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THEME:

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.

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 85th annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion! The ASR brings together people from a diversity of intellectual and personal backgrounds, creating opportunities for exciting connections and transformative dialogues. The conference is a chance for learning and growing, to be sure—but it is also a wonderful gathering of a community of colleagues and friends. If you are attending the meeting for the first time, let me be the first to extend you a warm welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and learning from your contributions to our community. I encourage you to attend the general business meeting and the receptions in addition to sessions—these are great places to meet people. We are a friendly bunch and excited to meet you, so please introduce yourself. To returning attendees and long-time members, welcome back! I encourage you to talk with at least one person you don't know and find out where your interests converge.



This year's conference provides many opportunities for engagement, including themed sessions, special lectures, three themed symposia, professional development opportunities, our specialized bookstore, and a large joint reception with the ASA Religion Section. This year's Furfey Lecturer is Geneviève Zubrzycki (Univ. of Michigan), who will share her research as one of the world's top political and cultural sociologists. Her talk on Saturday evening (8/10) is titled, "Religious Nationalism in the 21st Century," a theme with great moral urgency in today's global political climate. On Saturday evening (8/11), please join me as I give a presidential address drawing on my research and designed to stimulate conversations about the future direction of the subfield and the association, titled, "Queering the Sociology of Religion: The Role of the Margins in Visioning the Future of the Subfield."

Montreal provides an exciting backdrop to this year's meeting. Its history as a place with a long indigenous history, including of indigenous religions, immediately brings to mind this year's theme of "Religion and Intersectionality" and the importance of adopting an intersectional approach to understanding religion. With that goal in mind, we acknowledge that our work in Montreal takes place on unceded indigenous lands. Montreal is known as a gathering place for many First Nations, and we recognize and respect the Kanien'kehà:ka as custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. Please consider joining me in taking a step to contribute to the work local indigenous communities are doing to strengthen the well-being of indigenous peoples in Montreal by donating to the Montreal Indigenous Community Network, an umbrella organization that connects and supports indigenous-serving organizations in the local community. At the bottom of this page is a QR code to make it easy for you!

A very special thanks to our Program Co-Chairs, Andrea Henderson-Platt (Univ. of South Carolina) and Aida Ramos (John Brown Univ.), and to our Executive Officer, Rachel Kraus (Ball State Univ.), for their outstanding work in preparing an exciting program for our meeting. Please take time to thank them personally. On behalf of Andrea, Aida, Rachel, and the ASR Council, we are grateful for your participation in this year's conference. It has been a great honor to serve as president this year, and I look forward to connecting with as many of you as possible at this year's meeting.

Grace Yukich
Professor of Sociology, Quinnipiac Univ.
President, ASR



WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Welcome, everyone, to the 85th Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting in Montreal. Montreal is a city known for its vibrant and diverse cultural landscape, and its religious life also reflects this richness. We hope you enjoy all the conference and city has to offer!

It's been a great pleasure working alongside ASR President Grace Yukich and Executive Officer Rachel Kraus as we have prepared for this conference.

Our theme this year explores the significance of religion and intersectionality. Religion often shapes our identities, values, and communities, providing both a sense of belonging and a framework for understanding the world. Meanwhile, intersectionality helps us appreciate how various aspects of our identities—such as race, gender, socioeconomic status, and more—interact with our religious experiences and perspectives. These realities are reflected in our symposiums on “Multidisciplinary Scholars on Race and Religion” and “What Can the Global South Teach Us about Religion and Intersectionality?” and many more wonderful sessions.

Recognizing the importance of both religion and intersectionality allows us to engage more deeply with the diverse ways people experience and express their faith. It encourages us to consider how religious beliefs intersect with other facets of identity, influencing and shaping our lives in complex ways. By doing so, we foster a more inclusive and empathetic understanding of each other's journeys and challenges.

Thank you for joining us in this exploration. May our discussions be enlightening and enriching as we navigate these profound dimensions of the human experience together.



Andrea Henderson, Univ. of South Carolina
Aida Ramos, John Brown Univ.
2024 Program Co-Chairs, ASR

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9	
4:00–8:00 PM	ASR Executive Council Meeting Room: Anderson 1–2, 2nd Floor
7:00–9:00 PM	Registration Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:00–10:00 PM	Opening Reception Location: Terrace, 20th Floor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10	
8:00 AM–5:00 PM	Registration Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:00 AM–5:00 PM	ASR Book Exhibit Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:30 AM–6:15 PM	Symposium on Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion (Sessions A1, B1, C1, D1, E1) Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor
8:30 AM–6:15 PM	Symposium on Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic (Sessions A2, B2, C2, D2) Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor
8:30–10:00 AM	Session A (page 7)
10:15 AM–4:30 PM	Symposium on What Can the Global South Teach Us about Religion and Intersectionality? (Sessions B3, C3, D3) Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor
10:15–11:45 AM	Session B (page 8)
NOON–1:00 PM	ASR General Business Meeting (Open to everyone) Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor
1:15–2:45 PM	Session C (page 8)
3:00–4:30 PM	Session D (page 10)
4:45–6:15 PM	Session E (page 11)
6:30–8:00 PM	Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture <i>Religious Nationalism in the Twenty-first Century</i> Geneviève Zubrzycki, University of Michigan Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11	
8:00 AM–2:00 PM	Registration Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:00 AM–2:00 PM	ASR Book Exhibit Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
8:30–10:00 AM	Symposium on Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic (Session F1) Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor
8:30–10:00 AM	Session F (page 13)
10:15–11:45 AM	Session G (page 14)
NOON–1:00 PM	Joint ASA Religion Section and ASR Mentoring Session Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor
1:15–2:45 PM	Symposium on What Can the Global South Teach Us about Religion and Intersectionality? (Session H6) Room: Bleury, 2nd 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 Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
4:45–6:15 PM	Session J (page 17)
4:00–5:00 PM	Closeout Book Sale Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor
6:30–8:00 PM	ASR Presidential Address <i>Queering the Sociology of Religion: The Role of the Margins in Visioning the Future of the Subfield</i> Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac University Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor
8:00–10:00 PM	ASR Presidential Reception Location: Terrace, 20th Floor

