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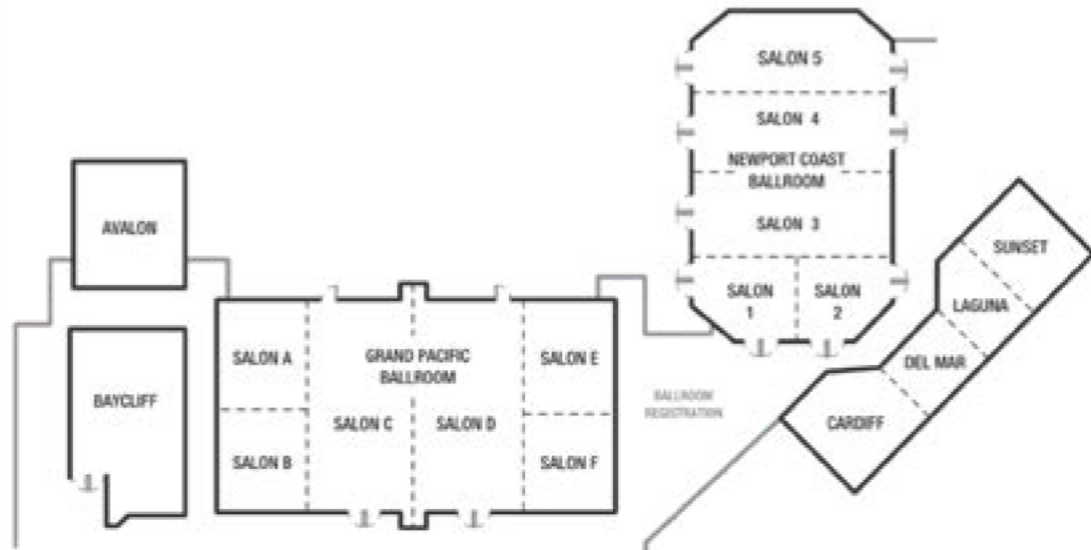
# Pluralization of Religions, Cultures, and Research Methods in an Era of Globalization

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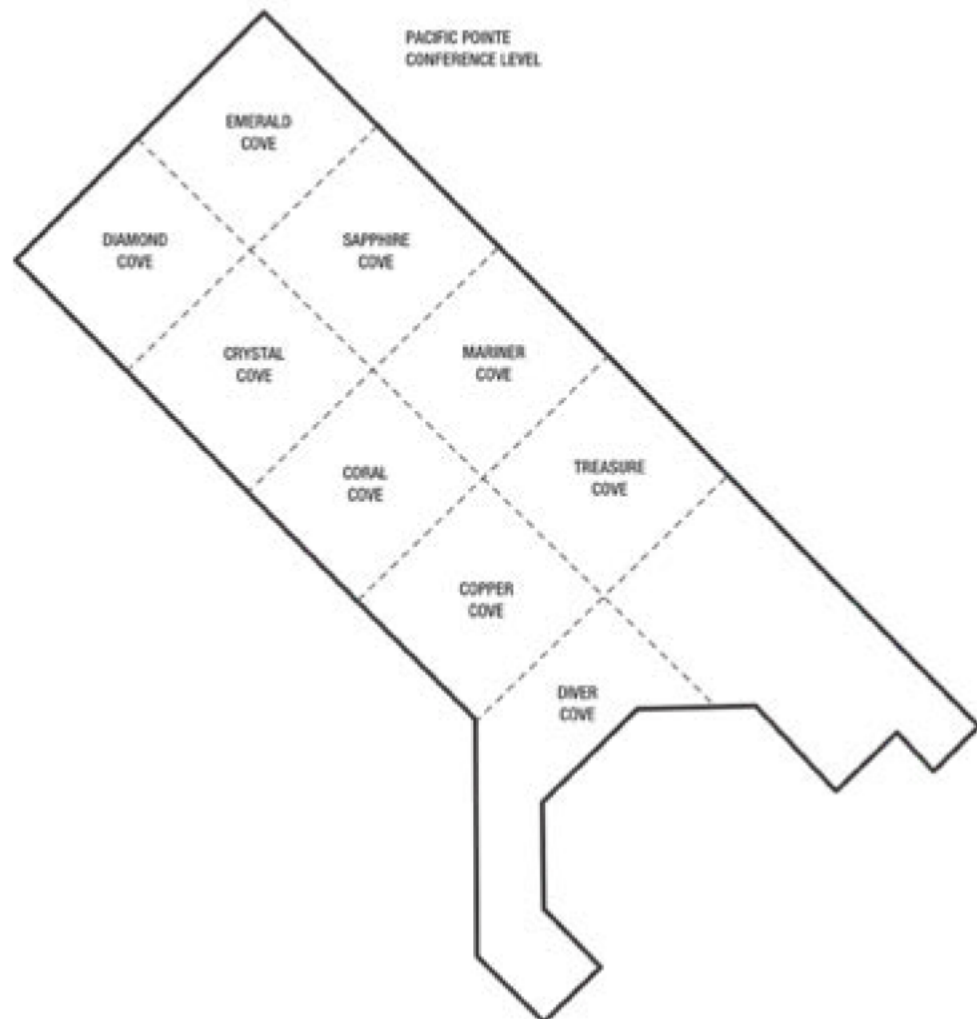


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# 2015 Program Schedule

## THURSDAY

**8:00 AM**  
SSSR Council Meeting  
Cardiff

**1:00 PM**  
RRA Board Meeting  
Cardiff

**6:00-8:00 PM**  
Registration  
Grand Pacific Ballroom Foyer

# FRIDAY

7:30 AM-3:00 PM  
Registration  
Grand Pacific Ballroom Foyer

9:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Book Exhibit  
Grand Pacific Ballroom D

11:30 AM-12:45 PM  
New Member and Awards Lunch  
(admission by ticket only)  
Rose Garden (outdoor space)

4:30-5:30 PM SSSR New Book Reception  
Grand Pacific Ballroom D  
hosted by Oxford University Press

5:30-6:30 PM  
RRA Plenary Lecture  
Christopher G. Ellison  
"The Religion-Health Connection  
Reconsidered"  
Grand Pacific Ballroom C

6:30-7:30 PM RRA Reception  
Grand Pacific Ballroom Foyer

7:45 PM Scholars of Islam Network Meeting  
Copper Cove

8:30 PM Catholic Research Network Meeting  
Coral Cove

## Friday, October 23, 8:00-9:30 AM

### A-1. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Gender and Collective Consciousness of Religion

Room: Crystal Cove

Convener: Cole Carnesecca, University of Notre Dame (ccarnese@nd.edu)

*What the Latest Global Data Reveal about Differences in Religious Commitment between Men and Women*  
Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center (conradhackett@gmail.com)

*Religious Diversity and Attitudes towards Gender Roles: A Comparative Study Based on World Values Survey data*  
Malina Voicu, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (malina.voicu@gesis.org)

*Collective Consciousness as a Key to the Study of Religion?*  
Niels Reeh, University of Copenhagen (nreeh@hum.ku.dk)

*AI Mohler's Pulpit: Embodied Masculinity at a Southern Baptist Seminary*  
Lisa Weaver Swartz, University of Notre Dame (lswartz1@nd.edu)

### A-2. SSSR: Stresses and Mormon Life

Room: Copper Cove

Organizer: Kris Doty, Utah Valley University (kris.doty@uvu.edu)  
Convener: David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)

*Differences in Adjustment Between LDS Early Returning Missionaries and Full-Term Missionaries*  
Kris Doty, Utah Valley University (kris.doty@uvu.edu)  
Scott May, Utah Valley University  
Lacy Bently, Utah Valley University  
Heather Shelline, Utah Valley University

*Understanding the Lived Experiences of Parents of Early Returning LDS Missionaries*  
Kris Doty, Utah Valley University (kris.doty@uvu.edu)  
Malisa Brooks, Utah Valley University

### A-2, cont.

Harmony Packer, Utah Valley University  
Jeremiah Smith, Utah Valley University

*Toxic Perfectionism and Depression in Mormons*  
Kris Doty, Utah Valley University (kris.doty@uvu.edu)  
Zachary Pope, Utah Valley University  
Brandy Tidwell, Utah Valley University  
Fred Ward, Utah Valley University

### A-3. SSSR: Religion in South Korea (RCCI Project—Seoul #1)

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Sung Gun Kim, Seowon University (sg97kim@gmail.com)  
Convener: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@dornsife.usc.edu)  
Discussant: Andrew Johnson, University of South California

*A Theoretical Investigation of Religious Competition in Korea: With Reference to Competition between Christianity and Confucianism*  
Jae-ryong Song, Kyung Hee University (jrsong@khu.ac.kr)

*South Korea and Megachurches*  
Sung-Gun Kim, Seowon University (sg97kim@gmail.com)

*The Changing Roles of Korean Liberal Presbyterians in the Development of Seoul Digital Industrial Complex*  
Kwangsuk Yoo, Kyung Hee University (ksyooii@snu.ac.kr)

*A Scientific Study on Holy Spiritual Descending in NRMs of Korea*  
Gang-Hyen Han, SSSH (urihana9981@naver.com)

