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THEME:

Pressing social challenges—from inequality to human rights to environmental crises—prompt explorations of religion and resilience. Religion and religiosity respond adaptively to adversity, innovation, and cultural shifts. Religious identities stage resilience amid discrimination and partisanship; religious ideas activate resilience as a counterforce to social and political change. How can sociology and sociologists attend to the complex and contradictory roles of religion and resilience? Where does resilience show up in religious responses to significant local and global events? In what ways does class, race, or gender shape narratives of resilience for religious people? How do religious organizations endure or resist social change?

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 86th annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion!

Gathering here in Chicago reconnects us to the city where our association began: the place we held our earliest conferences in the late 1930s. Back then, we were still under the name American Catholic Sociological Society, and member dues were just \$3 (!) —needless to say, some things have changed! ASR has expanded through the years to support a wide array of scholars and scholarship in the sociology of religion. We carry forward the driving impulse of those early gatherings, committed to fostering spaces of welcome, connection,



dialogue, empirical research, and thoughtful exchange. Resonant with this year's conference theme— Religion & Resilience—ASR has proven resilient amid significant landscape transformation.

Our 2025 Program Chair Eman Abdelhadi has done a phenomenal job lacing together a disparate while cohesive schedule of sessions throughout our time together. I continue to be impressed by the breadth of scholarship our annual meeting convenes, featuring presenters and topics from a variety of countries and continents, backgrounds, and religious and institutional contexts. We are especially excited to host four symposia within the ASR program this year: *Muslims in America*; *The Future of Catholicism*; the *Chicago Congregations Project*; and (back for its 3rd year!) *Race and Religion*.

Further distinguishing this year's program, check out the special plenary session Sunday at noon with researchers behind Pew Research Center's latest *Religious Landscape Study* and, on Monday at noon, join our mentoring roundtables. On Sunday evening, we'll hear from this year's Furfey Lecturer Omar McRoberts, Associate Professor in the Departments of Sociology and Race, Diaspora, & Indigeneity at the University of Chicago. He'll open a window into his ongoing work on black religious movements and social policy. My presidential address on Monday evening will fuse religion and resilience, with particular attention to local and global Catholicism...dotted with cameos of my time with Pope Francis as a papal-appointed consultor. Following the address, we'll announce the 2025 ASR award winners and celebrate with a closing reception held jointly with the Religion Section of the American Sociological Association.

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation and every other sponsor listed in our acknowledgements section. Our sessions, socials, and enduring collegial and scholarly connections are better for it.

If this is your first ASR meeting: *welcome*. If you've been to ASR many times: *welcome back*. Start a conversation with someone you've not met before. Connect someone you know to someone they don't. Find me at a reception or coffee break. I'm honored to be here with you, back in Chicago, continuing the vital mission of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.

Tricia Bruce 2024-2025 President, ASR

WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

Welcome, everyone, to the 86th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Chicago. It has been a special privilege to organize this program in the city that has—over the last 6 years—become my home. I hope you enjoy all that this wonderful town has to offer, in and outside the conference.

I have been honored to craft this program alongside ASR President Tricia Bruce and Acting Executive Office Meredith Whitnah. Our theme, Religion and Resilience, is especially timely as we face political and climate turmoil in the United States and across the world. The program features 4 symposia.



"The Future of Global Catholicism," co-organized by our president Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, explores the changing landscapes of Catholic thought and communities. The "Race & Religion" symposium organized by Rachel Scneider and Oneya Okuwobi, delves into the dynamic interplay between race and racialization and faith communities. "The Chicago Congregations Project" symposium will report back exciting findings from a large multi-method data collection project in the Chicagoland area led by Kraig Beyerlein. Finally, I organized the "Muslims in America" symposium, co-sponsored with the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, which highlights both the internal and external pressures facing Muslim communities in the United States. Other program highlights include a report back from the Pew Research Center on the newly-released 2024 wave of the Religious Landscapes Survey, as well as a number of cutting edge Author Meets Critics sessions. Our conference this year is deeply global and expansive, reflecting our subdiscipline's diversity.

Thank you for joining us this year! I look forward to learning alongside each of you.

Eman Abdelhadi, The University of Chicago 2025 Program Chair, ASR

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9				
4:00-8:00 PM	ASR Executive Council Meeting 2025 ASR President, Tricia Bruce, Presiding Room: Illinois			
7:00-9:00 PM	Registration Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
8:00-10:00 PM	Opening Reception Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West			

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10				
7:30 AM-8:15 AM	ASR General Business Meeting Room: Illinois			
8:00-10:30AM	Morning Coffee Co-Sponsored by the Journal for Catholic Social Thought and the Office for Mission and Ministry at Villanova University Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Registration & Book Exhibit Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
8:30 AM-6:15 PM	Race and Religion Symposium (Sessions A2, B2, C2, D2, E2) Room: Illinois			
8:30-10:00 AM	Session A (page 10)			
10:15 AM-11:45 AM 1:15-6:15 PM	The Future of Catholicism Symposium (Sessions B1, C1, D1, E1) Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East			
10:15-11:45 AM	Session B (page 11)			
NOON-1:00 PM	Plenary Panel: A New Religious Portrait of the United States Pew Research Center's 2023-2024 Religious Landscape Study (RLS) Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West			
1:15-6:15 PM	Muslims in America Symposium (Sessions C4, D4, E4, G4, J4) Room: Michigan			
1:15-2:45 PM	Session C (page 12)			
3:00-4:30 PM	Chicago Congregations Project Symposium (Session D3) Room: Erie			
3:00-4:30 PM	Session D (page 12)			
4:45-6:15 PM	Session E (page 14)			
6:30-8:00 PM	Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture Resilience and Other States of Consciousness: Paul Hanly Furfey and the Sociology of Black Public Religion Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West			
8:00-9:00 PM	Combined Social for Chicago Congregations Project Symposium & Muslims in America Symposium Room: Michigan			

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 11				
8:00 AM-2:00 PM	Registration Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
8:00 AM-NOON	ASR Book Exhibit Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
8:30 AM-4:30 PM	The Future of Catholicism Symposium (Sessions F1, G1, H1, I1) Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East			
8:30-10:00 AM	Session F (page 15)			
10:15-11:45 AM	Session G (page 16)			
10:15-11:45 ам	Muslims in America Symposium (Session G4) Room: Michigan			
10:15-11:45 AM 1:15-4:30 PM	Chicago Congregations Project Symposium (Sessions G3, H3, I3) Room: Erie			
NOON-1:00 PM	Joint ASR/ASA Mentoring Roundtables Room: Streeterville (2rd Floor)			
1:15-2:45 PM	Session H (page 17)			
3:00-4:30 PM	Session I (page 18)			
3:00-4:00 PM	Reserve Book Pickup Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
4:45-6:15 PM	Session J (page 19)			
4:45-6:15 PM	Muslims in America Symposium (Session J4) Room: Michigan			
4:00-5:00 PM	Closeout Book Sale Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction			
6:30-8:00 PM	ASR Presidential Address & Awards From Pews to Popes: Fragility, Continuity, & Resilience in the Sociology of Religion Tricia Bruce, 2024–2025 ASR President Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West			
8:00-10:00 PM	ASR Presidential Reception and ASA Religion Section Reception Room: Grand Ballroom (2rd Floor)			

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12				
8:00-10:00 AM	ASR Executive Council Meeting 2026 ASR President, Jerry Park, Presiding Room: Illinois			

HELPFUL TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE CONFERENCE

- All meeting rooms are on the 3rd floor, with two exceptions: the joint ASR/ASA Mentoring Session (August 10, 12-1pm) and the joint ASR/ASA Reception (August 11, 8-10pm) are on the 2nd floor.
- Each paper presentation is scheduled for 15–18 minutes. If there are 5 presentations, please aim for 12–15 minutes. The presentations are 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.
- ASR will not provide a laptop in presentation rooms. If using your own laptop, to avoid potential technical issues, **restart it the morning of your presentation** and limit the number of open applications.
- 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.
- 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 asreo@sociologyofreligion.org.
- The hotel has a strict no outside food or beverage in the meeting space policy.