MONDAY, AUGUST 12	
8:00–10:00 AM	ASR Executive Council Meeting 2025 ASR President, Tricia Bruce, Presiding Room: Anderson 1–2, 2nd Floor

HELPFUL TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE CONFERENCE

- Bleury and the Anderson rooms are on the 2nd Floor; the Monville rooms and Terrace are on the 20th Floor.
- Each paper presentation is scheduled for 15–18 minutes, unless there are 5 presentations, please aim for 12–15 minutes. Followed by a 15–20 minute Q&A moderated by the convener.
- Please ensure that you **have your presentation saved on your device or USB** and arrive 10–15 minutes early to your assigned session. The session convener will be responsible for timekeeping and ensuring that the schedule is followed. The convener should introduce the session. If there is no convener scheduled for the session have the last presenter act as the convener.
- If using your own laptop, **restart** it the morning of your presentation and limit the number of open applications to avoid potential technical issues.
- **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.
- **The hotel has a strict no outside food or beverage in the meeting space policy.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**FRIDAY, 4:00–8:00 PM
ASR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

Room: Anderson 1–2, 2nd Floor

**FRIDAY, 7:00–9:00 PM
REGISTRATION**

Location: Foyer, 2nd Floor

**FRIDAY, 8:00–10:00 PM
OPENING RECEPTION**

Location: Terrace, 20th Floor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**SATURDAY, 8:30–10:00 AM
SESSION A****A1: Religion and Race in Historical Perspective**

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor

Symposium: Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion
Organizer/Convener: Kerby Goff, Rice Univ.**"Who has God's word on integration?": Religious Framings
of White Supremacy, 1955-1984**

Kayla Kemp, Pennsylvania State Univ.

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

Kate Gaddini, Stanford Univ.

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

Gerard Jameson, Temple Univ.

**A2: RECOV-19 International Project: The Changing Role
of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19.
National results**

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor

Symposium: Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic
Organizer: Solange Lefebvre, Univ. of Montreal
Convener: Roberta Ricucci, Univ. of Turin**RECOV-19: Benefits and challenges of a country comparative
research project**Gladys Ganiel, Queen's Univ. Belfast; Solange Lefebvre,
Univ. of Montreal; Kerstin Radde-Antweiler,
Univ. of Bremen**A Tale of Two Lockdowns: Experiences of the Pandemic in
the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland**Caoimhe Ní Dhónaill, Queen's Univ. Belfast; Solange
Lefebvre, Univ. of Montreal; Kerstin Radde-Antweiler,
Univ. of Bremen**Religion and State in Times of Crisis. Religious
Organizations and their Claim for Significance in
Germany during the Covid-19 Pandemic**

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, Univ. of Bremen

A3: Beliefs and Lifestances of the Nonreligious

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor

Organizer/Convener: Ryan T. Cragun, Univ. of Tampa

Distinct Nonreligious Views on the EnvironmentSarah Wilkins-Laflamme, Univ. of Waterloo; Lauren
Strumos, Univ. of Ottawa**"I love the nature and I am ready to act"—Non religion,
religion and nature activism**

Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Univ. of Finland

**Fuzzy classifications: (non-)religious identifications,
practices and beliefs in Argentina**Hugo H. Rabbia, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba;
Juan Marco Vaggione, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba**A Disparity in Soul and Afterlife Beliefs: Exploring Cultural
Perspectives and Predictors in Nordic Countries**Dani Guadette, Univ. of Tampa; Ryan T. Cragun,
Univ. of Tampa**A4: Negotiating and Performing Religious Authority
in Cyber-Space**

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor

Organizer: Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Convener: Oren Golan, Univ. of Haifa**Bots in the Church: Religious Authority, Automation &
Human Communication**

Pauline Cheong, Arizona State Univ.

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

Jan S. Danko, Univ. of Zurich

Anonymity and Digital Religious AuthorityAvi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Ghufraan Khir
Allah, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Rosa Martínez-
Cuadros, Universitat de Barcelona**A5: Religion, Schools, and Education**

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor

Convener: Janine Trevisan, IFRS BG

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

Eyyüp YILMAZ, Loyola Univ. Chicago

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

Tessa Huttenlocher, Univ. of Pennsylvania

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

Anna Strhan, Univ. of York; Joanna Malone, Univ. of York;
Peter Hemming, Univ. of Surrey; Sarah Neal, Univ.
of Sheffield

Teaching Religious (Non)Diversity in Brazil

Guilherme Borges, Brazilian Center for Analysis
and Planning

A6: Author Meets Critics – Asian Pacific Catholicism and Globalization: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Rhys Williams, Loyola Univ. Chicago

Author: José Casanova, Georgetown Univ.