### A-4. RRA: Chinese Evangelicals and the Shifting Religious Landscape of Canada

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Organizer: Jonathan Tam, University of Oxford (jonathan.tam@sociology.ox.ac.uk)  
Convener: Jonathan Tam, University of Oxford (jonathan.tam@sociology.ox.ac.uk)

## Friday, October 23, 8:00-9:30 AM

### A-4, cont.

Discussant: Reza Hasmath, University of Oxford (rhasmath@gmail.com)

*Invisible Communities: Seeing and Situating Chinese Christianity in Canadian Landscapes*  
Helen Mo, University of Toronto (helenmo@gmail.com)

*From Monoethnic to Multiethnic: A Case Study of Congregational Transition of Canadian-Born Chinese Evangelicals*  
Enoch Wong, Gonzaga University (ewong@zagmail.gonzaga.edu)

*Networks and Continuity: Second-Generation Chinese Canadians in Toronto*  
Scott Wall, University of Waterloo (swall@uwaterloo.ca)

*Bringing Christ Back to the Motherland: Chinese Canadian Evangelicals' Meaning-Making in Short-Term Mission Trips to China*  
Jonathan Tam, University of Oxford (jonathan.tam@sociology.ox.ac.uk)

### A-5. SSSR: Demographic Changes, Denominations, and Conversion: U.S. and Iran

Room: Treasure Cove

Convener: Christopher The, Fuller Theological Seminary (the@fuller.edu)

*Contextual Changes and the Importance of Socio-Demographic Niches for Denominational Growth, 1980-2010*  
Rachel Bacon, Penn State University (rjb397@psu.edu)

*Demographic Dynamics and Religion in Iran: Past and Present*  
Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato (y\_foroutan@yahoo.com)

*Obviousness: Conversion, Passing, and the Surprising Benefit of Phenotypic Dissimilarity*  
Adam Horowitz, Stanford University (ahorowitz@stanford.edu)

*Why I Left Islam*  
Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center (bmohamed@pewresearch.org)

### A-6. SSSR: Author Meets Critics: Beyond Religious Freedom, The New Global Politics of Religion (Princeton University Press, 2015) by Elizabeth Shakman Hurd

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Carsten Vala, Loyola University Maryland (cvala@loyola.edu)  
Convener: Carsten Vala, Loyola University Maryland (cvala@loyola.edu)

Critics:

Lori G. Beaman, University of Ottawa (Lori.beaman@bell.net)  
Anthony Gill, University of Washington (tgill@u.washington.edu)  
Tanya Schwarz, University of California, Irvine (tschwarz@uci.edu)

### A-7. SSSR: Race and Faith in America I

Room: Avalon

Convener: Jerry Park, Baylor University (Jerry\_Park@Baylor.edu)

*Faith in Ferguson: Findings from 2014 Exit-Poll Data Gathered in Ferguson, Missouri*  
Tyler Chance, University of Missouri-St. Louis (tylerrchance@gmail.com)

*Overview of the National Study of Asian and Pacific Islander Catholics in the US*

Jerry Park, Baylor University (Jerry\_Park@Baylor.edu)  
Tricia Bruce, Maryville College  
Stephen Cherry, University of Houston - Clear Lake

*Roots and Routes: Forging Transnational Ties through the Chinese American Evangelical Social Imaginary*  
Steven Hu, University of California Santa Barbara (steven.hu2@gmail.com)

*The (In)visibility of Religion: How Religion, Race, Ethnicity, and Class Intersect in the Daily Lives of Mexican and Irish Americans in Chicago*

Christopher Carroll, Northwestern University (christophercarroll@northwestern.edu)

### A-8. SSSR: Emotion and Empathy in Congregations and Society

Room: Del Mar

Convener: John Teehan, Hofstra University (John.P.Teehan@hofstra.edu)

*Congregational Mental Health*  
Kenneth Van Wyk, Institute for Christian Studies (kvanwyk@christiancounselingservices.com)

*Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement: A Multilevel Analysis of U.S. Congregations*

Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University (kat777@uw.edu)

*Empathy, Religion, and Social Evolution: A Cognitive Model*  
John Teehan, Hofstra University (John.P.Teehan@hofstra.edu)

### A-9. SSSR: Global Evangelical Perspectives

Room: Laguna

Convener: Rick Moore, University of Chicago (rickmoore@uchicago.edu)

*Emotions and Social Class in English Evangelicalism*  
Joanne McKenzie, Durham University (j.m.mckenzie@durham.ac.uk)

*I'm Not Religious; I'm a Follower of Christ: Negotiating "Religion" in Evangelical Congregations*

Rick Moore, University of Chicago (rickmoore@uchicago.edu)

*The Diversity of Cultural Influences in Latino Evangelical Worship Practices*

Jonathan Calvillo, University of California, Irvine (calvillj@uci.edu)

## Friday, October 23, 8:00-9:30 AM

### A9, cont.

*The Financing of Evangelical Congregations in Canada*  
Sam Reimer, Crandall University (sam.reimer@crandallu.ca)  
Michael Wilkinson, Trinity Western University

### A-10. SSSR: Chinese Religious Thought: Multidisciplinary Cognitive Science Approaches Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Organizer: Justin Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary (jbarrett@fuller.edu)  
Convener: Justin Barrett, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (jbarrett@fuller.edu)

*High Gods and Low Gods in Ancient China: CSR vs. Sinology*  
Ryan Nichols, Cal State Fullerton (rnichols@fullerton.edu)

*Children's Understanding of Intentional Agents: Revisiting the Preparedness Hypothesis with Chinese Children*  
Tyler Greenway, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (tylergreenway@fuller.edu)

Gregory Foley, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology  
Justin Barrett, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

*Testing Ritual Form Hypothesis in Singapore*

Justin Barrett, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (jbarrett@fuller.edu)  
Ryan Hornbeck, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology

*Spiritual Expression in Chinese Online Games*

Ryan Hornbeck, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (rghornbeck123@gmail.com)

### A-11. SSSR: The Americanization of Islam

#### Room: Sunset

Organizer: Jeffrey Guhin, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (jgg3z@virginia.edu)  
Convener: Jeffrey Guhin, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (jgg3z@virginia.edu)  
Discussant: Jeffrey Guhin, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (jgg3z@virginia.edu)

*The Activism of American Muslim Women in the Late 1990s through the 21st Century*  
Jackleen Salem, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (jsalem@uwm.edu)

*The Impact of Corporate Modalities on American Islamic Institutions and Muslim American Perceptions of Islam*  
Saeed Khan, Wayne State University (s.khan@wayne.edu)

*Muslim, American, or Both? The Effects of Religion, Culture and Social Structure on American Muslim Identity: An Application of the Social Identity Perspective*

Gabriel Acevedo, University of Texas at San Antonio (gabriel.acevedo@utsa.edu)  
Ali Chaudhary, University of California, Davis  
Christopher Ellison, University of Texas at San Antonio

### A11, cont.

*Being Muslim in Two Places: Transnational Teenagers Compare their Experiences*  
Louise Cainkar, Social and Cultural Sciences (louise.cainkar@marquette.edu)

### A-12. RRA: Congregational Studies in Global Perspective Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Organizer: Andrew Village, York St. John University (a.village@yorksj.ac.uk)  
Convener: Andrew Village, York St. John University (a.village@yorksj.ac.uk)

*Quest Religiosity and Psychological Type among Anglican Churchgoers*  
Mandy Robbins, Glyndwr University (m.robbins@glyndwr.ac.uk)

*Do Australian Churches Help Asian Immigrants to Integrate into Society?*  
Andrew Village, York St. John University (a.village@yorksj.ac.uk)

*The Importance of Collective Confidence in Church Health: A Large Longitudinal Study Examines What Attracts Newcomers to Church*  
Sam Sterland, NCLS Research (ssterland@ncls.org.au)

Miriam Pepper, NCLS Research/Australian Catholic University, Australia  
Kobus Schoeman, University of The Free State, South Africa

*Evaluating Links between Church Vitality, Growth, and Newcomers across Countries and Time: An International Study*

Ruth Powell, NCLS Research/Australian Catholic University (rpowell@ncls.org.au)

Miriam Pepper Sam Sterland, NCLS Research/Australian Catholic University, Australia  
Kobus Schoeman, University of The Free State, South Africa

### A-13. SSSR: Author Meets Critics: *American Secularism: The Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems (NYU Press, 2015)* by Joseph O. Baker and Buster G. Smith Room: Newport Coast Salon 2

Organizer: Andrew Whitehead, Clemson University (alw6@clemson.edu)  
Convener: Andrew Whitehead, Clemson University (alw6@clemson.edu)

Critics:

Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota (edgell@umn.edu)  
Ryan T. Cragun, University of Tampa (rcragun@ut.edu)  
Phil Zuckerman, Pitzer College (phil\_zuckerman@pitzer.edu)  
David Voas, University of Essex (voas@essex.ac.uk)

## Friday, October 23, 8:00-9:30 AM

### A-14. SSSR: Social Movements and Faith-Based Initiatives

#### Room: Sapphire Cove

Convener: Rachel Ellis, University of Pennsylvania (rhellis@sas.upenn.edu)