FEATURED SYMPOSIA AT ASR 2025

MUSLIMS IN AMERICA SYMPOSIUM (SESSIONS C4, D4, E4, G4, J4)

Muslim communities in the United States are remarkably diverse—racially, economically, and in terms of religious practice and orientation. This symposium brings together scholars who study different facets of these communities' experiences, offering a multidimensional view of Muslim life in the U.S. The program will include reports from the Pew Research Center and the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, which regularly collect and analyze data on Muslims in the United States.

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM SYMPOSIUM (SESSIONS B1, C1, D1, E1, F1, G1, H1, I1)

This two-day symposium highlights social dynamics, roots in history and tradition, and imagined/speculative/hoped-for future directions for Catholicism in the US and globally. Thematic panels fuse past, current, and future views of Catholicism within diverse contexts and thematic areas. Presenters will offer brief overviews of their contributions and analytic views on the future of Catholicism. In the spirit of synodality, sessions will engage participants in reflection grounded in the analytic presentations. A closing session will include small-group exchange and large-group synthetic dialogue. All are welcome.

RACE AND RELIGION SYMPOSIUM (SESSIONS A2, B2, C2, D2, E2)

Now in its third year, this symposium provides a full day of paper sessions and networking in the context of the annual meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Our goal is to continue building a network of scholars for collaboration and mutual edification in the study of race and religion.

THE CHICAGO CONGREGATIONS PROJECT SYMPOSIUM (SESSIONS D3, G3, H3, I3)

The Chicago Congregations Project (CCP) employed various methods to generate the approximate population of congregations in a sample of roughly half of Chicago's 77 Community Areas (CCAs). The CCP's data collection started with virtual (i.e., Google Street View) and physical canvassing of all streets in the sampled CCAs. Research assistants (RAs) then reviewed online sources, such as congregations' social media pages and webpages, to: (1) verify the accuracy of recorded names and street addresses; (2) collect information about key personnel (e.g., religious leaders and administrators); and (3) assess active status, such as the last date a religious service was held. Concluding the initial phase, CCP data were checked using exact and fuzzy matching techniques against preexisting lists of congregations adding any missing ones determined to be active.

The CCP's second phase of data collection involved contacting and surveying congregations. The research team reached out to persons knowledgeable about the congregation, such as religious leaders, administrators, or other staff, via email to complete the survey on behalf of their congregation. The survey covered a variety of topics including leadership structures, community engagement, social service programs, political activity, organizational connections, and membership demographics. Additionally, staff from NORC at the University of Chicago and then later RAs internal to the CCP research team called and/or made in-person visits to congregations. In addition to increasing survey response, field work was crucial in making definitive decisions about difficult cases, such as whether certain congregations were still open or met at the listed location.

Another phase of the CCP was the collection of publicly accessible social media data from congregations that had one or more accounts on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube. Among these data were hundreds of thousands of posts about congregations' events and programs, including collaborations between congregations, as well as links to their religious services, from which audio was extracted and

transcriptions produced. Such large-scale data provide valuable insight into the messages that congregations disseminate as well as their outreach activities and network connections in the Windy City.

The data collected from the surveys and social media accounts allow the CCP research team to study a multitude of outcomes among congregations, including joint religious services, community engagement, social service provision, and political mobilization. In addition to statistics describing what percentage of congregations across Chicago communities engage in such actions, we will estimate multilevel models that incorporate congregational-level and community-level factors. Census data will be supplemented with information about community characteristics available from the Chicago Data Portal. With access to a wealth of community-level variables, their relative importance to congregation-level variables will be assessed. Moreover, community-level factors may moderate the effects of congregation-level factors, such as neighborhood crime rates generating differential congregational responses based on religious tradition.

Also central to the CCP is understanding how congregations shape the attitudes and behaviors of residents living in their surrounding community. To that end, the CCP's lead researchers developed the Chicago Resident Survey (CRS). As part of the CRS, nearly 2,200 people living in the same CCAs sampled for the CCP completed a 10-minute or so survey about religion, social networks, civic engagement, wellbeing, community attachment, collective efficacy, and access to social services. The fourth phase of our study links CRS and CCP data to investigate the impact of congregations on the lives of community residents. Given the richness of the CCP data, many different measures of congregations—for example, overall number, density of different religious traditions, engagement in specific actions, or dissemination of certain messages—when assessing their contextual effects. Moreover, CRS respondents who attended religious services more than never in the last year were asked where they attended. The CRS, when compared to CCP data, allows us to evaluate the efficacy of hypernetwork sampling, which is the approached the National Congregations Study (NCS) has used, for generating data on congregations in relatively small geographic units such as a city.

The last phase of our project leverages historical data collected on Chicago congregations to support longitudinal analyses. Based on comparable methodology (walking streets tagging locations with GPS units) to that of the CCP, the Place of Religion in Chicago (PRC) researchers also produced the approximate population of congregations in Cook County, IL (which includes all 77 CCAs) circa 2000. Using Google Maps and Street View, among other sources, CCP RAs searched for PRC congregations over two decades later to see if they were still operational (either at their circa 2000 site or another one), closed, or had their buildings repurposed. We draw on both congregational-level and community-level factors to explain variation in survival, closure, and repurposing. In addition, we combine CCP data with PRC data to investigate stability and change in the local religious ecology across CCAs. This combination allows us to identify net turnover of congregations in Chicago communities as well as the nature of the gains and losses (e.g., Catholic churches replaced by evangelical Protestant churches).

Taken together, the CCP and associated data constitute an unprecedented opportunity to study congregations and their effects on communities.

We are grateful for the support of our funders, without whom the CCP would not have been possible: Crieghton University, Kripke Center; Louisville Institute; Rice University; Rutgers University; Templeton Religion Trust; University of Chicago, Divinity School; University of Notre Dame, Cushwa Center; University of Notre Dame, Democracy Initiative; University of Notre Dame, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts; University of Notre Dame, Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, Church Properties Initiative; University of Notre Dame, Office of the Vice President for Research; and University of Notre Dame, Population Analytics.