Critics: Patrick Gilger, Loyola Univ. Chicago; Leda Nedilsky,
North Park Univ.; Fenggang Yang, Purdue Univ.

SATURDAY, 10:15–11:45 AM SESSION B

B1: Racing the Secular

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor

Symposium: Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion

Organizer/Convener: Esther Chan, Univ. of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee

How Atheist Social Media Influencers Explain the Racial Imbalance in Atheism

Esther Chan, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Di Di, Santa
Clara Univ.

Race, Religious Nones, and Religious Service Attendance

Victoria Isaac, Univ. of Illinois Chicago; Di Di, Santa
Clara Univ.

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

Anne Taylor, Yale Univ.

B2: RECOV-19 International Project: The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19. National and comparative results

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor

Symposium: Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Organizer: Solange Lefebvre, Univ. of Montreal

Convener: Christophe Monnot, Univ. of Strasbourg

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

Mathieu Colin, Univ. of Montreal

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

Victor Khroul, Univ. of Bremen

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

Gladys Ganiel, Queen's Univ. Belfast

B3: Conceptualizing Religion and Intersectionality from a Global South Perspective

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor

Symposium: What Can the Global South Teach Us about
Religion and Intersectionality?

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

Convener: Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

Discussant: James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

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

Leon Moosavi, Univ. of Liverpool

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

Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo Univ.

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

Themba Shingange, Univ. of South Africa

B4: Secularizing Religion

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor

Convener: Patrick Gilger, S.J., Loyola Univ. Chicago

Religious Disaffiliation in Latin America: Generational Shifts and Global Diffusion

Matthew Blanton, Univ. of Texas at Austin

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

Galen Watts, Univ. of Waterloo; Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme,
Univ. of Waterloo

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

Louisa Roberts, Univ. of South Dakota

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

Tess Starman, Howard Univ.

B5: Religion, Politics and Christian Nationalism

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor

Convener: Gary J. Adler, Jr., Pennsylvania State Univ.

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

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

Christian Nationalism, Moral Culture and Women's Rights

Mary Jo Neitz, Univ. of Missouri

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

Darci Schmidgall, Univ. of Oklahoma; Popy Begum, Saint
Louis Univ.; Christopher Seto, Purdue Univ.; Samuel Perry,
Univ. of Oklahoma

B6: Making and Defining Religion

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor
 Convener: Arvin D. Eballo, Univ. of Santo Tomas

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

Richard Pitt, UC San Diego; Samuel Smith, UC San Diego;
 Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego; Daniel Belback, UC San Diego

Defining Spirituality in Coaching

Veronique Pioch-Eberhart, Université de Strasbourg, France

“Jesus is my friend”: How American Evangelicals Construct Ethical Selves Through Relationships

Jian Su, Purdue Univ.

“Faith it ‘till you Make it”: Spiritual Hustling among Zimbabwean Pentecostal Youth

Josiah Taru, Great Zimbabwe Univ.; Fraser McNeill, Univ. of Pretoria

**SATURDAY, 12:00–1:00 PM
 ASR GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor

**SATURDAY, 1:15–2:45 PM
 SESSION C**

C1: Race, Religion, and Politics

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor
 Symposium: Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion
 Organizer/Convener: Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.

**“I’m not Republican or Democrat. I’m not interested:”
 The Politics of Being Apolitical Among Chinese American Evangelicals after 2020**

Bianca Mabute-Louie, Rice Univ.

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

Roger Baumann, Hope College

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

Risa Comer, Purdue Univ.

The Other Special Relationship: White and Asian Christians’ Racial Attitudes

Glenn Bracey, Villanova Univ.

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

Jerry Park, Baylor Univ.

C2: RECOV-19 International Project: The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19.

Comparative results

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor
 Symposium: Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic
 Organizer: Solange Lefebvre, Univ. of Montreal
 Convener: Chris Miller, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, Univ. of Bremen

“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.

Marta Kołodziejaska, Univ. of Warsaw

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

Solange Lefebvre, Univ. of Montreal

C3: Decolonizing Religion, Race, and Mental health

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

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

Mulalo Sadiki, Nelson Mandela Univ.

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

David Elliott, Univ. of Kwa-Zulu Natal

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

Nombulelo Tholithemba Shange, Univ. of Free State;
 Ntando Sindane, Univ. of Western Cape

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

Jolel Miah, Univ. of Sunderland

What can the Global South Teach Us about Religion and intersectionality?” Exploring a Decolonial Option with Syed Farid al-Attas and Karl Gaspar

Hadje Cresencio Sadjé, Univ. of Vienna

C4: Religion in Place

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor
 Convener: Christophe Monnot, Univ. of Strasbourg

Neighborhood Context, Religious Struggles, and Depressive Symptoms

Terrence Hill, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; Pui Yin Cheung, Univ. of Hong Kong; David Curtis, Univ. of Utah; Yehua D. Wei, Univ. of Utah; Laura Upenieks, Baylor Univ.; Ming Wen, Univ. of Hong Kong

New evangelical churches and urbanity: transformation dynamics

Benjamin Gagné, Université de Montréal

Religion and Loneliness During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Nhan Nguyen, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; Christopher Ellison, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; Terrence Hill, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio

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

Jacob Legault-Leclair, Univ. of Waterloo; Nicolas Mougeot, Université d'Ottawa

C5: Religion Across the Life Course

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor
 Convener: Andrew Chalfoun, UCLA

The good life: Exploring children's moral worlds

Rachael Shillitoe, Univ. of Birmingham

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

Jesse M. Smith, Western Michigan Univ.; Fiona Dougherty, Western Michigan Univ.