*How Does Government Regulation of Religion Promote Religious Believers' Protest Participation: Based on the Sixth Wave of World Value Survey and international Religious Freedom Data*  
Yun Lu, Purdue University (lu339@purdue.edu)

*Psychology and LGBT Christians' Activism*

Dorota Hall, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences (dhall@ifispan.waw.pl)

*Who Were the Social Gospellers? Race, Class, and Religion on the Eve of the Depression*

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania (mwilde@sas.upenn.edu)

### A-15. SSSR: Singlehood and Marriage: Ethnicity, Religiosity, and Childhood Abuse Room: Coral Cove

Convener: Ari Engelberg, Bar-Ilan University (ari.engelberg@mail.huji.ac.il)

*How Prolonged Singlehood Affects Religious Observance: The Case of Religious Zionist Israelis*  
Ari Engelberg, Bar-Ilan University (ari.engelberg@mail.huji.ac.il)

*The Effects of Childhood Abuse and Religious Factors on Adult Interpersonal Relationships*  
Andrea Ruiz, Penn State University (alr349@psu.edu)

*Crisis, Alterity, and Mutual Recognition in Rome: An Empirically-Grounded Psychoanalytic Exploration of How Interfaith Methodologies Temporarily Alleviate Crisis and Foster Conditions for Interpersonal Transformation*

Jennifer (Jenn) Lindsay, Boston University (jlindsay@bu.edu)

### NOTES

## Friday, October 23, 9:45-11:15 AM

### B-1. SSSR: Identities and Inclusion in Faith Room: Treasure Cove

Convener: Laura Krull, UNC-Chapel Hill (lmkrull@live.unc.edu)

*"God Excludes Nobody": Boundary Work at an "Inclusive" Congregation*

Laura Krull, UNC-Chapel Hill (lmkrull@live.unc.edu)

*Marginalization and Generalized Trust: What's Religion Got to do with It?*

Matthew Loveland, Le Moyne College (lovelam@lemoyne.edu)

Alex Capella, Le Moyne College

India Bolden-Maisonet, Le Moyne College

*Race/Ethnicity, Congregation-Based Social Relationships, and C-Reactive Protein*

Ryon Cobb, USC (ryoncobb@usc.edu)

### B-2. SSSR: Faith through Written Works Room: Copper Cove

Organizer: Joshua Ambrosius, University of Dayton (jambrosius1@udayton.edu)

*"The Gods are Blind"? George R.R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire and HBO's Game of Thrones as Religio-Political Simulations*

Joshua Ambrosius, University of Dayton (jambrosius1@udayton.edu)

*A Ritual of Pouring Water: Speculation on the Cultural and Spiritual Capital of Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)*

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

*Genre-Based Constraints on Plausibility Structures*

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara (nfredrickson@umail.ucsb.edu)

### B-3. SSSR: Marriage: Kids, Money, and Premarital Counseling Room: Coral Cove

Convener: George Yancey, University of North Texas (george.yancey@unt.edu)

*"The Lord often Shows His Kindness in Providing": Financial Readiness and Understandings of Marriage among Early-Married Young Adults*

Patricia Tevington, University of Pennsylvania (ptev@sas.upenn.edu)

*As a Man or an Extrovert? The Role of Expertise in the "Saying" and "Doing" of Gender in Conservative Religious Communities*

Courtney Irby, Loyola University Chicago (cirby@luc.edu)

*Having Kids: Assessing Differences in Fertility Desires between Religious and Nonreligious Individuals*

George Yancey, University of North Texas (george.yancey@unt.edu)

Michael Emerson, Rice University

### B-4. SSSR: Indigenous Chinese Christianities: Varieties and Trajectories Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Organizer: Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, University of California, San Diego (tjzimmer@ucsd.edu)

Convener: Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, University of California, San Diego (tjzimmer@ucsd.edu)

Discussant: Ray Wang, National ChengChi University (ywang@nccu.edu.tw)

*Not Peace, but Division: The Chinese State's Varied Response to Alternative Christianities*

Jonathan Walton, University of California, San Diego (jwalton@ucsd.edu)

*"The Wind Blows Where it Wills": The Intellectual Religious Contributions of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee and their Implications for States and Societies*

Paul Chang, University of Chicago (paul.h.b.chang@gmail.com)

*Sermons in Motion: The Chinese Seventh-day Adventist Networks of California, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China*

Christie Chui-Shan Chow, Princeton Theological Seminary (chui-shan.chow@ptsem.edu)

*From "Children of the Devil" to "Sons of God": The Reconfiguration of Guanxi in a 20th-Century Indigenous Chinese Protestant Group*

Teresa Zimmerman-Liu, University of California, San Diego (tjzimmer@ucsd.edu)

### B-5. SSSR: Study and Measure of Religion Room: Avalon

Convener: Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara (hoesly@umail.ucsb.edu)

*Renegade Researchers, Radical Religions, and IRBs: New Impediments or the "McDonaldization" of Social Research?*

Susan J. Palmer, McGill University (susan.palmer@mcgill.ca)

*Studying Lived Religion: A Preliminary Map of an Emerging Field*

Nancy T. Ammerman, Boston University (nta@bu.edu)

*Religion and Self-Control: A Smartphone-Based, Experience Sampling Method Study*

Brad Wright, U. of Connecticut (bradley.wright@uconn.edu)

*The Scientific Simulation of Religion: A Report on the "Modeling Religion Project"*

Wesley Wildman, Boston University (wwildman@bu.edu)

F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder

### B-6. SSSR: Author Meets Critics: *The Shared Parish: Latinos, Anglos, and the Future of U.S. Catholicism* (NYU Press, 2014) by Brett C. Hoover Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Tia Noelle Pratt, St. Joseph's University (tpratt@sju.edu)

Convener: Tia Noelle Pratt, St. Joseph's University (tpratt@sju.edu)

## Friday, October 23, 9:45-11:15 AM

### B-6, cont.

Critics:

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College (gemarti@davidson.edu)

Jeffrey Guhin, University of Virginia (jig3z@virginia.edu)

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University (garces.foley@marymount.edu)

### B-7. RRA: FACT2015 National Survey of Congregations: Overall Findings Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: David Roozen, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (roozen@hartsem.edu)

Convener: David Roozen, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (roozen@hartsem.edu)

*Fifteen Years of Change In American Congregations*

David Roozen, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (roozen@hartsem.edu)

*Young Adult Ministries in American Congregations*

Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, United Church of Christ (hajbik@ucc.org)

*Religious Education in American Congregations*

Joseph Crockett, Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology (jvcrockett@vuu.edu)

*Tech Use in American Congregations*

Scott L. Thumma, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (thumma@hartsem.edu)

### B-8. RRA: Updates and New Features at the Association of Religion Data Archives Room: Laguna

Organizer: Andrew Whitehead, Clemson University (alw6@clemson.edu)

Convener: Andrew Whitehead, Clemson University (alw6@clemson.edu)

*Resources on the ARDA for Congregations*

Jennifer McClure, Samford University (jmclure@samford.edu)

*GlobalPlus: Enriching Worldwide Understanding of Religion with International Scholarship*

David Briggs, Association of Religion Data Archives (briggsdlbriggs@aol.com)

*Updates and New Features on the ARDA: The Measurement Wizard*

Chris Bader, Chapman University (bader@chapman.edu)

*Using the ARDA for International Research*

Dane Mataic, Penn State University (drm320@psu.edu)

### B-9. SSSR: Death and Violence Room: Del Mar

Convener: Suzanne Macaluso, Abilene Christian University (scfourmier@gmail.com)

*Forgive Me Brother, For I Have Killed My Daughter*

Austin Keefer, University of Arkansas (aakeefer@email.uark.edu)

*Is it Ethical? Is it Right? A Quantitative Study of Public Opinion on the Death Penalty and Torture*

Suzanne Macaluso, Abilene Christian University (scfourmier@gmail.com)

Tyler Salter, Abilene Christian University

*My Brother's Keeper? Religious Violence and American Support for Foreign Intervention*

Robert Vandenberg, Ohio State University (vandenberg.13@osu.edu)

Joshua Wu, Ohio State University

Austin Knappe, Ohio State University

### B-10. SSSR: Race and Faith in America II Room: Mariner Cove

Convener: Korie Edwards, Ohio State University (kle@sociology.osu.edu)

*"There's Plenty of God's Love to Go Around": Faith-Based Movements and the Politics of Inequality*

Jack Delehanty, University of Minnesota (dele0068@umn.edu)

*The Black Protestant Ethic: Black Religious Leaders' Explanations for Social Inequality*

Korie Edwards, Ohio State University (kle@sociology.osu.edu)

*The Power of Giving: Understanding How Social Deficits Form in a Multiracial Church*

Chris Munn, The Ohio State University (munn.29@osu.edu)

### B-11. SSSR: Religion's Role In Terror Management Theory Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Organizer: Robert B. Arrowood, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (robert.b.arrowood@gmail.com)

Convener: Thomas J. Coleman III, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (thomas-j-coleman@mocs.utc.edu)

*Death Awareness, Decreased Creativity, and Intrinsic Religiosity*

Sally Swanson, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (thd968@mocs.utc.edu)

Robert B. Arrowood, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Ralph Hood, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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### B-11, cont.