ABOUT THE 2025 FURFEY LECTURE

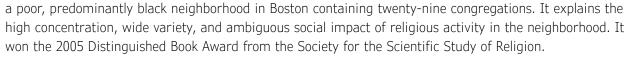
The Furfey Lecture has been given at the ASR Annual Meeting since 1981, continuing an earlier series begun in 1974 at The Catholic University of America. It is named in honor of Paul Hanley Furfey, the seventh president of the Association. As both professor and priest, Dr. Furfey demanded of him-self and others not only rigor in sociological method but also a sense of sociology's role in serving the needs of people. In his book The Scope and Method of Sociology (1953) he intro-duced the term "metasociology," or that area of sociology delving into the assumptions and value judgments underlying theories and methods.*

The series' earliest lectures were given by Robert Bellah (1974), Benton Johnson (1975), Gordon Zahn (1976), Talcott Parsons (1977), Robert Drinan (1978), Suzanne Keller (1979), David Moberg (1980), Marie Augusta Neal (1981), and James Beckford (1982).

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Omar McRoberts as the 2025 Paul Hanly Furfey Lecturer on Sunday evening, August 10, at 6:30pm. His lecture is entitled, "Resilience and Other States of Consciousness: Paul Hanly Furfey and the Sociology of Black Public Religion."

Omar McRoberts is Associate Professor in the Departments of Sociology and Race, Diaspora, & Indigeneity at the University of Chicago. His scholarly and teaching interests include the sociology of religion, urban poverty, social policy, race, and collective action.

His first book, *Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood* is based on an ethnographic study of religious life in Four Corners:



McRoberts is completing a book on black religious responses to, and influences on, social policy formation in the United States. The project challenges the notion that government influences religious activity primarily through policies that aim directly to regulate religious expression. Policies regarding the distribution of resources and opportunities throughout society acquire religious valences as well and historically have weighed on the political and social aspirations of religious institutions. Generations of scholarship have chronicled attempts by black religious movements to influence government, but little is known about the entanglement between those movements and existing social policies, and the consequences of this entanglement for patterns of religious activism. Black Public Religion reveals the social policy-based mechanisms of state influence on the black churches in an historical sociology spanning the New Deal, War on Poverty/Great Society, and Welfare Reform eras.

^{*} Edited from a longer description in the Spring, 1982 issue of Sociological Analysis, the ASR's journal.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

SATURDAY, 4:00-8:00 PM ASR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Room: Illinois

SATURDAY, 7:00-9:00 PM REGISTRATION

Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction

SATURDAY, 8:00-10:00 PM OPENING RECEPTION

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

SUNDAY, 7:30-8:15 AM ASR GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Room: Illinois

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM REGISTRATION

Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM ASR BOOK EXHIBIT

Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction

SUNDAY, 8:30-10:00 AM SESSION A

A1: Postmodern Selves & Religiosity

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Pentecostal Narratives and the Transformation of Witchcraft Accusations in Urban Nigeria: A Dual Theoretical Perspective

Claire Princess Ayelotan, Christ the Redeemer College

Constructing Religion and Secularism in Public Transhumanist Discourse

Corey Resweber, Purdue University

Negotiating the Self: Coaching, Spirituality, and the Moral Imaginary of Liberal Romantic Modernity

Veronique Eberhart, University of Strasbourg

Encountering Divinity: Sociology's Role in Interdisciplinary Approaches to Studying Religious Experience Bill MacDonald, The Ohio State University

A2: Race and Religion Symposium: Religion, Intersectionality, and Decoloniality

Room: Illinois

Organizers/Conveners: Oneya Okuwobi, University of Cincinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice University

We Are Not Our Ancestors...Or Are We? Exploring Womanist Theology among Black Christian Millennials

Shaonta' Allen, Dartmouth College

We Shall Overcome...What?: The Plurality of Black Church Activism

Luther Young Jr., Boston University

African Indigenous Religion and the Nation: Discourses of Anti-Colonialism in Benin

Sarah Reynolds, Rice University

A3: Author Meets Critics: Faith and the Fragility of Justice: Responses to Gender-Based Violence in South Africa

Room: Erie

Author: Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College

Critics: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College; Nancy Ammerman, Boston Univ; Rachel Schneider, Rice Univ; Afe Adogome,

Princeton Theological Seminary

A4: Technology, Science & Media

Room: Michigan Presider: Paul Kasun

Religion, Race, and Attitudes Towards Practical and Existential Understandings of Artificial Intelligence

Brenton Kalinowski, Indiana Univ - Bloomington; Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University

The Culture War Myth Revisited: Evaluating the Impact of Partisanship and Religious Affiliation on Americans' Moral Attitudes toward Biomedical Ethics

Zikang Hou, Rice University

Attitudes towards Members of Religious Groups: Considering the Role of a Scientific Worldview

Christopher Scheitle and Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University

Printing, Religion, and the Vernacular Revolution

Robert Woodberry, Baylor University

From Coverage to Representation(s): Exploring Media Depictions of Interreligious Dialogue in Italian Newspapers (2010-2023)

Marco Guglielmi, University of Padova

A5: Religion in and against the State

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Coevolution of Religion and the State: Metaphors of God and Legitimate Domination

Andrew McKinnon, University of Aberdeen

Learning to Lie: Southern Baptist Missionaries Working with and against the Chinese State, 1979-1992

Andrew Chalfoun, University of California, Los Angeles

Aristocratic Political Spirituality in the Islamic Republic of Iran (The Luxury Mausoleum of Khomeini: Reasons and Representations)

Zahra Khoshk Jan, University of Chicago

A Comparative Analysis of Sacred Stories and Their Impact in the Iranian and Nicaraguan Revolutions

Jean-Pierre Reed, Southern Illinois Univ; Babak Rahimi, Univ of California San Diego; Soodeh Mansouri, Univ of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Religion and Local Government Officials' Attitudes toward Transgender Rights Policies in the United States

Jonathan Coley, Oklahoma State Univ; Gary Adler, Penn State Univ; Eric Plutzer, Penn State Univ; Damon Mayrl, Colby College; Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount Univ; Gabby Gomez, Macalester College

A6: Developments In South Korean Religion

Room: Ontario

Rupture and Resonance: Negotiating Tradition and Modernity in South Korean Protestant Life

Jeyoul Choi, University of Florida

Comparing Korean Protestant Fundamentalism with American Protestant Fundamentalism

Hyung Chull Jang, Induk University

Asymmetric Polarization in South Korea: Cultural-Religious Left and Right

Joseph Yi, Hanyang University

SUNDAY, 10:15-11:45 AM SESSION B

B1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Toward a Global Catholic Intellectual Network

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Has the Latin American Theological Tradition, Largely Implemented by Pope Francis on the Whole Church, Been Received and Implemented by the Latin American Churches During His Pontificate?