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

Erin Johnston, Duke Univ.; Kathleen Sellers, Duke Univ.; Kelsey Mischke, NC State

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

Richard Pitt, UC San Diego; Elizabeth Miller, UCSD; Maya Machado, UCSD; Francis Galang, UCSD

C6: Author Meets Critics – *Queer Judaism: LGBT Activism and the Remaking of Jewish Orthodoxy in Israel*

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor
 Organizer/Convener: Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan Univ.
 Author: Orit Avishai, Fordham Univ.
 Critics: Kelsy Burke, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln; Todd Fuist, Illinois Wesleyan Univ.; Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State Univ.; Dawne Moon, Marquette Univ.

**SATURDAY, 3:00–4:30 PM
SESSION D****D1: Race, Religion, Intersectionality, and Epistemology**

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor
 Symposium: Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion
 Organizer/Convener: Shaonta' Allen, Dartmouth College

Race, Place, and Evangelical Christian Views of Scientific Authority

Brenton Kalinowski, Rice Univ.

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

Minjung Noh, Lehigh Univ.

Opposition Within: Resistance to Antiracism Efforts in Antiracist Churches

Kevin Dougherty, Baylor Univ.; Gerardo Marti, Davidson College; Mark Mulder, Calvin Univ.

Black Americans and the White Jesus Phenomenon

Stephanie House-Niamkes, West Virginia Univ.

Collective Identity & Standpoint Epistemology among Black Christian Millennials

Shaonta' Allen, Dartmouth College

D2: Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Comparative researches

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 Organizer: Roberta Ricucci, Univ. of Turin
 Convener: Mathieu Colin, Univ. of Montreal

COVID-19 and restrictions on religion

Samirah Majumdar, Pew Research Center

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

Chris Miller, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Roberta Ricucci, Univ. of Turin

D3: Revisiting Religion, Gender, and Migration

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor

Symposium: What Can the Global South Teach Us about Religion and Intersectionality?

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

Convener: James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

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

Telesia Musili, Univ. of Nairobi

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

Felicity Apaah, Univ. of Ghana

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

Ali Masawudu, Univ. of Johannesburg

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

Ruth Amwe, Princeton Theological Seminary

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

Mary Kihuha, Pan Africa Christian Univ.; Stephen Muoki Joshua, Pan Africa Christian Univ.

D4: Religion, Nonreligion and Social Change: What Can Law Tell Us?

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Lori G. Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa

Juridical narratives in same-sex marriage regulations in Brazil

Paula Montero, Univ. of São Paulo

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

Guadalupe Allione Riba, National Univ. of Córdoba

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

Cory Steele, Univ. of Ottawa; Lori G. Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa

D5: Questioning Norms in Sociology of Religion

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor

Stylized Facts Established in the Christian West Do Not Generalize

Landon Schnabel, Cornell Univ.

Epistemic Exclusion: Latinx Religion and its Underrepresentation within Sociology

Manuel Rodriguez, Univ. of Notre Dame

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

Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, Univ. of Leipzig

D6: Religion and Violence

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor

Convener: Minjung Noh, Lehigh University

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

Jolene Chu, World HQ of Jehovah's Witnesses

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

Suzanne Schenewerk, Duke Univ.

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

Elizabeth Johnson, Duke Univ.

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

Carolina Seigler, Princeton Univ.

**SATURDAY, 4:45–6:15 PM
SESSION E****E1: Closing Salon: Storytelling about Race, Religion, and Belonging**

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor

Symposium: Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion

Organizer/Convener: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati

Storytellers/Discussion Leaders: Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine Univ.; Richard Pitt, UC San Diego; Luther Young, Ohio State Univ.

E2: The COVID-19 Pandemic and religion in the US and Switzerland

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor

Symposium: Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Organizer: Roberta Ricucci, Univ. of Turin

Convener: Joseph Yi, Hanyang Univ.

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

Scott L. Thumma, Hartford International Univ.; Allison L. Norton, Hartford International Univ.

The effects of the Covid pandemic and the reaction of congregations in Switzerland

Christophe Monnot, Univ. of Strasbourg

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

Greg Smith, Pew Research Center

E3: Religion and LGBTQ+ Communities

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor
 Convener: Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College

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

Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego; Tom Medvetz, UC San Diego

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

Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Univ. of Eastern Finland

Beyond “reactive culturalism”: How Intergroup contacts impact Orthodox Jews over the issue of homosexuality

Frederic Strack, Université de Sherbrooke

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

Fabio Bolzonaro, Waseda Univ.; Chris Seoyun Choi, Korean Catholic Queer Woman Community; Alpha Omega

‘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

Christopher Chambers, Providence College

E4: Religion, Class, and Inequalities

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor
 Convener: Mary Jo Neitz, Univeristy of Missouri

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

Ke-hsien Huang, National Taiwan Univ.