*Death-Induced Optimism: The Effects of Mortality Salience on Optimistic Religious Belief and Religious Adherence*

Robert B. Arrowood, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (robert.b.arrowood@gmail.com)  
Thomas J. Coleman III, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Sally Swanson, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

*Impact of Mortality Awareness on Ideological Dogmatism and Need for Cognition Among Religious and Non-Religious Individuals*

Kenneth Vail, Cleveland State University (vail.kenneth@gmail.com)  
Jamie Arndt, University of Missouri  
Abdol Abdollahi, University of Texas, El Paso  
Kennon Sheldon, University of Missouri

### B-12. SSSR: Megachurch Fantasies: New Inquiries in Affect Theory and Megachurches

**Room: Newport Coast Salon 1**

Organizer: James K. Wellman, Jr., University of Washington (jwellman@u.washington.edu)

Convener: James K. Wellman, Jr., University of Washington (jwellman@u.washington.edu)

*Trolling on Mission to Save a "Pussified Nation"*

Jessica Johnson, University of Washington (trystero@u.washington.edu)

*The Affective Power of Evangelical Images in Gay Christian Identities*

W. Elizabeth Chapin, University of Washington (echapin@u.washington.edu)

*Global Cities of God: The Ideological Fantasies of Chinese American Megachurches in the Silicon Valley*

Justin K.H. Tse, University of Washington (jktse@u.washington.edu)

*"God is like a Drug . . .": Explaining Interaction Ritual Chains in American Megachurches*

James K. Wellman, Jr., University of Washington (jwellman@u.washington.edu)

### B-13. SSSR: Author Meets Critics: *The New Monasticism and the Transformation of American Evangelicalism* (Oxford University Press, 2014) by Wes Markofski

**Room: Newport Coast Salon 2**

Organizer: Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico (rlwood@unm.edu)

Critics:

Amy Reynolds, Wheaton College (amy.reynolds@wheaton.edu)

Joseph McKellar, PICO California (joseph@picocalifornia.org)

Brian Steensland, IUPUI (bsteens@iupui.edu)

### B-14. SSSR: The Science of Ministry Relationships: Burnout, Trauma, and Ministry Effectiveness

**Room: Sunset**

Organizer: Justin Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary (jbarrett@fuller.edu)

Convener: Pete Hill, Rosemead School of Psychology-Biola (peter.hill@biola.edu)

*Relational Capacity, Personal Well-Being, & Ministry Performance: Consequences of the Evolved Social Brain*

Candace Coppinger Pickett, Fuller Theological Seminary (candacecoppinger@fuller.edu)

*Adult Attachment and Childhood Trauma: The Impact on Social Network Structure*

Ashley Wilkins, Fuller Theological Seminary (ashley.m.wilkins@gmail.com)

*Implications for Ministers and Ministries: The Effects of Network Size on Relational Workers*

Rebecca Burnside, Fuller Theological Seminary (rebeccaburnside@fuller.edu)

*Work and Intimacy: Implication for Ministry Burnout*

Patience Ahmed, Fuller Theological Seminary (patienceahmed@fuller.edu)

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**11:30 AM-12:45 PM**  
**New Member and Awards Lunch**  
**Rose Garden (outdoor space)**  
**(admission by ticket only)**

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## Friday, October 23, 1:00-2:30 PM

### C-1. SSSR: Religion in Russia: Ukraine, Orthodoxy, and Minority Religions

**Room: Sapphire Cove**

Convener: Marat Shterin, King's College London (marat.shterin@kcl.ac.uk)

*Religion in the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict: "Ambient Faith" and "Bricolage"*

Marat Shterin, King's College London (marat.shterin@kcl.ac.uk)

*Russian Values, the Russian Orthodox "Social Doctrine," and the Difficulty of Defining the "Other"*

Jerry Pankhurst, Wittenberg University (jpankhurst@wittenberg.edu)

*Seeking Domestic Justice through International Courts: Russia's Responses to the ECtHR Decisions on Its Minority Religions*

Marat Shterin, King's College London (marat.shterin@kcl.ac.uk)

James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno

*The "Interfaith Dialogue" as a Form of "Minor Religions" Opposition to the Governmental Pressure in Russia*

Alexandra Filkina, Tomsk State Pedagogical University, Russia (Alexandra.filkina.tspu@gmail.com)

### C-2. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Clinical Therapy, Counseling, and Grief

**Room: Mariner Cove**

Convener: Aaron Franzen, Hope College (franzen@hope.edu)

*The Roles and Relationships of Negative Religious Coping to Outcomes in Psychotherapy with Believing Clients*

Timothy A. Sisemore, Richmond Graduate University (tsisemore@richmond.edu)

Jeb Brown, ACORN

Kenneth Pargament, Bowling Green University

Nathan Harris, Richmond Graduate University

*Structural Implications for Clinical Interactions and the Overlooked Patient*

Aaron Franzen, Hope College (franzen@hope.edu)

*The Last Pastor: Narratives of Grief and Grace*

Gail Cafferata, Center for Practical Theology, Boston University (revgailc@gmail.com)

*Spiritual Redemption and Personal Bereavement*

Anat Feldman, Achva Academic College (afeldman@achva.ac.il)

### C-3. SSSR: African American Faith

**Room: Treasure Cove**

Convener: Dilara Uskup, University of Chicago (duskup@uchicago.edu)

*Black Pastors and Civic Engagement in Ohio: Civic Leaders' Perspectives*

Michelle Oyakawa, The Ohio State University (oyakawa.4@osu.edu)  
Korie Edwards, The Ohio State University

### C-3, cont.

*Blue Bible, Red Bible: Sin or Right? Examining the Impact of Theology on Morality Based Opinions Among Faith-Centered African Americans*

Dilara Uskup, University of Chicago (duskup@uchicago.edu)

*Post-Civil Rights Black Church Typologies: Analyzing Patterns in Social and Politically-Oriented Engagement Practices Using Latent Class Analysis*

Patrick Washington, University of Illinois at Chicago (pwashi4@uic.edu)

### C-4. SSSR: Studying Biblical Greek in Chinese I

**Room: Copper Cove**

Organizer: Cheng-Tian Kuo

### C-5. SSSR: Souls, Perspectivism and Animism in Latin America

**Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A**

Organizer: Christopher L. Chiappari, St. Olaf College (chiappar@stolaf.edu)

Convener: Henri Gooren, Oakland University (gooren@oakland.edu)

*"Your Soul Got Stuck There": Partible Souls, and Issues of Humanity and Animality in the Andes*

David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)

*Souls and Subjectivity in Maya Spirituality and Evangelical Protestantism in Guatemala*

Christopher L. Chiappari, St. Olaf College (chiappar@stolaf.edu)

### C-6. SSSR: Non-Religious, Nones, and "Dones": Origins, Identity, Community, and Participation

**Room: Laguna**

Convener: Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara (hoesly@umail.ucsb.edu)

*Individual Religious Trajectories and Civic Engagement: Separating the Never Religious from the Formerly Religious*

Michael Wood, University of Notre Dame (mwood3@nd.edu)

*Organized Non-Religion: Individual and Social Identity Among Non-Believers*

Amanda Schutz, University of Arizona (amschutz@email.arizona.edu)

*The Importance of Community for Disaffiliated Christians: Exploring the Link Between Diversity, Belief, and Practice*

Josh Packard, University of Northern Colorado (josh.packard@unco.edu)

Ashleigh Hope, Vanderbilt University

*Where do Youthful "Nones" Come from? Families and the Intergenerational Transmission of Non-Religion*

Vern Bengtson, University of Southern California (bengtson@usc.edu)  
R. David Hayward, University of Michigan

Phil Zuckerman, Pitzer College

## Friday, October 23, 1:00-2:30 PM

### C-7. SSSR: Belief, Unbelief, and Spirituality

#### Room: Sunset

Convener: Paul McClure, Baylor University (paul\_mcclure@baylor.edu)

*Believing or Unbelieving? Assumptions about Human Nature in the Sociology of Religion*

Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University (v.karpov@wmich.edu)

*Can Being Spiritual but Not Religious Sustain in Time? The Effect of Spiritual Practice on Maintaining Belief*

Yunping Tong, Purdue University (yptong@purdue.edu)

Yun Lu, Purdue University

*Something Besides Monotheism: Theological Boundary Work Among the Spiritual, but Not Religious*

Paul McClure, Baylor University (paul\_mcclure@baylor.edu)

*Investigating the Relationship between Multitype Maltreatment and Spirituality*

Megan Petra, University of Toledo (megan.petra@utoledo.edu)

Michael Prior, University of Toledo (michael.prior@utoledo.edu)

### C-8. SSSR: Religion's Effect on Health

#### Room: Coral Cove

Convener: Charles Dahan, University of Florida (cdahan@ufl.edu)

*Blood Sacrifice and the Potentiation of the Human Immune System*

Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University (ellistb@appstate.edu)

*Dialogues among Pentecostalism, Indigenous Tradition, "Umbanda," and Illness*

Maria Alcantara, University of Sao Paulo (marialcantara@mac.com)

*Effects of Religious Priming upon Disease Stigmatization*

Charles Dahan, University of Florida (cdahan@ufl.edu)