Geraldo De Mori, Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia

Not the 51st State: The Small c Catholic Nature of the Canadian Catholic Church

Carol Ann MacGregor, St. Jerome's University

"Fit for the Third Millennium? Geo-ecclesiology and Global Catholicism"

Bryan Froehle, Palm Beach Atlantic University

Transcending Empire: Toward a Multi-Centric but Coherent Global Roman Catholic Tradition

Richard L. Wood, Univ of Southern California

B2: Race and Religion Symposium: The Religion of Whiteness: Examining Organizations and Ideologies that Work Against Racial Equity

Room: Illinois

Organizers/Conveners: Oneya Okuwobi, University of Cincinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice University

The Burden of Consensus for Enacting Racial Justice: Antiracism and the Processes of Baptist Polity in White Progressive Churches

Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University; Gerardo Marti, Davidson College and Mark Mulder, Calvin University

America as White Christian Militaristic Messiah of Israeli Jews: John Hagee's Racial-Religious End of Times Hierarchies in the Israel-Gaza War of 2023-Present

Dawny'all Heydari, University of California, Berkeley

"I have people to answer to": Philanthropic Capture and Retrenchment in an Interracial Parish

Jelani Ince, University of Washington

B3: "The Most Fascinating Session in This Room at This Time"

Room: Erie

Convener/Organizer: Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

How the Global Religious Landscape Changed from 2010 to 2020: A Study of 201 Countries and Territories Based on More than 2,700 Sources

Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

Fluid Identity, Malleable Values Intra- and Inter-cohort Trends of Religiosity in South Korea

Chaeyoon Lim, Washington University in St. Louis

Believing and Non-Believing Nones' Political and Social Perspectives

Phillip Schwadel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

B4: Is Innovation a Productive Concept for the Sociology of Religion?

Room: Michigan

Organizer/Convener: Brandon Vaidyanathan, The Catholic

University of America

Panelists: Jeffrey Guhin, UCLA; Ruth Braunstein, Univ of Connecticut; Fenggang Yang, Purdue Univ; Brian Steensland,

Indiana University

B5: Author Meets Critics: Black and Catholic: Racism, Identity, and Religion

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Convener: Michele Dillon, Univ of New Hampshire

Author: Tia Pratt, Villanova University

Critics: Maureen Day, Univ of Southern California; Patrick Gilge, Loyola Univ Chicago; Gerardo Marti,

Davidson College

B6: Congregational Conflict

Room: Ontario

Presider: Xiaoying Gan

Coming Out of Religion and Into Queerness: Narratives of Religious Exiting and Identity Formation amongst Queer Ex-Christians

Tess Starman, Howard University

The Infernal Schism: Analyzing the Causes and Events behind the Departure of Congregations from The Satanic Temple

Diego Córdova and Ryan Cragun, Univ of Tampa

Religious Freedom and Organizational Resilience in the United Kingdom: Theorizing the Lived Experiences of Religious and Non-Religious Belief Organizations

Mátyás Bódi, University of Oxford

Reactions to Clergy Financial and Sexual Misconduct: Evidence from a National Survey Experiment Carolina Seigler, Princeton University

Repairing Cultural Tools: How Congregants at a Pentecostal Church Use Shared Expectations to Overcome Problems with Prayer

Spencer Paine, University of California, Merced

SUNDAY, NOON-1:00 PM PLENARY PANEL: A NEW RELIGIOUS PORTRAIT OF THE UNITED STATES

Pew Research Center's 2023-2024 Religious Landscape Study (RLS)

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Organizers: Eman Abdelhadi and Tricia Bruce

Convener/Presider: Tricia Bruce

Presenters: Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center

Becka Alper, Pew Research Center

SUNDAY, 1:15-2:45 PM SESSION C

C1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Participative Ecclesiologies: Synodality, Authority, the New Evangelization, Social Justice

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Synodality as a Resource in the Building of an Inclusive Catholicism.

Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

Contemporary 'Saints' - How Catholic Exemplars Show Us How to Live in Relation to Others

Megan Sweas, University of Southern California

Synodality in the Understanding of Pope Francis at the Diocesan Level: The Experience of One of the Polish Archdioceses - Wroclaw

Michal Mraczek, Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wroclaw

Synodality: Deja Vu All Over Again?

Anthony J. Pogorelc, St Mary's University

C2: Race and Religion Symposium: Rethinking Struggle, Solidarity & Segregation

Room: Illinois

Conveners/Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, University of Cinncinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice University

In the Wake of Reckoning: Morality and Agency among BIPOC Clergy Post-2020

Daniel Cueto-Villalobos, Univ of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Placing the "Most Segregated Hour:" Neighborhood Segregation and Church Racial Composition

Brandon C. Martinez, Providence College; Stephanie Boddie, Baylor University; Jerry Z. Park, Baylor University

An Examination of Minority Linked Fate and Religion among Black and Asian Americans

Isaiah Jeong, University of Illinois Chicago

C3: Author Meets Critics: *Religion in a Changing Workplace*, by Elaine Howard Ecklund, Denise Daniels, and Christopher P. Scheitle

Room: Erie

Organizer/Convener: Rachel Schneider, Rice University Authors: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice Univ; Denise Daniels, Wheaton College; and Christopher P. Scheitle, West Virginia

Univ

Critics: Evan Stewart, UMass Boston; Ruth Braunstein, Univ of

Connecticut; Oneya Okuwobi, Univ of Cincinnati

C4: Muslims in America Symposium: US Muslims' Identity and Worship

Room: Michigan

Organizer: Eman Abdelhadi

Sisterhood, Divided: How Muslim American Women Develop Their Religious Identities Through Youth Groups

Noor Toor, Univ of Colorado Boulder

Sectarian Schooling and Shi'a Muslim Identity in the U.S.: A Sociological Mapping of Emerging Institutions

Ali Baroutian, Univ of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

Fabric of Identity: The Hijab's Influence on Self-Perception and Social Interaction Among Muslim Women in the United States

Asena Karipek, Univ of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

Looking for Love: Navigating and Negotiating Ethno-Religious Identities in Online Dating

Fatema Zohara, Loyola University Chicago

The Role of Culture and Religion in Shaping Emotional Experience: An Exploration of Kushu' in Islamic Prayer

JoAnna Boudreaux, University of Memphis

C5: The Resilience of Religion in Campus Life

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Convener/Organizer: John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State University

Ethnic Campus Ministries: Sites of Resilience, Recognition, and Resistance

Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University

Resiliency among Campus Religious and Spiritual Life Professionals

Catherine Hoegeman, Missouri State University

The Resilience of Religion in a Midwestern Public University

John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State University

C6: Author Meets Critics: The Church Must Grow or Perish: Robert H. Schuller and the Business of American Christianity

Room: Ontario

Organizer/Convener: Rebecca Catto, Kent State University Authors: Mark T. Mulder, Calvin University; Gerardo Martí,

Davidson College

Critics: Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary; Courtney Irby; Illinois Wesleyan Univ; Rhys Williams, Loyola

Univ Chicago

SUNDAY, 3:00-4:30 PM SESSION D

D1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium Session 3: Beyond Decline: Organizational dynamics

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Secondhand Catholicism: America's Traditionalist Resurgence and the Allure of the Vintage US women religious congregations addressing the future Susan Reynolds, Candler School of Theology

The Future of the US Catholic Priesthood: Results from a Longitudinal Study

Brandon Vaidyanathan and Stephen Cranney, The Catholic University of America

Race, Space, and Place: African American Catholics and the Future of Urban Parish Life