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

Spencer Paine, UC Merced

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

Alyssa Calder-Hulme, Univ. of Chicago

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

Jamy Rentschler, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln

E5: Religion and Health

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor
 Convener: Bethany Gull, Utah Tech

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

Bethany Gull, Utah Tech Univ.; Ryan T. Cragun, Univ. of Tampa

God’s Plan, God’s Community? Divine Control, Congregational and Spiritual Support, and Life Meaning and Satisfaction

Rachael Murdock, Baylor Univ.; Laura Upenieks, Baylor Univ.

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

Terrence Hill, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; Jessica Pfaffendorf, North Carolina State Univ.; Amy Burdette, Florida State Univ.

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

Colton Daniels, St. Mary's Univ.; Xioahe Xu, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; Eric Shattuck, Florida State Univ.; Thankam Sunil, Univ. of Tennessee Knoxville; Jessica Perrotte, Texas State Univ.

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

Laura Upenieks, Baylor Univ.; Markus Schafer, Baylor Univ.

E6: Religion, Marriage and Families

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor
 Convener: Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Univ. of Finland

Education and Capstone Marriage

Riley Peterson, Baylor Univ.

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

Jauhara Ferguson, Rice Univ.

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

Francesco Cerchiaro, Radboud Univ.

Humanist wedding ceremonies and gender patterns: continuation and change

Agata Rejowska, Jagiellonian Univ.

**SATURDAY, 4:45–6:00 PM
 RACE AND RELIGION RECEPTION**

Location: Terrace, 20th floor

**SATURDAY, 6:30–8:00 PM
 PAUL HANLY FURFEY LECTURE**

Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor

Religious Nationalism in the Twenty-first Century

Geneviève Zubrzycki, University of Michigan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**SUNDAY, 8:30–10:00 AM
SESSION F****F1: Panel Discussion: Innovation in Religion and Spirituality: Conceptualization and Measurement**

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor

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 panelists in this moderated session will draw on diverse streams of research to address such questions of conceptualization and measurement.

Organizer/Convener: Brandon Vaidyanathan, The Catholic Univ. of America

Panelists: Brandon Vaidyanathan, The Catholic Univ. of America; Galen Watts, Univ. of Waterloo; Evan Stewart, Univ. of Massachusetts Boston; Christine Sheikh, Metropolitan State Univ. of Denver; Scott L. Thumma, Hartford International Univ.

F2: The COVID-19 Pandemic and religion in Kenya, the US and South Korea

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor

Symposium: Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Organizer/Convener: Mathieu Colin, Univ. of Montreal

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

Nema C. M. Aluku, Tangaza Univ. College; Redwan Bin Abdul Baten, Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte; Rima A. Afifi, Univ. of Iowa; Beatrice W. Churu, Tangaza Univ. College; William T. Story, Univ. of Iowa

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

Spencer Paine, UC Merced

Pandemic Nationalism and Religious Minorities (Sincheonji) in South Korea

Joseph Yi, Hanyang Univ.

F3: Transforming Notions of Death and Dying

Room: Monville 3, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Chris Miller, Univ. of Ottawa

Discussant: Christel Manning, Sacred Heart Univ.

Nonreligious Afterlife? Emerging Afterlife Imaginaries in Death Cafés

Chris Miller, Univ. of Ottawa; Lori G. Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Hinna Hussain, Univ. of Ottawa; Camille Côté, Univ. of Montreal

Talking About Death: Shifting Language and Emerging Euphemisms in Obituaries

Edmundo Maza, Univ. of Ottawa

F4: Religion and Rights

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Olga Breskaya, Univ. of Padova

Convener: Olga Breskaya, Univ. of Padova

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

Anthony Blasi, Retired, San Antonio

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

Giuseppe Giordan, Univ. of Padova

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

Brian Conway, Maynooth Univ.

Social Perceptions of Religious Freedom among Youth in Poland and Italy

Olga Breskaya, Univ. of Padova

F5: Author Meets Critics – Guiding God's Marriage: Faith and Social Change in Premarital Counseling

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Rhys Williams, Loyola Univ. Chicago

Author: Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan Univ.

Critics: Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College; Sam Perry, Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman; Gary J. Adler, Jr., Pennsylvania State Univ.

F6: Religion, Rituals and the Body

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor

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

Abby Day, Goldsmiths, Univ. of London

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

Chao Wang, Shaanxi Normal Univ.

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

Toomas Gross, Univ. of Helsinki

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

Laura Upenieks, Baylor Univ.; Joanne Ford-Robertson, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; Chris Knoester, Ohio State Univ.

**SUNDAY, 10:15–11:45 AM
SESSION G**

G1: Safe, Seen, and Siloed: The Landscape of Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry in the United States

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor
Organizer/Convener: John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State Univ.

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

John Schmalzbauer,

Unequal Homes: Race and Religion in the Campus Ministry Landscape

Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine Univ.

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

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount Univ.

“They Don’t Love Who I Love”: Allyship and Alignment in College Campus Ministry

Tricia Bruce, Springtide Research Institute

G2: Transformative Work: Ministry, Advocacy and Mentorship

Room: Monville 2, 2nd Floor

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

Spencer Paine, UC Merced

Effectively Measuring Human Flourishing and Christian Mentoring in Challenging International Contexts

Alonso Aravena, Baylor Univ.; Carson Mencken, Baylor Univ.

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

Andrew Chalfoun, UCLA

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

Sabrina Danielsen, Creighton Univ.; Ellie Simmons, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

G3: Exploring Dynamics of Religious Identity and Diversity: Immigration and Multiculturalism

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor
Convener: Matthew Blanton, University of Texas

Almost the same: Becoming Muslim Minority in multiculturalism and secularism

Shantanu Mehra, York Univ.

