal Shakir, McGill University (*bilal.shakir@mail.mcgill.ca*)

Title: Street Power and Organization: Islamist Political Parties & Street Protests in Pakistan (1947-2023)

Presenter 3: Kristina Micu, Rutgers University (*Kristina.Micu@rutgers.edu*)

Title: What's Faith Got to Do With it? The Evangelical Church Planting Movement in the Philippines and the United States

**Session J-4: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Religion, Race and Inequalities**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Jiayin Hu, Purdue University (*hu148@purdue.edu*)

Co-Authors: Bing Han, Purdue University (*han644@purdue.edu*)

Title: Unraveling the Complex Tapestry of Leadership Preferences Beyond White Privilege in Multiracial Churches: An Experimental Exploration

Presenter 2: Andrea Garcia-Borbón, UC San Diego (*afg003@ucsd.edu*)

Title: A Study of Megachurches and Diversity

Presenter 3: Steven Jefferson, Fordham University (*sjefferson7@fordham.edu*)

Co-Authors: Steven Laureano, Fordham University

Title: Does God See Color? Black Americans' Views on Racial and Religious Identity

Presenter 4: Morgan Hanna-Ghattas, University of Pennsylvania (*morganhg@sas.upenn.edu*)

Title: "Somewhere in the Middle:" Racial Identification for Coptic Individuals in the US

Presenter 5: Shirley Lung, University of Denver (*shirley.lung@du.edu*)

Title: Taiwanese American Churches and Navigating the Religious Marketplace

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

**Session J-5: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Religion in Business and Entrepreneurship**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University (*bstarks3@kennesaw.edu*)

Co-Authors: Brad Fulton, Indiana University (*fulton@indiana.edu*)

David King, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy  
(*kingdp@iupui.edu*)

Title: The Impact of Stewardship, Tithing and Other Practices on Congregational Budgets

Presenter 2: Fauzia Ahmed, Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University Ohio

(*ahmedfe@miamioh.edu*)

Title: Business Entrepreneurs as Religious Entrepreneurs: Islam, Gender, and Microcredit in Bangladesh

Presenter 3: Neethu Parvathy, Simon Fraser University (*neethu\_parvathy@sfu.ca*)

Co-Authors: Kozhikode Rajiv, Simon Fraser University (*rajiv\_kozhikode@sfu.ca*)

Rekha Krishnan, Simon Fraser University (*rekha\_krishnan@sfu.ca*)

Title: From Rituals to Gold Rush: The Curious Case of Conspicuous Consumption for Daughters in an Indian Tribal Settlement

Presenter 4: Ryan Calder, Johns Hopkins University (*rcalder@jhu.edu*)

Title: Cow vigilantes in India, no Muslims in Brazil: How religion, social difference, and capital intersect to overcome obstacles in the global halal beef market

**Session J-6: 3:00-4:30**

**Session Title: Changing Catholicism**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Sarah L MacMillen, Duquesne University (*macmillens@duq.edu*)

Title: Social Research on Responses to Pope Francis' *Ad Theologiam Promovendam*

Presenter 2: Wojciech Sadlon, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (*w.sadlon@uksw.edu.pl*)

Co-Authors: Marcin Jewdokimow, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University  
(*m.jewdokimow@uksw.edu.pl*)

Marco Castagnetto, University of Turin (*marco.castagnetto@gmail.com*)

Stefania Palmisano, University of Turin, (*stefania.palmisano@unito.it*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Is Catholic Personalism Going Green? Incorporating Ecological Discourse into Polish and Italian Catholic Discourse

Presenter 3: Ulf Borelius, Department of Social Work, University of Gothenburg (Sweden)  
([ulf.borelius@socwork.gu.se](mailto:ulf.borelius@socwork.gu.se))

Title: Liberation Theology and the Latin American Episcopal Conference in Medellín, 1968

Presenter 4: Élisabeth Sirois, University of Ottawa ([esiro029@uottawa.ca](mailto:esiro029@uottawa.ca))

Title: Catholicly irreligious ? Understanding how and why Québécois reject religion from an historical-religious analysis

Presenter 5: Michal Mraczek, Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław  
([michal.mraczek@pwt.wroc.pl](mailto:michal.mraczek@pwt.wroc.pl))

Title: Is Poland a Catholic country? The transformation of religiousness in Poland and its impact on moral and social attitudes

**AUGUST 11, 2024**

**SESSIONS K: 4:45-6:15pm**

**Session K-1: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Cult Controversies: The Social Construction of Alternative Patterns of Childrearing and Family in NRMs as "Social Problems"**

**Organizer/Convener:** Susan Palmer, McGill University ([susan.palmer@mcgill.ca](mailto:susan.palmer@mcgill.ca))

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Susan Palmer, McGill University ([susan.palmer@mcgill.ca](mailto:susan.palmer@mcgill.ca))

Title: Children in NRMs: The State of the Research Field and the Social Construction of a New "Cult" Problem

Presenter 2: Adam Lyons, Université de Montréal ([adam.lyons@umontreal.ca](mailto:adam.lyons@umontreal.ca))

Co-Authors:

Title: Popular Opposition to the Social Reintegration of Aum Shinrikyō's Children: A Case of Nimbyism.