Tia Noelle Pratt, Villanova University

From Disconnection to Discipleship: Unlocking the Secret to Young Adult Engagement

Megan Lowes-Bolin, John Carroll University

D2: Race and Religion Symposium: Finding Sanctuary in Shifting Fields: New Books On Sanctuary, Migration, and Religion A Roundtable Conversation of Authors

Room: Illinois

Conveners/Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, University of Cincinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice University Authors: Jonathan Calvillo, Emory University; Gina Perez, Oberlin College; Barbara Sosaita, University of Illinois Chicago; Brad Christerson, Biola University

D3: Chicago Congregations Project Symposium: Background and Overview

Room: Erie

Organizer: Kraig Beyerlein

Panelists: Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame; Ricardo

Martinez-Schuldt, Rutgers University;

Peter Ryan, University of Notre Dame; Simone Zhang, New

York University

D4: Muslims in America Symposium: Navigating Islamophobia

Room: Michigan

Organizer: Eman Abdelhadi

State, Religion, and the Pulpit: A Comparative Study of Muslim Friday Sermons in Turkey and the United States

Eyyup Yilmaz, Loyola University Chicago

Full Inclusion for Muslim Americans!

Mark Gould, Haverford College

Performing Islamophobia in the US: September 11th and the Specter of the Violent Muslim Man in Hulu's Ramy

Tazeen Ali, Washington University in Saint Louis

Stigma Management Strategies Among Muslim Americans: The Role of Perceived Discrimination Type in Strategy Selection

Servet Tas, University of Kansas

D5: Author Meets Critics: Intersectional Identities of Christian Women in the United States: Faith, Race, and Feminism

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Convener: Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan Univ Author: Amanda Hernandez, Southwestern University

Critics: Orit Avishai, Fordham University; Amy McDowell, Univ of Mississippi; Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College

D6: Religion and Wellbeing

Room: Ontario

Presider: Jean-Pierre Reed

Higher Status and Peace from on High: How Private Religiosity Moderates the Association Between Occupational Stress and Mental Health

Rachael Murdock and Laura Upenieks, Baylor University

Religious Social Support and Mental Health: Exploring the mediating role of Optimism, Meaning in Life, and Religious Attendance

Jennifer Laderi, Baylor University

Public Measures, Risk, and Changes of Religious People during the Global COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines: A Quantitative Analyses

Joel Tejedo, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary

"Mules uh de World": Religiosity as a Protective Mechanism on Black Women's Aging

Stephanie House-Niamke, West Virginia Univ; Kendall Riley, University of Iowa

SUNDAY, 4:45-6:15 PM SESSION E

E1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Eras of Change: A Multimedia, Intergenerational Conversation on Catholic Women from Vatican II to the Synod on Synodality

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic

Panelists: Kascha Sanor, Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph;

Claire DesHotels; Charlotte Ahern; Carly McCabe

E2: Race and Religion Symposium: Closing Salon: Race, Religion and Resilience

Room: Illinois

Co-sponsored by the Boniuk Institute (Rice U.)
Conveners/Organizers: Oneya Okuwobi, University of
Cincinnati and Rachel Schneider, Rice University
Panelists: Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College; Jonathan
Calvillo, Emory Univ; Oneya Okuwobi, Univ of Cincinnati

E3: Author Meets Critics: Icons Axed, Freedoms Lost: Russian Desecularization and a Ukrainian Alternative

Room: Erie

Author: Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University & Rachel Schroeder, Eastern Michigan University Critics: Jerry Pankhurst, Wittenberg University; Fenggang Yang, Purdue University; Nicholas Denysenk, Valparaiso University

E4: Muslims in America Symposium: Author Meets Critics: A Global Racial Enemy: Muslims and 21st Century Racism

Room: Michigan

Organizer/Convener: Eman Abdelhadi, Univ of Chicago Authors: Saher Selod, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; Inaash Islam, College of the Holy Cross; and Steve Garner, Swansea University

Critics: Erik Love, Dickinson College; Eman Abdelhadi, Univ of Chicago; Luis Romero, Texas Christian University

E5: Sacred Encounters and Spirituality

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Religious Resilience within the Framework of Total Sacredness: The Reconstruction and Differentiation of Tibetan Buddhist Status Worship

Xiaoving Gan, Independent Researcher

Sikhism as Religion of Resilience: Collective Memory, Visibility, and Transformation

Miroslav Atanasov, University of Colorado Denver

Embodied Practices of Self-Fashioning at Spiritual Festivals in Estonia

Toomas Gross, Univ of Helsinki

Psychedelics and the Re-Enchantment of Religion: Empirical Insights into Spiritual Revival

Sean Vina, Univ of the Incarnate World

Resilient Memories, Contested Futures: Religious Minority Heritage and the European Imagination

Mar Griera, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Mariachiara Giorda, Roma Tre University

E6: Religion & Mental Health

Room: Ontario

The Impact of Differing Identity Meanings on Fears of Death Justin Huft, University of California Riverside

The Multidimensional Nature of Resilience: A Critical Examination of the Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale from a Religious Perspective

Rita Figus-Illinyi, University of Szeged

Jewish Mourning Ritual, Community, and Resilience C. Lynn Carr, Seton Hall University

Beyond Belief: How Religious Upbringing Shapes Self-rated Health after Disaffiliation

Matthew May, Oakland University

SUNDAY, 6:30-8:00 PM PAUL HANLY FURFEY LECTURE

Resilience and Other States of Consciousness: Paul Hanly Furfey and the Sociology of Black Public Religion

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

SUNDAY, 8:00-9:00 PM

Combined Social for the Chicago Congregations Project Symposium & Muslims in America Symposium

Room: Michigan

Co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and Society (U. of Notre Dame) and the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

MONDAY, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM REGISTRATION

Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction

MONDAY, 8:00 AM-NOON **ASR BOOK EXHIBIT**

Location: Lakeshore Ballroom Prefunction

MONDAY, 8:30-10:00 AM SESSION F

F1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Rebuilding **Public Catholicism in the West**

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Faith Before Party: Signs of Hope and Collaborative Ways Forward for Catholic Public Life

Maureen K. Day, Univ of Southern California

Post-Pandemic Evangelization: Engaging Disengaged Catholics in a Digital and Hybrid World

Megan Lowes-Bolin, John Carroll University

Challenges and opportunities for the Church in Ireland amid accelerated secularism.

Michele Dillon, Univ of New Hampshire

Catholic community organizing as a tool for rebuilding public voice of Catholicism in America

Juan F. Soto, Gamaliel Metro Chicago

F2: Author Meets Critic: Estranged Pioneers- Race, Faith, and Leadership in a Diverse World

Room: Illinois

Convener: Oneya Okuwobi, Univ of Cincinnati

Authors: Korie Little, The Ohio State University; Rebecca Y.