More tolerance or more prejudice? What is the tendency of intolerant attitudes towards other religious groups in Switzerland?

Christophe Monnot, Univ. of Strasbourg; Boris Wernli, FORS Univ. of Lausanne

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

Binu Varghese, Princeton Theological Seminary

Intersectionality and Religion: Possibilities for African Migrant Women in Iowa

Osamamen Oba Eduviere, The Univ. of Iowa

G4: Religion and Work

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor
Organizer/Convener: Michal Pagis, Bar-Ilan Univ.

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

Evan Stewart, Univ. of Massachusetts Boston; Jaime Kucinskas, Hamilton College

The Upsides and Downsides of Integrating Faith with Work

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice Univ.; Brenton Kalinowski, Rice Univ.

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

Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State Univ.; Gary J. Adler, Jr., Pennsylvania State Univ.; Damon Mayrl, Colby College; Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount Univ.; Eric Plutzer, Pennsylvania State Univ.

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

Michal Pagis, Bar-Ilan Univ.; Orly Tal, Bar-Ilan Univ.

G5: Measuring and Theorizing Religion: Does Social Change Make a Difference?

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor
Organizer/Convener: Lori G. Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Douglas Ezzy, Univ. of Tasmania

Lived Religion: The Metastatic Cancer of the Study of Religion

Ryan T. Cragun, Univ. of Tampa

The Invention of Nonreligion: Addressing the Durkheimian Dilemma

Peter Beyer, Univ. of Ottawa

New Survey Measures of Religiosity, Spirituality, Worldviews and Lifestances

Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, Univ. of Waterloo

G6: Religious Change

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor
Convener: Eyyüp YILMAZ, Loyola Univ. Chicago

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

Wenjun Fan, Wuhan Univ.; Ying Liang, Wuhan Univ.

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

Daniel Miguel, Pomona College; Sölen Sanli Vasquez, Santa Rosa Junior College

Worldview Diversity in Atheist Britain: A Typology of Existential Orientations

Lois Lee, Univ. of Kent; Adam Baimel, Oxford Brookes Univ.

**SUNDAY, 12:00–1:00 PM
ASR/ASA MENTORING SESSION**

Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor

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

Topic: Grant Writing

Panelists: Andrea Henderson-Platt, Univ. of South Carolina; Scott Thumma, Hartford International Univ.

Topic: Preparing for the Non-Academic Job Market

Panelists: Samirah Majumdar, Pew Research Center; Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ.

Topic: Surviving and Thriving on the Research-Focused Job Market

Panelists: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ. of Cincinnati; Evan Stewart, Univ. of Massachusetts Boston

Topic: Surviving and Thriving on the Teaching-Focused Job Market

Panelists: Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan Univ.; Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac Univ.

Topic: Writing and Publishing

Panelists: Terrence Hill, University of Texas at San Antonio; Jerry Park, Baylor Univ.; Richard Pitt, UC San Diego

**SUNDAY, 1:15–2:45 PM
SESSION H**

H1: Global East Survey of Religion and Spirituality: New Measures and Preliminary Findings

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor

Organizer: Fenggang Yang, Purdue Univ.

Convener: Russell M. Jeung, San Francisco State Univ.

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

Fenggang Yang, Purdue Univ.

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

Francis Jae-ryong Song, Kyung Hee Univ.; Hyun Woo Kim, Chungbuk National Univ.; Kwangsuk Yoo, Kyung Hee Univ.

Religious Consciousness, Attitude, and Belonging among non-religious Japanese

Yoshihide Sakurai, Hokkaido Univ.; Koki Shimizu, Hokkaido Univ.

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

Ke-Hsien Huang, National Taiwan Univ.; Kuo-Hsien Su, National Taiwan Univ.

H2: Nones: Growth, Change, and Enhanced Understandings

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor

Organizer/Convener: Ryan T. Cragun, Univ. of Tampa

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

Greg Smith, Pew Research Center

Nonreligion and Migration: Results from a Multinational NCF Survey

Peter Beyer, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Alastair Hay, Hay Research

Estimating Membership and Participation in Organized Secular Groups in Eight

Ryan T. Cragun, Univ. of Tampa

H3: Religion, Gender and Sexualities

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor

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

Erin Johnston, Duke Univ.

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

Popy Begum, Saint Louis Univ.

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

Janine Trevisan, IFRS BG; Aline Selli de almeida, IFRS BG

Gender Gap Inverted?

Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Univ. of Eastern Finland

H4: Digital Religion

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor

Convener: Avi Astor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

A Troll Religion: From Humor to Gnostic Neo-Nazism

Shane Dussault Ovadia, McGill Univ.

Societal Views of Artificial Intelligence as a Deity

Frenika Rivers, American Univ.; Ernesto Castaneda, American Univ.

Faith in Influence: Exploring the Experiences of Religious Influencers

Di Di, Santa Clara Univ.; Esther Chan, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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

Alyssa Calder Hulme, Univ. of Chicago

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

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State Univ.