Presenter 3: Marzia Altono, Université de Montréal ([altono.marzia@gmail.com](mailto:altono.marzia@gmail.com))

Co- Authors:

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: Succession Disputes in Minority Religions in the Age of YouTube: an Analysis of Media Representations of Kōfuku no Kagaku and the Unification Church.

**Session K-2: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Nature and nonreligion: gardening and trekking as ethical and political practice**

**Organizer/Convener:** Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania (*Douglas.Ezzy@utas.edu.au*)

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania (*Douglas.Ezzy@utas.edu.au*)

Co-Authors: Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa (*lbeaman@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Respecting nature as 'other': nonreligious gardeners and trekkers

Presenter 2: Lauren Strumos, University of Ottawa (*lstrumos@uottawa.ca*)

Co-Authors: Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa (*lbeaman@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Everyday awe and wonder in human–nature relations

Presenter 3: Iriana Sartor, (*iriana.sartor@gmail.com*)

Co- Authors: Giovanna Paccillo, University of Campinas (*paccillo98@gmail.com*)

Title: Not just gardening: Politics and Nonreligion in Community Gardens of Brazil and Argentina

**Session K-3: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Theorizing in Religion**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Andrew McKinnon, University of Aberdeen (*andrew.mckinnon@abdn.ac.uk*)

Title: Metaphors of gods and figures of authority: Shailer Mathews theory of the coevolution of religion and state

Presenter 2: Mark Gould, Haverford College (*mgould@haverford.edu*)

Title: Natural Law, Human Fallibility, and the Transcendence of God: Religious Commitments in Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and the Genesis of Democracy

Presenter 3: James Spickard, University of Redlands (*jim\_spickard@redlands.edu*)

Title: The Religion of Human Rights: Epistemology and Beyond

Presenter 4: Gilad Cohen Kovacs, PhD candidate, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (*gilad.cohen1@mail.huji.ac.il*)

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Title: The Relative Autonomy of Religious Law: Toward a Theory of its Dynamic Role as a Structural Factor in Religious Change

Presenter 5: Jean-Pierre Reed, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (*reedjp@siu.edu*)

Title: Liberation Theology as Critical Theory

**Session K-4: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Religion and the Environment**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Lauren Strumos, University of Ottawa (*lstru054@uottawa.ca*)

Title: Climate justice at the intersection of religion and science

Presenter 2: Beth Quick, Drew Theological School (*bquick@drew.edu*)

Title: Anthropocentrism in the Eco-Justice Movement: Non-Human Animals and Mainline Protestant Churches

Presenter 3: Julius Malin, University of Basel (*julius.malin@unibas.ch*)

Title: Religious Agriculture Initiatives and Food Sustainability: The Case and Challenges of Hungry World Farm

Presenter 4: Lynn Hempel, Colorado State University (*lynn.hempel@colostate.edu*)

Title: Environmental Stewardship and Causal Beliefs among White U.S. Christians

**Session K-5: 4:45-6:15**

**Session Title: Religion, Rituals and the Body**

**Convener:**

**Presenters:**

Presenter 1: Abby Day, Goldsmiths, University of London (*abby.day@gold.ac.uk*)

Title: Baring Bodies, Baring Souls: Health and Beauty Professionals as Secular Priests

Presenter 2: Chao Wang, Shaanxi Normal University (*wangchao@snnu.edu.cn*)

Title: The Muslim's funeral during COVID-19-----How did the pandemic change the religious rituals and customs?

Presenter 3: Toomas Gross, University of Helsinki (*toomas.gross@helsinki.fi*)

Title: Gendering, body, and self-transcendence at multi-day spiritual festivals in Estonia

ASR 2024 Preliminary Program

Presenter 4: Laura Upenieks, Baylor University (*laura\_upenieks@baylor.edu*)

Co-Authors: Joanne Ford-Robertson, University of Texas at San Antonio  
(*joanne.fordrobertson@utsa.edu*)

Chris Knoester, Ohio State University

Title: Religiosity and U.S. Adult Support for Youth Tackle Football: Risk Aversion or  
Playing for the Glory of God?

**6:30-8:00:** ASR Presidential Address, Grace Yukich

**8:00-9:30:** Joint ASR Presidential and ASA Religion Section Reception

**AUGUST 12, 2024**

**8:00-10:00:** ASR Executive Council Meeting