Kim, Pepperdine University

Critics: Michael O. Emerson, Rice Univ; Jelani Ince, Univ of

Washington; Oneya Okuwobi, Univ of Cincinnati

F3: Marginalized Religious Traditions in Pluralistic and **Transnational Contexts**

Room: Erie

Presider: Amarachi Njoku Joseph

Micro-City: Faith Encounters Superdiversity in Queens, NY. Hans Tokke, CUNY-City Tech; Richard Cimino, SUNY-Old

Westerbury

Backyard Faith in Southeast Queens: The Unique Character of Afro-Caribbean Faith

Jerrel Burney, Univ of Maryland; Hans Tokke, CUNY-City

Reframing The Lens: African Transnational Youth, Lived Religion and Rethinking Mobility & Transnationalism

Dominic Pasura, Univ of Glasgow

Indigeneity in Youth Music of Resistance to the Politics of Segregation

Izak Y. M. Lattu and Abraham Bale, Satya Wacana Christian University

Specialist and Generalist Buddhism in New York's Religious Ecology

Weishan Huang, Hong Kong Shue Yan University; Richard Cimino, SUNY-Old Westerbury

F4: Author Meets Critics: Black Visions of the Holy Land

Room: Michigan

Author: Roger Baumann, Hope College

Critics: Shaonta' Allen, Dartmouth College; Ruth Braunstein, Univ of Connecticut; Taurean Webb,

DePaul University

F5: Religion and Climate/Ecology

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Christian Agricultural Initiatives and Resilience: Evidence from a Nationwide Survey

Julius Malin, University of Basel

Relationship between Eco-religious Approach and Resilience in the Czech Republic. Quantitative study

Jan Váně, Jan Váně, and Dušan Lužný; University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

Sustainability, Resilience and Bereavement Trajectories by Religious and Spiritual People in the Czech Republic. **Quantitative Study**

Jan Kaňák; Jan Váně; and Dušan Lužný: University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

F6: Youth, Education & Religiosity

Room: Ontario

Religion and Education: Do Gender and Parent Education Matter as Conditions for Religiosity?

Nick Andre, Baylor University

College Athletics as Formative Arena: Preliminary Results from the Purposeful Student Athlete Project

Tim Clydesdale, The College of New Jersey

A Qualitative Exploration of Youth Experiences of Religious Support in the Context of HIV Prevention in Western Kenya

Nema Aluku, Tangaza University; Yvonne Wanjiru, Maureen Wanjiru, and Catherine Muteithia, Africa Community Leadership and Development; William Story, Univ of Iowa

MONDAY, 10:15-11:45 AM SESSION G

G1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Catholicism and Democracy: Catholics with and against Authoritarian Nationalisms

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Catholics in Government: Local vs. National Models of Church-State Engagement and Religious Pluralism in the **United States**

Gary Adler, Penn State University

Building the Subject of Public Religion: A Sociological Analysis of the 'New Ecclesial Movements'

Patrick Gilger, S.J., Loyola University Chicago

'The Form and Substance of a True Community': Theological Opportunities and Obstacles on the Road to a Catholic Sense of Political Community

Steven P. Millies, Chicago Theological Union

Ethnic personal parish as a place of integration for migrants into society: the case of Polish personal parishes in Chicago Michal Mraczek, Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wroclaw

G2: Author Meets Critics: Claiming Citizenship: Race, Religion, and Political Mobilization among New Americans

Room: Illinois

Author: Prema Kurien, Syracuse University

Critics: Michael Emerson, Rice University; Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac University; Rhys Williams, Loyola Univ Chicago

G3: Chicago Congregations Project Symposium: Selected **Methodological and Substantive Findings**

Room: Erie

Organizer: Kraig Beyerlein

Panelists: Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame; Ricardo Martinez-Schuldt, Rutgers University; Peter Ryan, University of Notre Dame; Simone Zhang, New York

University

G4: Muslims in America Symposium: Findings from the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU) & the **Pew Research Center**

Room: Michigan

Atheist Muslims in the US

Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center

Hindu Nationalism in America: Assessing its Influence on Anti-Muslim Attitudes in the U.S.

Sajeela Munir, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

The Effects of Muslim Portrayals in Entertainment Media Sohad Murrar, University of Illinois Chicago & ISPU

Political Participation and Civic Engagement of American Muslims: Trends from the American Muslim Poll

Saher Selod, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

G5: Author Meets Critics: Choosing Love: What LGBTO+ Christians Can Teach Us All about Relationships, Inclusion, and Justice

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Convener: Kelsy Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Authors: Dawne Moon and Theresa W. Tobin, Marguette

University

Critics: Jonathan Coley, Oklahoma State Univ; Molly Greening, Loyola Univ Chicago; Amy McDowell, Univer of Mississippi;

Lucas Sharma, Univ of California San Diego

G6: Gender and Religiosity

Room: Ontario

Presider: Madeleine LaForge

Hashtag ChristianGirl: The White Commodified Self on TikTok

Amanda Hernandez and Sarah Ventimiglia, Southwestern University

Gendered Career Imaginaries: The Case of Methodist Seminarian Plans to Enter the Diaconate

Anna Holleman, Appalachian State Univ; Erin Johnston, Duke Univ; Kelsey Mischke and Bec Stargelm, North California State University

Religious Background and Union Formation among Women. 1950-1989 Birth Cohorts

Jeremy Uecker and Riley Peterson, Baylor University

Becoming One Flesh, One Name: Exploring Christian Influences on Surnaming Patterns and "Doing Marriage"

Darci Schmidgall and Meredith G. F. Worthen, University of Oklahoma

MONDAY, NOON-1:00 PM **ASR/ASA MENTORING ROUNDTABLES**

Room: Streeterville (2nd Floor)

This is a joint ASR and ASA Religion Section event open to all attendees, especially graduate students and early career scholars. Co-sponsored by the Journal for Catholic Social Thought (Villanova U.) & Boniuk Institute (Rice U.).

Table 1: Grant Writing

Mark Chaves, Duke University Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin Grace Yukich, Quinnipiac University

Table 2: Navigating the Research-Focused Job Market

Amy Adamczyk, John Jay College, CUNY Evan Stewart, UMass Boston

Table 3: Navigating the Teaching-Focused Job Market

Amanda Hernandez, Southwestern University Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan University Patrick Gilger, S.J., Loyola University Chicago

Table 4: Preparing for the Alt-Academic Job Market

Megan (Lowes) Bolin, John Carroll University Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center

Table 5: Writing & Publishing

David Eagle, Duke University Damon Mayrl, Colby College James Carr, Taylor & Francis/Routledge

MONDAY, 1:15-2:45 PM SESSION H

H1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Deep Tradition: Ongoing Work on the 'Development of Doctrine'

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Disentangling 'Family' from 'Marriage': Toward a More Nuanced Theology of Marriage and Family Life

Maureen K. Day, Univ of Southern California

Contrasting Case Studies on Catholic Doctrinal Development: (i) Sexual Behavior, and (ii) Teaching on Jews.