H5: Cultural Practices and Perceptions across Catholicism

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor
Organizer/Convener: Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego

Listening Practices for a Synodal Catholicism

Richard Wood, Univ. of Southern California

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

Kenneth Amadi, Univ. of Notre Dame

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

Caitlin Fitzgerald, Univ. of Notre Dame

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

Lucas Sharma, UC San Diego; Tricia Bruce, Springtide Research Institute

H6: Book Panel Discussion: Megachurches and the Global South

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor
Symposium: What Can the Global South Teach Us about Religion and Intersectionality?
Organizer/Convener: James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands
Book: *The Routledge Handbook of Megachurches*
Co-editors: Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary; Chad Bauman, Butler Univ.; Jeaney Yip, Univ. of Sydney
Panelists: François Gauthier, Univ. of Fribourg; Gerardo Martí, Davidson College; Scott L. Thumma, Hartford International Univ.; Amos Yong, Fuller Seminary; Rebecca Catto, Kent Univ.

**SUNDAY, 3:00–4:30 PM
SESSION I**

I1: Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations: Vitality, Racial Reckoning, and Change

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor
Organizer/Convener: Allison L. Norton, Hartford International Univ.

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

Scott L. Thumma, Hartford International Univ.; Charissa Mikoski, Hartford International Univ.

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

Amidu Elabo, Hartford International Univ.

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

Daniel Cueto-Villalobos, Univ. of Minnesota; C. Brittany Watts, Hartford International Univ.

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

Allison L. Norton, Hartford International Univ.

I2: Religion, Protest and Social Movements

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor
Convener: Jean-Pierre Reed, Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale

Promoting Liberty of North Koreans: Four (Christian) Approaches

Joseph Yi, Hanyang

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

Bilal Shakir, McGill Univ.

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

Kristina Micu, Rutgers Univ.

From Christian to Nationalist: Transnational Illiberalism, Gender Ideology, and the World Congress of Families

Jeffrey Swindle, Harvard Univ.; Kristopher Velasco, Princeton Univ.

I3: Changing Catholicism

Room: Monville 3, 20th Floor
Convener: Wojciech Sadlon, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Univ.

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

Sarah L MacMillen, Duquesne Univ.

Is Catholic Personalism Going Green?

Incorporating Ecological Discourse into Polish and Italian Catholic Discourse

Wojciech Sadlon, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Univ.; Marcin Jewdokimow, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Univ.; Marco Castagnetto, Univ. of Turin; Stefania Palmisano, Univ. of Turin

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

Ulf Borelius, Univ. of Gothenburg

Catholically irreligious? Understanding how and why Québécois reject religion from an historical-religious analysis

Élisabeth Sirois, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Michał Mraczek, Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław

I4: Education, religion and non religion in Brazil and Canada. How diversity is reframing public education

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor
Organizer: Guilherme Borges, Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning
Convener: Lori G. Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa

Religious Education Throughout Brazil's Legal History

Paula Montero, Univ. of São Paulo

SUNDAY, 4:45–6:15 PM SESSION J

Religious Education in Brazil: Exploring Teacher Training

Guilherme Borges, Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning

Education, diversity and religions in Quebec and Ontario

Solange Lefebvre, Univ. of Montreal

I5: Religion, Race, and Inequalities

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor

Convener: Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

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

Jiayin Hu, Purdue Univ.; Bing Han, Purdue Univ.

A Study of Megachurches and Diversity

Andrea Garcia-Borbón, UC San Diego

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

Steven Jefferson, Fordham Univ.; Steven Laureano, Fordham Univ.

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

Morgan Hanna-Ghattas, Univ. of Pennsylvania

Taiwanese American Churches and Navigating the Religious Marketplace

Shirley Lung, Univ. of Denver

I6: Religion in Business and Entrepreneurship

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor

Convener: Ryan Calder, Johns Hopkins Univ.

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

Brian Starks, Kennesaw State Univ.; Brad Fulton, Indiana Univ.; David King, Indiana Univ.

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

Fauzia Ahmed, Miami Univ. Ohio

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

Neethu Parvathy, Simon Fraser Univ.; Kozhikode Rajiv, Simon Fraser Univ.; Rekha Krishnan, Simon Fraser Univ.

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

Ryan Calder, Johns Hopkins Univ.

J1: Religion and the Environment

Room: Monville 1, 20th Floor

Convener: Julius Malin, Univ. of Basel

Climate justice at the intersection of religion and science

Lauren Strumos, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Beth Quick, Drew Theological School

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

Julius Malin, Univ. of Basel

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

Lynn Hempel, Colorado State Univ.

J2: Exploring Christian-Jewish Relations

Room: Monville 2, 20th Floor

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

George Mazza, The Catholic Univ. of America; Kathryn Burrows, National Coalition of Independent Scholars

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

Asena Karipek, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

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

Megan Hollinger, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Michele Dillon, Univ. of New Hampshire

J3: Religion and Culture

Room: Menville 3

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

Hasna Saliha Coskun, Univ. of Pennsylvania; Melissa Wilde, Univ. of Pennsylvania

Lived Religion in Slavic Countries: The Symbolism of the Tree

Laura Jagelková, Slovak Academy of Sciences

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

Yaakov Ariel, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Britain's First Atheist Age: Sociological Insight and Implications for Public Life

Lois Lee, Univ. of Kent

J4: Cult Controversies: The Social Construction of Alternative Patterns of Childrearing and Family in NRMs as "Social Problems"

Room: Anderson 1, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Susan Palmer, McGill Univ.

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

Susan Palmer, McGill.Univ.