*Change is Good? The Impact of Religious Change on Health*

Andrea Henderson, University of South Carolina (ahenderson@sc.edu)

### C-9. SSSR: Religion, Global Poverty and International Development

#### Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Stephen Offutt, Asbury Theological Seminary (stephen.offutt@asburyseminary.edu)

Convener: Stephen Offutt, Asbury Theological Seminary (stephen.offutt@asburyseminary.edu)

*Is Max Weber Alive and Living in Guatemala? Some Contrary Thoughts on Pentecostalism and Economic Development*

Richard Flory, USC (rflory@dornsife.usc.edu)

### C-9, cont.

*Catholic Sisters and Community Development in Africa*

Donald Miller, University of Southern California (demiller@dornsife.usc.edu)

*Transnational Religious Forces and Development in El Salvador*

Stephen Offutt, Asbury Theological Seminary (stephen.offutt@asburyseminary.edu)

*Jimmy Yen, World Vision, and Evangelical Transnationalism*

David Swartz, Asbury University (david.swartz@asbury.edu)

### C-10. SSSR: Reports on the Latest Megachurch Research in US and Canada

#### Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Organizer: Scott L. Thumma, Hartford Seminary, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (sthumma@hartsem.edu)

Convener: Scott L. Thumma, Hartford Seminary, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (sthumma@hartsem.edu)

*Overview and Changing Dynamics based on the 2015 U.S. Megachurch Study*

Scott L. Thumma, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (sthumma@hartsem.edu)

*Megachurch Vitality Markers, Trends from 2015 U.S. FACT Survey*

Warren Bird, Leadership Network (warren.bird@leadnet.org)

*Large Churches in Canada: Initial Findings*

Sam Reimer, Crandall University (Sam.Reimer@crandallu.ca)

Michael Wilkinson, Trinity Western University

Reginald Bibby, University of Lethbridge

### C-11. SSSR: Education: Authority, Immigration, Bullying, and Well-being

#### Room: Del Mar

Convener: Wing Yu Alice Chan, McGill University (alice.chan@mail.mcgill.ca)

*Education about Religion in Ontario (Canada): Public Education, Immigration and the Management of Religious Diversity*

Leo Van Arragon, University of Ottawa (lvanarragon@gmail.com)

*Habermas' Communicative Action and Gomez's Critical Communicative Methodology: A Mixed Methods Approach to Collaborate with Students, Parents, Teachers, and Principals on Religious Literacy and Religious Bullying*

Wing Yu Alice Chan, McGill University (alice.chan@mail.mcgill.ca)

*Technologies of Moral Authority in Muslim and Christian Schools*

Jeffrey Guhin, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (jgg3z@virginia.edu)

*Religion, Race, Gender, and Well-Being Among American University Students.*

Jerome Koch, Texas Tech University (jerome.koch@ttu.edu)

Alden Roberts

Myrna Armstrong

## Friday, October 23, 1:00-2:30 PM

### C-12. RRA: Congregations and Community Involvement

#### Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Convener: Jennifer McClure, Samford University (jmclure@samford.edu)

*Prosocial Spillover Effects: How Involvement in Congregations and Community Organizations Shapes Attenders' Prosocial Behavior*

Jennifer McClure, Samford University (jmclure@samford.edu)

*Living Missionally in the PC(USA)*

Joelle Kopacz, Presbyterian Church USA (joelle.kopacz@pcusa.org)

*Congregational Bonding and Bridging Capital: A National and Local Analysis*

Catherine Hoegeman, Missouri State University (CHoegeman@missouristate.edu)

*Church Life in Evangelical Churches in the UK*

Mandy Robbins, University of Warwick (mandy.robbins@glyndwr.ac.uk)

### C-13. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Church Organization and Structure

#### Room: Newport Coast Salon 2

Convener: Darin Freeburg, University of South Carolina (iahawk02@yahoo.com)

*A Unique Framework for Uncovering the Tacit Knowledge Needs of Churches*

Darin Freeburg, University of South Carolina (iahawk02@yahoo.com)

*Mapping Religious Ecologies*

Mark Killian, Whitworth University (mkillian@whitworth.edu)

*Marketing Multisite Megachurches: A Website Content Analysis and Case Study Comparison with Multi-Campus Hospitals*

Joshua Ambrosius, University of Dayton (jambrosius1@udayton.edu)

Rachel Phillips, University of Dayton

### C-14. SSSR: Spirituality, Ritual and Symbols: Making meaning

#### Room: Avalon

Convener: Daniel Winchester, Purdue University (dwinches@purdue.edu)

*Capturing the Spirit in Religious Interaction Rituals*

Scott Draper, The College of Idaho (sdraper51@gmail.com)

*Making Sense of Fasting: On the Role of Metaphorical Cognition in Processes of Meaning-Making*

Daniel Winchester, Purdue University (dwinches@purdue.edu)

*The Sky is Falling: Individual and Communal Symbol Development During Liminal Times*

Nathan R. Kollar, St. John Fisher College (nkollar@yahoo.com)

### C-14, cont.

*What Makes a Dream Seem Spiritual? Applying Attribution Theory to the Dreams of Nepalese Christians and Hindus*

Robert Sears, Fuller Theological Seminary (robertsears@fuller.edu)

### C-15. SSSR: Identity as the "Other"

#### Room: Crystal Cove

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

*Managing Islam at Local Level: Comparing and Contrasting Experiences in Recent European Immigration Countries*

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

*Understanding What it Means to be a Catholic in Mexico City: Religious Leaders vs. the ICAT Index*

J. Antonio Serrano, Universidad Catolica Lumen Gentium (j1123581321s@gmail.com)

### C-16. SSSR: Chinese Religion in the Modern Age

#### Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Convener: Carsten Vala, Loyola University Maryland (cvala@loyola.edu)

*From "Square" Back to "Livingroom": The Rise of Weixin and its Implications for Christians in China*

Jianbo Huang, East China Normal University (jbmhuang@hotmail.com)

Carsten Vala, Loyola University Maryland

*Media Representation of Buddhism in People's Republic of China: 1978-2011*

Jun Lu, Purdue University (lu33@purdue.edu)

*The Last Mile of Constructing Chinese Theology with Software*

Cheng-tian Kuo, National Chengchi University (ctkuo@nccu.edu.tw)

*The Spatial Study of Catholic Market in China*

George Hong, Purdue University Calumet (puc826@yahoo.com)

Jianfeng Jin, Purdue University Calumet

## Friday, October 23, 2:45-4:15 PM

### D-1. SSSR: Mexico and Latin America: Pentecostalism, Charismatic Faith and Social Change Room: Coral Cove

Convener: Graham Hill, University of California, Berkeley (grahamhill@berkeley.edu)

*Gender Equality among Pentecostals in Guatemala: A Promising Future?*

Lindsey Huang, Fresno Pacific University (lindseyhuang@outlook.com)

*Reclaiming the Secular: A Charismatic Christian Fellowship's Interventions on Secularism in Mexico City*

Graham Hill, University of California, Berkeley (grahamhill@berkeley.edu)

*Spirit and Social Infrastructure: Are Pentecostals Transforming El Salvador?*

James Huff, Wheaton College (james.huff@wheaton.edu)

### D-2. SSSR: Science and Religion: Creationism, "Antiscience," and Archaeology Room: Mariner Cove

Convener: Michael Evans, Dartmouth College (michael.evans@dartmouth.edu)

*Constructing Creationism: The Role of Social Context in Producing Certainty*

Jonathan Hill, Calvin College (jph27@calvin.edu)

*Digging for the Gods: The Tragedy of Biblical Archeology*

Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa (benny@psy.haifa.ac.il)

*When is Religion Anti-Science?*

Michael Evans, Dartmouth College (michael.evans@dartmouth.edu)

### D-3. SSSR: Bridging Gaps among American Jews in the 21st Century Room: Treasure Cove

Organizer: Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College (bphillips@huc.edu)

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Discussant: Brie Loskota, Center for Religion & Civic Culture, USC (bloskota@dornsife.usc.edu)

*Bridging the Generation Gap: The Role of Grandparents in Transmitting Jewish Identity*

Ariela Keysar, Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society (akeysar@aol.com)

*Somewhere In-Between: How Jews of Mixed Parentage Regard Themselves, Other Jews, and Their Connection to the Larger Jewish Collectivity*

Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College (bphillips@huc.edu)

*Morality, Pluralism, and 21st Century Jews*

Jennifer Thompson, California State University, Northridge (jthompson@csun.edu)

### D-4. SSSR: No Safe Haven on Earth? Prejudice and Microaggressions against Religious Believers Room: Crystal Cove

Organizer: Zhen Cheng, University of Oregon (zcheng@uoregon.edu)

Convener: Zhen Cheng, University of Oregon (zcheng@uoregon.edu)

*The Development and Validation of the Microaggressions Against Religious Individuals Scale (MARIS)*

Zhen Cheng, University of Oregon (zcheng@uoregon.edu)

Louis Pagano, Jr., Wilford Hall Medical Center

Azim Shariff, University of Oregon

*Audit Study of Potential Pro or Anti-Christian Media Bias*

Alicia Brunson, Kansas State University (ale3434@ksu.edu)

George Yancey, University of North Texas

*What Do People with Anti-Christian Animosity Want?*

David Williamson, University of North Texas (David.Williamson@unt.edu)