Michele Dillon, Univ of New Hampshire

Contesting Catholic Doctrine on the Ground: Case Study of Homosexuality

Lucas S. Sharma, Univ of California San Diego

Integrating and Compartmentalizing the Body, Mind, and Soul: Catholics' Perspectives on Contemporary Mental Health Care

Caitlin Fitzgerald, Univ of Notre Dame

H2: Author Meets Critics: Fetal Positions: Understanding Cross-National Public Opinion about Abortion

Room: Illinois

Convener: Jacob Felson, William Paterson University Author: Amy Adamczyk, John Jay College, CUNY

Critics: Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center, Tricia Bruce, Univ of Notre Dame/USC, David Sikkink, Univ of Notre

Dame

H3: Chicago Congregations Project Symposium: Report from the Field: Challenges and Solutions

Room: Erie

Organizer: Kraig Beyerlein

Panelists: Kraig Beyerlein, Univ of Notre Dame; Peter Ryan, Univ of Notre Dame; Arely Aguilar, Univ of Notre Dame; Jonathan Drake, Univ of Notre Dame; Lizzie Klink, Univ of Illinois Chicago; Maddie Long, Univ of Notre Dame; Kimberly Martinez, Univ of Notre Dame; Tryce Prince, Univ of Illinois Chicago

H4: Religion, Money, and Power: Empirical and Theoretical Advances

Room: Michigan

Presider/Organizer: Ruth Braunstein, Univ of Connecticut

Money and Moral Agency: Lessons from the Antiabortion and Antiwar Movements

Ruth Braunstein, University of Connecticut

The Paradox of Islamic Finance: How a \$3 Trillion Industry Was Built without Interest

Ryan Calder, Johns Hopkins University

Sacralizing Marriage Money: Negotiating Christian Values in Household Finances

Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan University

The Business of Christian Nationalism: Examining Retailers' Self-Descriptions on a Conservative Christian Alternative to Amazon.com

Mahesh Somashekhar, University of Illinois Chicago

H5: Attitudes Towards Immigration

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West Presider: Anna K. Johnson

"I Ought to Help Them Somehow, But...": U.S. Catholic Responses to Immigration

Matthew Loveland and Delia Popescu, Le Moyne College

The Sociology of Conscience: Faith, Legality, and the Limits of Religious Freedom in Immigration Aid

Ciai Qi, Harvard Divinity School

Congregations as Religious, (Inter-)Religious and Social Actors in Plural (Urban) European Societies

Anna Körs, University of Hamburg

Religion, Global Human Mobilities, and Politics in the Visibility of the Muslim Diaspora

Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

Ethnodoxy: An Empirical and Theoretical Reassessment Elena Lisovskaya and Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University

H6: Christianity and Nationalism

Room: Ontario

Contours of the Evangelical Divide over Christian Nationalism

David Sikkink and Saehwan Lee, University of Notre Dame

Christian Nationalism as Discourse: Analyzing Political Messaging and Social Networks in The Gospel Coalition Marina Rivera Ramos, Rutgers University

Unveiling Christian Victimhood and Invisible Others: Rethinking Religious Discrimination through Mexico's National Survey Data

Abraham Hawley-Suárez, Univ of California-Santa Barbara; Gerardo Hernández-Gómez, El Colegio de México

100 Years after Scopes: The Link between Anti-evolution Fundamentalism and White Supremacy

Melissa Wilde and Morgan Hanna-Ghattas, Univ of Pennsylvania

MONDAY, 3:00-4:30 PM SESSION I

I1: The Future of Catholicism Symposium: Closing Session

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Organizers/Conveners: Tricia Bruce and Rich Wood, University of Southern California Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

"Catholicism at a Crossroads (Maureen K. Day, James C. Cavendish, Paul M. Perl, Michele Dillon, and Mary L. Gautier with William V. D'Antonio): Findings from Catholic Laity Survey, Implications for the Church

Synodal Dialogue & Listening: Focus Sessions in Small Groups, Reflecting on the Overall Forum

Synthetic Dialogue Session

I2: Evolutions of the Black Church

Room: Illinois

From the Inner Life to Society: DuBois's early Contributions to the Sociology of Religion in America

Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University

The Black Church: Black Pentecostals' Faith, Convictions & Culture

Vanessa Verner, Texas A&M University

Choosing Faith, Choosing Identity: Exploring the Religious Choices of Black Americans

LaDarius Beck, Baylor University

The Second Sight Birthright: Reframing W. E. B. Du Bois's Double Consciousness as Double Portion

Steven Jefferson, Fordham University

I3: Chicago Congregations Project Symposium: 20 Years Later: Survival, Death and Repurposing

Room: Erie

Organizer: Kraig Beyerlein

Panelists: Kraig Beyerlein, Madeline Johnson, Ricardo Martinez-Schuldt, Peter Ryan, and Madeleine Viz; Univ of

Notre Dame

I4: Comparative Non-Religions

Co-listed with the International Sociological Association (ISA)

Room: Michigan

Organizer: Jacqui Frost, Purdue University

Not Just White and Liberal: Race, Secularity, and Visions of American Society

Isaiah King, Baylor University

Talking Race and Gender: How Atheist Social Media Influencers Describe Why are there Fewer Women and BIPOC Atheists

Esther Chan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Identity Tethers: How the Secular Stay Muslim

Eman Abdelhadi, Univ of Chicago; Anna Fox, Univ of Chicago, Michael Guilmette, Univ of Chicago; Besheer Mohamed. Pew Research Center

Comparing Factors that Drive Nonreligious Participation in Civic Life

Jacqui Frost, Purdue University

I5: Religious Agency and Collective Identity Within Latin American and Latinx Populations

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Organizer/Convener: Jonathan Calvillo, Emory University

'Soft' Complementarians: Gender Performances among Male Latino Evangelicals

Andrea Garcia-Borbón, Univ of California San Diego

Friend or Foe? How Religion and Ethnicity Shape Latinx Americans' Attitudes Towards Immigrants & Immigration

Manuel Rodriguez, University of Notre Dame

Praying Alone: Political Alienation and Religious Disaffiliation in Latin America

Matthew Blanton, University of Texas-Austin

Underground Hip Hop as Alternative Religious Community among Brown Creatives

Jonathan Calvillo, Emory University

I6: Congregational Studies

Room: Ontario

Presider: Hannah Evans

The Forgotten Church? Findings on Rural and Small Town Churches from the 2025 National Survey of Churches of Christ

Suzanne Macaluso, Siburt Institute for Church Ministry

Who Attends Multiple Congregations in the United States? Findings From a Nationally Representative Survey

Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University; Christopher Scheitle, West Virginia University

Committed, Casual, or Clicking In? A Look at Post-Pandemic Church Attenders

Charissa Mikosk and Scott Thumma; Hartford Institute for Religious Research

Trends in Congregational Studies

Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

Maybe Less is More: Congregation Size and Social Embeddedness in the Age of the Megachurch

Riley Peterson, Baylor University

MONDAY, 4:45-6:15 PM SESSION J

J1: Congregations and Immigrant Incorporation

Room: Illinois

Double-Edge Swords: The role of congregational life in the assimilation process for Asian Americans

Joyce Chang, Hartford Institution of Religion Research

Becoming Italian through Islam: Mosques, Selective Acculturation, and Youth Integration

Giammarco Mancinelli, École Pratique des Hautes Études

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Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

Salvation Through Salsa: Finding Nuyorican as a Cultural-Religious Identity in Queens, NY.