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

Adam Lyons, Université de Montreal

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

Marzia Alteno, Université de Montreal

J5: Theorizing in Religion

Room: Anderson 2, 2nd Floor

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

Mark Gould, Haverford College

The Religion of Human Rights: Epistemology and Beyond

James Spickard, Univ. of Redlands

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

Gilad Cohen Kovacs, Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem

Liberation Theology as Critical Theory

Jean-Pierre Reed, Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale

J6: Nature and nonreligion: gardening and trekking as ethical and political practice

Room: Bleury, 2nd Floor

Organizer/Convener: Douglas Ezzy, Univ. of Tasmania

Respecting nature as 'other': nonreligious gardeners and trekkers

Douglas Ezzy, Univ. of Tasmania; Lori G. Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa

Everyday awe and wonder in human–nature relations

Lauren Strumos, Univ. of Ottawa; Hallie Robinson, Univ. of Ottawa

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

Iriana Sartor, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba;
Giovanna Paccillo, Univ. of Campinas

**SUNDAY, 6:30–8:00 PM
ASR PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

Room: Monville 1–2–3, 20th Floor

Queering the Sociology of Religion: The Role of the Margins in Visioning the Future of the Subfield

Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac University

**SUNDAY, 8:00–10:00 PM
JOINT ASR PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION
AND ASA RELIGION SECTION RECEPTION**

Location: Terrace, 20th floor

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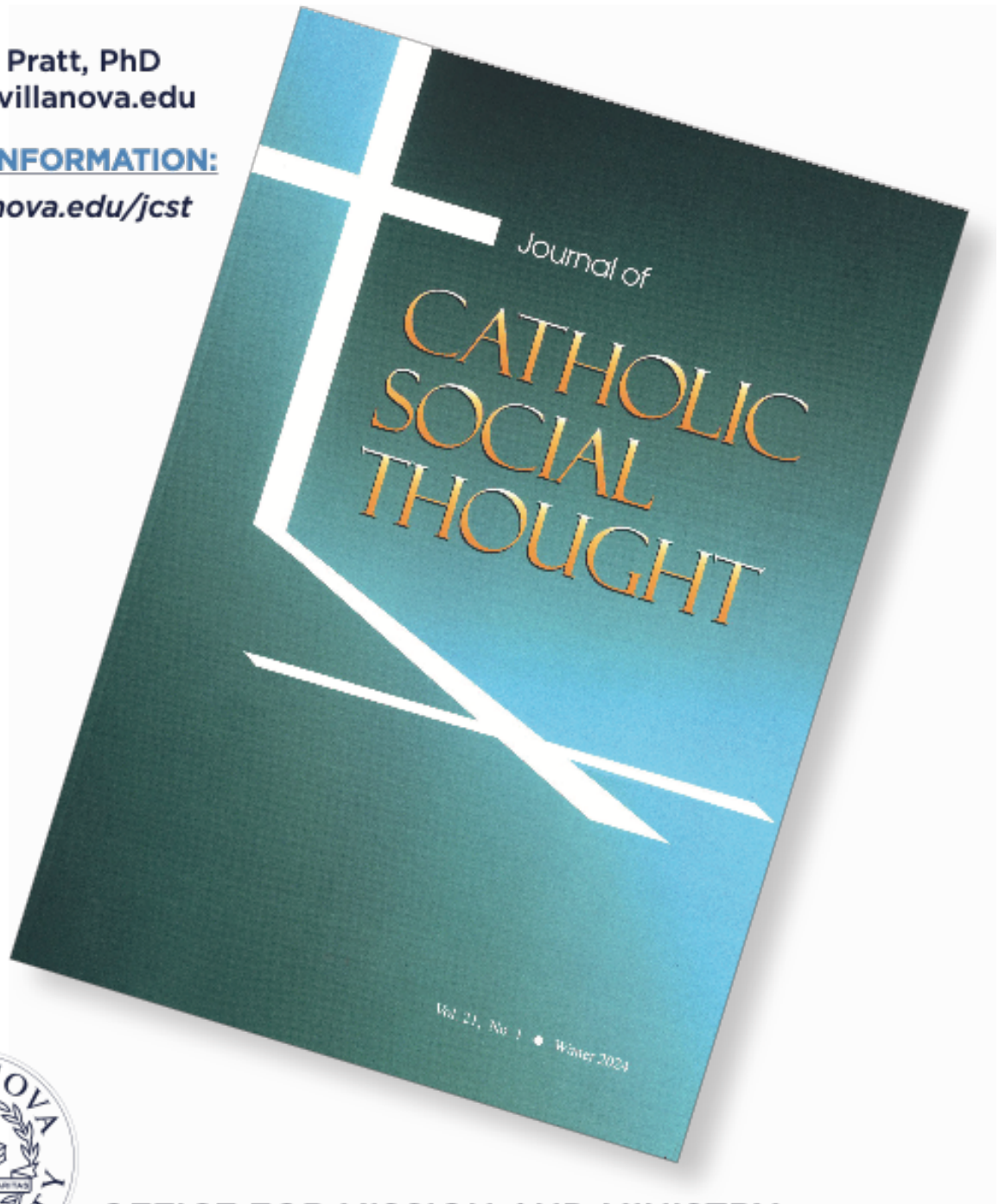
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The Association for the Sociology of Religion is pleased to announce a call for papers for its upcoming annual conference, August 9-11, 2025, in Chicago, Illinois, USA, with a theme of “Religion and Resilience.”

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