George Yancey, University of North Texas

### D-5. SSSR: Studying Biblical Greek in Chinese II Room: Copper Cove

Organizer: Cheng-Tian Kuo

### D-6. RRA: Author Meets Critics: From Celibate Catholic Priests to Married Protestant Ministers: Shepherding in Greener Pastures (Lexington Books, 2015) by Stephen Joseph Fichter Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Mary Gautier, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (gautierm@georgetown.edu)

Convener: Mary Gautier, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (gautierm@georgetown.edu)

Critics:

Matthew Price (cara@georgetown.edu)

Patricia Wittberg (cara@georgetown.edu)

Leslie Francis (cara@georgetown.edu)

### D-7. SSSR: New Perspectives on Religious Conversion in China and the Chinese Diaspora Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Organizer: Jin Lu, Purdue University Calumet (lu@purduecal.edu)

Convener: Mark Larrimore, The New School (larrimom@newschool.edu)

*Tolle Lege? Conversion Theologies in Conversion Theories*

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union/University of California at Berkeley (hkuo@ses.gtu.edu)

*Chinese Confessions: Catholic Conversion Narratives in an Inter-cultural Context*

Jin Lu, Purdue University Calumet (lu@purduecal.edu)

## Friday, October 23, 2:45-4:15 PM

### D-7, cont.

*Conversions and Reconversions in the Shanghai Catholic Church Today*

Liang Zhang, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (s\_s\_zoe@hotmail.com)

*Mapping Shanghai: Conversions and Territories in a Global City*

Benoit Vermander, Fudan University (mdwei@fudan.edu.cn)

Liz Hingley, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

### D-8. SSSR: Islam: Gender, Sexuality, and Sharia Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Organizer: Rachel Rinaldo, University of Colorado (rachel.rinaldo@colorado.edu)

Convener: Rachel Rinaldo, University of Colorado (rachel.rinaldo@colorado.edu)

Discussant: Christine Sheikh, Metropolitan State University of Denver (csheikh@msudenver.edu)

*Performing Femininity, Rupturing "Moderate" Islam: Case Studies from Pakistan and Malaysia*

Azza Basaruddin, UCLA (azza@ucla.edu)

Khanum Shaikh, California State University, Northridge

*Constructing Ethnic Boundaries within American Islam*

Pamela Prickett, Department of Sociology (prickett@g.ucla.edu)

*Building the Harvard SHARIA Source Database in Australia and Indonesia: Methodological Challenges and Successes*

Joshua M. Roose, Institute for Religion, Politics and Society, Australian Catholic University (Joshua.Roose@acu.edu.au)

Dina Afrianty, Institute for Religion, Politics and Society, Australian Catholic University

Bryan S. Turner, Institute for Religion, Politics and Society, Australian Catholic University

### D-9. SSSR: Religion Emplaced: Practicing Religion Locally Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)

Convener: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)

*A New Mix in LA: Multiracial Churches with Few or any Whites*

Andrew Johnson, University of Southern California (john819@usc.edu)

*From Margin to Mainstream: Indian American Hindu Immigrants and the Changing Face of the Hare Krishna Movement in the 21st Century*

Nalika Gajaweera, University of Southern California (gajaweer@usc.edu)

*Innovation Incubator: The Pico-Union Project and the Importance of Place in Nurturing Religious Renewal*

Nick Street, University of Southern California (gstreet@usc.edu)

*Local Matters: Evangelical Churches in, and of, Their Communities*

Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)

### D-10. SSSR: Empirical Study of Sermons Room: Del Mar

Organizer: Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University (pmhegy@gmail.com)

Convener: Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University (pmhegy@gmail.com)

*Constructing Motherhood from the Pulpit: An Analysis of How Clergy Preach about Moms*

Darin Freeburg, University of South Carolina (darinf@mailbox.sc.edu)

*"Grief and Grace": An Analysis of Sermons Preached at Churches that Closed*

Gail Cafferata, Boston University Center for Practical Theology (gailc@bu.edu)

*An Assessment of Homiletic Courses in Ontario's Catholic and Protestant Seminaries*

D. Millard Haskell, Wilfrid Laurier University (dhaskell@wlu.ca)

*Quantitative Analysis of Joyce Meyer's Sermons*

Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University (pmhegy@gmail.com)

### D-11. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Religious Engagement, the Church, and Mental Health Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Convener: Margot Davis, Brandeis University (margotd@brandeis.edu)

*Prayer and Spirituality among Military with Psychological Conditions*

Margot Davis, Brandeis University (margotd@brandeis.edu)

Norah Mulvaney-Day, Abt Associates

Mary Jo Larson, Brandeis University

*Comparative-Theological Study of Chaplain's "Living-Scripture" and a Biblical Narrative Using "Empathy" as an Exegetical Tool: A Psychiatrist's Attempt to Bridge Theology, Chaplaincy and Neuro-Sciences*

Parameshwaran Ramakrishnan, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University (par469@mail.harvard.edu)

*Mental Hazards and Key Resources of Work for the Church*

Harri Palmu, Church Research Institute, Finland (harri.palmu@gmail.com)

Non-Linear Attachment to God and Psychological Distress

Matt Henderson, Baylor University (Matt\_Henderson@baylor.edu)

Matt Bradshaw, Baylor University

Blake Kent, Baylor University

### D-12. RRA: Denominations and Congregations Room: Laguna

Convener: Jennifer McClure, Samford University (jmclure@samford.edu)

*Church Planting and the Reproduction of Evangelical and Mainline Protestant Identity*

Richard Cimino, University of Richmond (relwatch1@msn.com)

*Does Denominational Identity Matter for New Church Development?*

Marjorie Royle, Clay Pots Research (tayloroyle@comcast.net)

Richard Cimino, Religion Watch





# Saturday

7:00 AM-8:00 AM SSSR Business Meeting  
Cardiff Patio

7:30 AM-11:00 AM Registration  
Grand Pacific Ballroom Foyer

9:00 AM-4:00 PM Book Exhibit  
Grand Pacific Ballroom D

11:30 AM-12:30 PM SSSR Plenary Panel on ISIS  
Grand Pacific Ballroom C

12:45 PM-1:45 PM RRA Business Meeting  
Copper Cove

12:45 PM-1:45 PM MSSA Business Meeting  
Coral Cove

5:30 PM-6:30 PM SSSR Presidential Address

Fenggang Yang, Purdue University  
"Exceptionalism or Chinamerica? The Definition, Measurement,  
and Change of Religion in the Globalization Era"  
Grand Pacific Ballroom C

6:30PM -7:30 PM SSSR Reception  
Grand Pacific Ballroom Foyer

## Saturday, October 24, 8:00-9:30 AM

**E-1. SSSR: Latino Protestants and Their Churches—Ethnographic Insights**  
Room: Coral Cove

Organizer: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College (gemarti@davidson.edu)  
Convener: Mark T. Mulder, Calvin College (mmulder@calvin.edu)  
Discussant: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College (gemarti@davidson.edu)

*Intergenerational Transmission of Religion: Strategies for Incorporating Youth in Two Latino Protestant Congregations*  
Karen Hooge Michalka, University of Notre Dame (khooge@nd.edu)

*What Makes a "Latino Church"? Qualitative Observations from Two Texas Congregations*  
Aida Ramos, University of Texas at San Antonio (Aida.Ramos@utsa.edu)

*Not Segregated: Mutual Collaboration and Shared Worship among Spanish- and English-Speaking Congregations of Oregon*  
Deborah L. Berho, George Fox University (dberho@georgefox.edu)

*The Spirit World as Contested Territory among Mexican Immigrants: How Catholics and Pentecostals Seek Legitimacy via Their Beliefs of the Spirit World*  
Jonathan Calvillo, University of California, Irvine (calvillj@uci.edu)

**E-2. SSSR: Clergy and the Religious in the U.S., Europe, and Africa**  
Room: Mariner Cove

*E-2, cont.*

Convener: Michael Balboni, Harvard Medical School (Michael\_Balboni@dfci.harvard.edu)

*Catholics in Switzerland: Who is the Most Conservative, the Clergy or the Faithful?*  
Christophe Monnot, University of Lausanne (christophe.monnot@unil.ch)

*Like Night and Day: Religious Practices Among Catholic Sisters in Kinshasa and Boston*  
Casey Clevenger, Brandeis University (casey.clevenger@gmail.com)

*Measuring Religious Pluralism in National Clergy Project on End-of-Life Care*  
Michael Balboni, Harvard Medical School (Michael\_Balboni@dfci.harvard.edu)  
Tracy Balboni, Harvard Medical School

*The Value of Pastoral Residency*  
Susan Barnett, PCUSA (susan.barnett@pcusa.org)  
Rebecca Moody, PCUSA

**E-3. SSSR: Diversity: Changing Denominations, Challenging Conservatism, and Anchoring Values**  
Room: Copper Cove

Convener: Jeremy Rhodes, Hardin Simmons University (Jeremy.R.Rhodes@hsutx.edu)

## Saturday, October 24, 8:00-9:30 AM

*E-3, cont.*

*Championing Diversity, Compromising Conservatism?*  
Sorcha Brophy, Yale University (sorcha.a.brophy@gmail.com)