Yasmine Rodriguez, Eastern University & Hans Tokke, CUNY

J2: Author Meets Critic: The Religion of Whiteness: How Racism Distorts Christian Faith

Room: Erie

Organizer/Convener: Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University Authors: Michael Emerson, Rice University and Glenn Bracey,

Villanova University

Critics: Korie Little, The Ohio State Univ; Ryon Cobb, Rutgers Univ; Brad Christerson, Biola Univ; Esther Chan, Univ of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee

J3: Disaffiliation and Multiple Affiliation

Room: Ontario

Faithful but Detached: How Do Religiously Committed but Institutionally Detached Individuals Differ from Religious "Nones"?

Jared Bok, Univ of Nevada, Reno

Spiritual but not Religious Individuals are Just Less Religious – the Parsimonious Explanation for Religious Changes

Joseph Roso, Ambrose Univ

Multiple Religious Belonging and Believing in the UK Fenggang Yang and Joey Marshall; Purdue University

Multiple Belongings, Multiple Practices: Buddhism and Catholicism in Italy

Olga Breskaya and Gieuseppe Giordan, Univ of Padova

Playing to Win: The Role of Youth Athletics in Congregational Disaffiliation

Hannah Evans, Springtide Research Institute

J4: Muslims in America Symposium: Author Meets Critics: No Man But God: On Race, Knowledge and Terrorism

Room: Michigan

Convener: Eman Abdelhadi, University of Chicago

Author: Atiya Husain, Williams College

Critics: Junaid Rana, Univ of Illinois-Urbana Champaign; Eman Abdelhadi, Univ of Chicago; Ubaydallah Evans,

Miftaah Institute

J5: Religion and Narrative in the Settler Colony

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom East

Reading Against the Grain: Recovering Peninah Shropshire Cotton Wood as an Indigenous Protagonist in Mormon Settler Colonialism

Alyssa Calder Hulme, University of Chicago

Awajún Spirituality: Resilience and Resistance Madeleine LaForge, Loyola University

Palestinian Christians and Fractal Orientalism(s)

Anna Johnson, University of Notre Dame

J6: Honoring the 2025 ASR Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Nancy Ammerman

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

Organizer/Convener: Lucas Sharma, University of California

San Diego

Session co-sponsored by Hartford Institute for Religion Research and Boston University School of Theology Awardee: Nancy Ammerman, Professor Emerita of Sociology

of Religion at Boston University

Panelists: Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University; Scott Thumma, Hartford Institute for Religion Research; Orit Avishai, Fordham University; Erick Berrelleza, Boston College

MONDAY, 6:30-8:00 PM ASR PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & AWARDS

Room: Lakeshore Ballroom West

From Pews to Popes: Fragility, Continuity, & Resilience in the Sociology of Religion

Tricia Bruce, 2024-2025 ASR President

Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award

Winner, Matthew D. Blanton, "Institutional Decline and Resilient Belief: Understanding Secularization in Latin America"

Distinguished Sociology of Religion Journal Article Award
Winner, "Did Gender Egalitarianism Weaken Religiosity in
Baby Boom Women? A Developmental-Historical Approach,"
Merril Silverstein, Woosang Hwang, Jeung Hyun Kim, and
Maria T Brown, Sociology of Religion, Volume 85, Issue 3:
274–297

Lifetime Achievement Award for Contributions to the Sociology of Religion

Winner, Nancy T. Ammerman, Professor Emerita of Sociology of Religion at Boston University

MONDAY, 8:00-10:00 PM JOINT ASR PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION AND ASA RELIGION SECTION RECEPTION

Room: Grand Ballroom (2nd Floor) Co-sponsored by the ASA Religion Section and the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies (U. of Southern California)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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Room: Illinois

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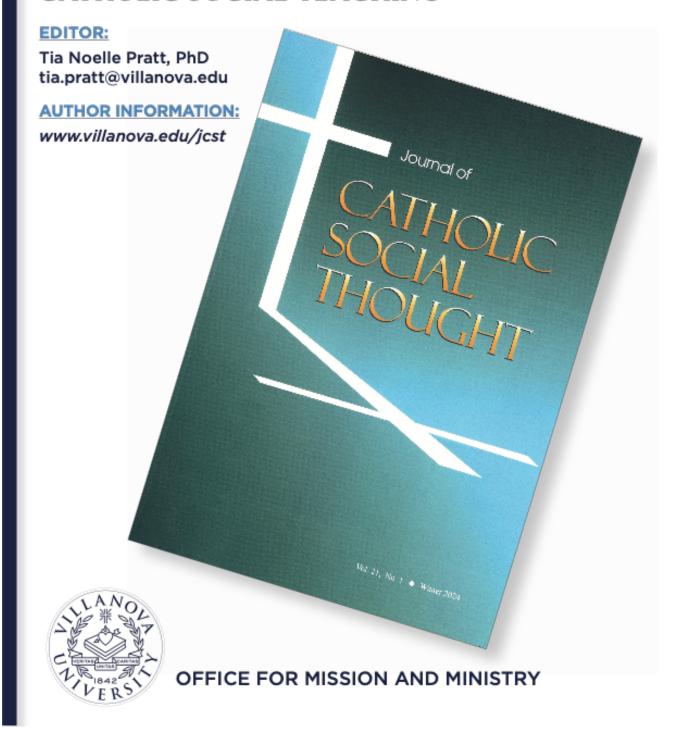






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87th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

THEME: BEYOND BINARIES & BOUNDARIES: RELIGION REDEFINED IN UNSETTLED TIMES

Location: New York, NY, USA

Hotel: The New Yorker Date: August 8-10, 2026

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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 8-10, 2026, in New York, New York, USA, with a theme of "Beyond Binaries & Boundaries: Religion Redefined in Unsettled Times."

Twenty-five years into the current century has shown religion's continued relevance. But how has the meaning of "religion" changed? Binaries of sacred and profane, belief and belonging, religious and secular have long animated our theorizing on religion. Yet, scholars have shown that religion is complex. Religion is intersectional, institutional, individual, interactional, interstitial. How is religion being redefined to create connections or cleavages in times of crisis? How do religious practitioners and religious ideas break down binaries and boundaries across social, political, and global lines? Where and how does religion create new binaries and boundaries and to what social ends and consequences?

The 2026 conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion invites scholars to critically reexamine approaches to religion, to think beyond traditional binaries and boundaries within a full range of topics in the sociology of religion. We welcome theoretically, and methodologically rigorous sociological research at all stages of development. We invite proposals for individual papers and topical sessions as well as full-day symposiums oriented around specific areas in the sociology of religion. Book discussions, professional development panels, teaching colloquies, and other creative connections designed to support the social scientific study of religion around the globe are also welcome.

DEADLINES:

Full-day symposium proposals: February 16, 2026

Session proposals: March 31, 2026

Paper abstract submissions: April 30, 2026

All submissions should be made through the ASR website at www.sociologyofreligion.org beginning in mid-January 2026. ASR Membership is required to organize a session, present a paper, serve as a panelist, or hold another role in the program. Participants are expected to register for the meeting by July 1, 2026.

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