*Diversity, Mission, and Location: How New Worshiping Communities are Changing the Face of the PC (U.S.A.)*  
Angie Andriot, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Angie.Andriot@pcusa.org)  
Deborah Coe, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*Pushing Back on Emerging Adulthood: Teaching Moral Meaning-Making for Diverse Religious Workplaces*  
Patricia Snell Herzog, University of Arkansas Fayetteville (herzog@uark.edu)  
Daniel Harris, University of Arkansas  
DeAndre Beadle, University of Arkansas

**E-4. RRA: Congregational Studies from the UK**  
Room: Sapphire Cove

Organizer: Andrew Village, York St. John University (a.village@yorks.ac.uk)  
Convener: Andrew Village, York St. John University (a.village@yorks.ac.uk)

*Employing Psychological Type Theory to Illuminate Differences among Different Anglican Congregations*  
Leslie Francis, University of Warwick (leslie.francis@warwick.ac.uk)

*Understanding the Cathedral Congregation: Inside Southwark Cathedral*  
David Lankshear, Glyndwr University (david.lankshear@msn.com)

*Getting Softer in Old Age or Changing with the Times? Changing Attitudes and Beliefs among Readers of the Church Times*  
Andrew Village, York St. John University (a.village@yorks.ac.uk)

*Assessing the Impact of a Cathedral Educational Programme on Students' Appreciation of Christmas*  
Tania ap Sion, University of Warwick (T.Ap-Sion@warwick.ac.uk)

**E-5. SSSR: Author Meets Critics: Storming Zion: Government Raids on Religious Communities (Oxford University Press, 2015) by Stuart A. Wright and Susan J. Palmer**  
Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Stuart A. Wright, Lamar University (stuart.wright@lamar.edu)  
Convener: James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno (jtr@unr.edu)

Critics:

John R. Hall, University of California, Davis (jrhall@ucdavis.edu)  
Marion Goldman, University of Oregon/Portland Center for Public Humanities (mgoldman@uoregon.edu)  
James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno (jtr@unr.edu)

**E-6. RRA: There's an App for That: A Smart Phone GIS/GPS App for Congregational Research**  
Room: Laguna

Organizer: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)  
Convener: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)

Panelists:

Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)  
Ashwini Wakchaure, University of Southern California (wakchaure@dornsife.usc.edu)  
Jonathan Pettit, Purdue University (jeep@purdue.edu)

**E-7. SSSR: Evangelism and Evangelization**  
Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Organizer: Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University (pierre.hegy@gmail.com)  
Convener: Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University (pierre.hegy@gmail.com)  
Discussant: Thomas Gaunt, CARA, Georgetown University (Thomas.Gaunt@georgetown.edu)

*Practices of the New Evangelization? Devotional Prayer, Meetings, and Service*  
Michael McCallion, Sacred Heart Major Seminary (mccallion.michael@shms.edu)

*Evangelization in Parishes Using the SINE Plan*  
Pierre Hegy, Adelphi University (pierre.hegy@gmail.com)

*Alleluia Community: A Charismatic, Ecumenical, and Covenant Community Dedicated to Evangelism*  
Donald Swenson, Mount Royal University (dswenson@mtroyal.ca)

**E-8. SSSR: Atheism: Varieties, Well-Being, Moral Decision-Making, and Distress**  
Room: Del Mar

Convener: Di Di, Rice University (dd20@rice.edu)

*"There is No Point in Being Richard Dawkins": Varieties of Atheism among UK Scientists*  
Di Di, Rice University (dd20@rice.edu)  
Elaine Howard Ecklund, Department of Sociology, Rice University  
Kirstin Matthews, Baker Institute, Rice University

*Coping with Discrimination among Atheists: The Roles of Identification, Sense of Control, and Belonging on Well-Being*  
Michael Doane, University of Nevada, Reno (mdoane@unr.edu)  
Marta Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno

*Moral Decision-Making in Theists and Non-Theists: Manipulations, Measurements, and Implications*  
Jonathon Mcphetres, University of Rochester (jon.mcphetres@yahoo.com)  
Jamie Hughes, University of Texas of the Permian Basin

## Saturday, October 24, 8:00-9:30 AM

### E-8, cont.

*Psychological Distress among Atheists and the Religiously Unaffiliated*

Matt Henderson, Baylor University (Matt\_Henderson@baylor.edu)  
Matt Bradshaw, Baylor University  
Paul McClure, Baylor University

### E-9. SSSR: Islam, Gender, and Ideology Room: Newport Coast Salon 2

Convener: Zubeyir Nisanci, Loyola University Chicago (znisanc@luc.edu)

*The Dialectics of Secularism and Revivalism in Turkey: The Case of Said Nursi*

Zubeyir Nisanci, Loyola University Chicago (znisanc@luc.edu)

*The Manifestations of Feminism in the Middle East*

TiMar Long, University of Houston (timar.long@mavs.uta.edu)

*The Relationship between Images of Allah and Ideological Preferences: Turkish Case*

Murat Yilmaz, Baylor University (murat\_yilmaz@baylor.edu)

### E-10. SSSR: Teaching Religion and Spirituality Room: Sunset

Organizer: Rachel Kraus, Ball State University (rmkraus@bsu.edu)

Organizer: Suzanne Fournier Macaluso, Abilene Christian University (Suzie.Macaluso@acu.edu)

Convener: Suzanne Fournier Macaluso, Abilene Christian University (Suzie.Macaluso@acu.edu)

Discussants:

Robin Perrin, Pepperdine University (robin.perrin@pepperdine.edu)

Paul Froese, Baylor University (Paul\_Froese@baylor.edu)

Suzanne Fournier Macaluso, Abilene Christian University (Suzie.Macaluso@acu.edu)

### E-11. SSSR: Research on Missionaries Room: Avalon

Convener: Shane Barter, Soka University of America (sbarter@soka.edu)

*The Accidental Syncretist: How European Missionary Teachings Fused with African Cultural Practices to Harm Women*

Carrie Miles, Chapman University (carriem@fastmail.com)

*The Best Ye Breed: Explaining the Genetic Footprints of Catholic and Protestant Colonizers*

Shane Barter, Soka University of America (sbarter@soka.edu)

*The Reformation as a Catalyst to the Missionary Movement of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: Impact on South-South Zone of Nigeria*

Emeka Ekeke, University of Calabar-Calabar (emekacekeke@gmail.com)

### E-11, cont.

*The Spirit Moves West: Korean Missionaries in America*

Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University (rebecca.y.kim@pepperdine.edu)

### E-12. SSSR: Ordaining Women in the LDS Church: Findings from the Mormon Gender Issues Survey Room: Crystal Cove

Organizer: Ryan T. Cragun, University of Tampa (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

Convener: Rick Phillips, University of North Florida (rphillip@unf.edu)

Discussant: Rick Phillips, University of North Florida (rphillip@unf.edu)

*The Mormon Gender Issues Survey: A Quantitative Analysis of US Respondents*

Michael Nielsen, Georgia Southern University (mnielsen@georgia-southern.edu)

Ryan T. Cragun, The University of Tampa

Matt Stearmer, Ohio State University

*Predictors of Opposition to and Support for the Ordination of Women: Insights from the LDS Church*

Stephen Merino, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (stephen.merino@utrgv.edu)

Brent Beal, The University of Texas-Tyler

Ryan T. Cragun, The University of Tampa

*We Want the Priesthood: Factors Predicting Women's Desire for the Priesthood in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Ryan T. Cragun, The University of Tampa (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

Stephen Merino, The University of Texas-Pan American

Michael Nielsen, Georgia Southern University

*"As Revealed by HIS Prophets": Justifying Religious Inequality in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Ryan T. Cragun, University of Tampa (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

Kristy Money, Women's Psychological Services (kristy.money@gmail.com)

Brent Beal, The University of Texas-Tyler

J. Edward Sumerau, The University of Tampa

### E-13. SSSR: Studying the Experiences of Chinese Abroad Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Convener: Yuting Wang, American University of Sharjah (ywang@aus.edu)

*Bringing Christ Back to the Motherland: Chinese Canadian Evangelicals' Meaning-Making in Short-Term Mission Trips to China*

Jonathan Tam, University of Oxford (jonathan.tam@sociology.ox.ac.uk)

*Entrepreneurial Mobility and the Rise of Transnational Chinese Christian Networks in Europe*

Nanlai Cao, Renmin University of China (nanlai\_c@Hotmail.com)

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### E-13, cont.

*From Monoethnic to Multiethnic: A Case Study of Congregational Transition of Canadian-Born Chinese Evangelicals*

Enoch Wong, Gonzaga University (ewong@zagmail.gonzaga.edu)

*Strangers in Both Worlds: Chinese Muslims' Struggle between Assimilation and Alienation in the Arabian Gulf*

Yuting Wang, American University of Sharjah (ywang@aus.edu)

### E-14. SSSR: Attitudes and Ethics towards Environment and Organic Farming Room: Treasure Cove

Convener: Andrew Whitehead, Clemson University (alw6@clemson.edu)

*Christian Nationalism and Environmental Attitudes*

Andrew Whitehead, Clemson University (alw6@clemson.edu)

*Hiking Trail Ethics Behavior and Religious Dimensions of Environmental Ethics*

Richard Hudiburg, University of North Alabama (rahudiburg@una.edu)

Katie Leverenz, University of North Alabama

Katie Poole, University of North Alabama

Annelise Kennedy, University of North Alabama

Sarah Schiavone, University of North Alabama

Halee Williams, University of North Alabama

Larry Bates, University of North Alabama

*Rural Development and Esoteric Agrarianism: Rudolf Steiner's Anthroposophy, Biodynamic Organic Growers, and Demeter International Networks*

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University (dmadeli@bgsu.edu)

*The Brotherhood of the Sun and the Spiritual Roots of Commercial Organic Farming*

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara (dusty.hoesly@gmail.com)

### E-15. SSSR: Religion, Education, and Citizenship Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Lori G. Beaman and Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa (christinelcusack@gmail.com)

Convener: Gary Bouma (gary.bouma@monash.edu)

*Education about Religion: for Whom and for What?*

Leo Van Arragon, University of Ottawa (lvanarragon@gmail.com)

*Critical Education about Religion and Worldviews in Australia: Rights, Respect, and Recognition*

Anna Halafoff, Deakin University (anna.halafoff@deakin.edu.au)

*Religion in the Classroom: Reflecting on Ethics and Values in "Secular" Curricula*

Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa (christinelcusack@gmail.com)

### E-15, cont.

*Education about Religion: Creating the Informed, Liberal Religious Citizen*

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

### E-16. SSSR: Authoritarianism and Religion in China: Overseas Engagement and Repression Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Convener: Cole Carnesecca, University of Notre Dame (ccarnese@nd.edu)

*Make a Change Together—Cooperation of Overseas Mission, Official Church, Government, and Company in Volunteering in China*

Xiuhua Wang, graduate student (xiuhua\_wang@baylor.edu)

*The Dynamic Game Model of Government-Church Conflict Process Under Totalitarian Circumstance: An Analysis of the Church Crackdown Incident in China*

Yan Liu, Hunan Normal University (1033568657@qq.com)

*The Response of the North American Church to Global Persecution: A Comparison of Mainline and Evangelical Denominations*

Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College (krd33@calvin.edu)

## Saturday, October 24, 9:45-11:15 AM

### F-1. SSSR Presidential Panel: Christianity and other Religions in the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom D

Organizer: Fenggang Yang, Purdue University (fyang@purdue.edu)  
Moderator: Donald Miller, University of Southern California (demiller@usc.edu)

*The Role of Christian Faith in Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement*  
Benny Tai, University of Hong Kong (yttai@hku.hk)

*Spiritual Dimension of the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong*  
Kinman Chan, Chinese University of Hong Kong (kmchanchuk@gmail.com)

### F-2. RRA: The Path to Publication: Advice from Journal Editors to Authors and Reviewers Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Kevin D. Dougherty, Baylor University (Kevin\_Dougherty@baylor.edu)  
Convener: Kevin D. Dougherty, Baylor University (Kevin\_Dougherty@baylor.edu)

*Instructions from the Editor of the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
Laura Olson, Clemson University (laurao@clemson.edu)

*Getting Published in Peer-Reviewed Academic Journals: A View from the Editor of Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*  
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College (gemarti@davidson.edu)

*Review of Religious Research—Submitting, Reviewing, and Responding*  
Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary (alummis@hartsem.edu)

*The New Kid on the Block: Reflections on Establishing an Upstart Peer-Reviewed Journal, Critical Research on Religion*  
Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion and Harvard University (goldstein@criticaltheoryofreligion.org)

### F-3. SSSR: Surveying and Sampling U.S. Congregations and Christian Americans Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Convener: Simon G. Brauer, Duke University (sgb19@soc.duke.edu)

*Counting Congregations: New Data and Solutions to Account for U.S. Congregations*  
Simon G. Brauer, Duke University (sgb19@soc.duke.edu)

*FACT 2015 and Presbyterian Church U.S.A.*  
Susan Barnett, PCUSA (susan.barnett@pcusa.org)

*To Give or Not to Give?: Giving Trends and Attitudes in a Conservative Christian Sample*  
Rene Drumm, Andrews University (renedrumm@gmail.com)  
Petr Cincala, Andrews University  
Duane McBride, Andrews University

### F-3, cont.

*U.S. Catholics: Examining Diverse Opinion on Social Issues*  
Jessica Hamar Martinez, Pew Research Center (jhamar@email.arizona.edu)  
Greg Smith, Pew Research Center

### F-4. SSSR: Individuality, Culture, and Religion Room: Del Mar

Convener: Rachel Schroeder, Western Michigan University (rachel.l.schroeder@wmich.edu)

*Cultural Taste in Congregations*  
Gary Adler, Pennsylvania State University (gary.adler@psu.edu)

*Culture as a Touchstone of Shared Identity: The Meaning of Religiously Rooted Concepts for Unaffiliated Chinese Students*  
Harrison Carter, University of California, San Diego (hbcarter@ucsd.edu)

*Understanding Russia's Culture Wars*  
Rachel Schroeder, Western Michigan University (rachel.l.schroeder@wmich.edu)  
Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University

*"Korean Exorcism": Driving Out Demons or Women?*  
Kyung Hong, Drew University (ziakhong@gmail.com)

### F-5. SSSR: Religion in Pop Culture Room: Laguna

Convener: Jonathan May, St. Augustine's University (jonmay42@gmail.com)

*"Maybe You're Here Tonight and You're Just Like 'What is Happening?'" Concert Films and Numinous Encounters*  
Jim Trammell, High Point University (jtrammell@highpoint.edu)

*Righteousness and Riotousness in Radio Bluegrass Music*  
Alexandra Priester, University of North Alabama (apriester@una.edu)  
Haley Hubbert, University of North Alabama  
Larry Bates, University of North Alabama  
Audrey Beitel, University of North Alabama  
Richard Hudiburg, University of North Alabama

*Two Different Gospels: Racial Differences in Perspectives on God within Popular Christian Music*  
Jonathan May, Saint Augustine's University (jonmay42@gmail.com)

### F-6. SSSR: Contemporary Paganism in the Global Context Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Organizer: Helen A. Berger, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University (haberger@brandeis.edu)  
Organizer: Shai Feraro, Tel Aviv University  
Convener: Helen A. Berger, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University (haberger@brandeis.edu)

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### F-6, cont.

*Turning the Pentagon Around: Contemporary Pagans and Environmentalism on a Global Stage*  
Sarah Pike, CSU Chico (spike@csuchico.edu)

*Reconnecting to Everything: Fairies in Contemporary Paganism*  
Sabina Magliocco, California State University - Northridge (sabina.magliocco@csun.edu)

*Spiritual Identity in Non-Exclusive Communities: Cafeteria Religion or Fusion Culinary Art?*  
Kimberly Kirner, CSU-Northridge (Kimberly.Kirner@csun.edu)

*Contemporary Paganism Internationally: A Comparison of Israeli and American Pagans*  
Helen A Berger, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University (HABerger@brandeis.edu)  
Shai Feraro, Tel-Aviv University

### F-7. SSSR: Ethnic, Religious, and Spiritual Identity: State Representations and Personal Markers Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Convener: Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato (y\_foroutan@yahoo.com)

*Ethnic and Religious Minorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran*  
Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato (y\_foroutan@yahoo.com)

*The Newest Jews? Religious, Racial and Ethnic Identities of Asian-Jewish Adult Children*  
Helen Kim, Whitman College (kimh2@whitman.edu)

*The Impact of Religion on Latinos' Legal Consciousness*  
Melissa Guzman, UC Santa Barbara (mguzman@umail.ucsb.edu)

### F-8. SSSR: Studies on Incarceration and Faith-Based Initiatives Room: Newport Coast Salon 2

Convener: Edward Flores, University of California Merced (eflores52@ucmerced.edu)

*"God Wants Me Here": Conceptions of God among Incarcerated Women*  
Rachel Ellis, University of Pennsylvania (rhellis@sas.upenn.edu)

*"I Went Through It So You Don't Have To": Faith-Based Community Organizing for Ex-Offender Rights*  
Edward Flores, University of California Merced (eflores52@ucmerced.edu)  
Jennifer Cossyleon, Loyola University Chicago

*Review of Existing State Offices of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: Implementation 20 Years Later*  
Sarah Garlington, Boston University (sgarling@bu.edu)

### F-9. RRA: Leaving Religion Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Convener: T.L. Brink, Crafton Hills College (TLBrink@craftonhills.edu)

*The Dechurching of Feminist Christians: Understanding Perceptions of Institutional Sexism*  
Josh Packard, University of Northern Colorado (josh.packard@unco.edu)  
Lucas Hanna, University of Northern Colorado  
Kimberly Trevino, University of Northern Colorado

*"Tacit Disaffiliation": Disaffiliation in the Absence of an Explicit Conversion*  
Masoumeh Rahmani, University of Otago (sara.rahmani@otago.ac.nz)

*Religiosity: A Retrospective and Prospective Self-Report*  
T.L. Brink, Crafton Hills College (TLBrink@craftonhills.edu)

### F-10. SSSR: Religiosity: Guns, Martial Arts, and Declining Trends in Denmark and the U.S. Room: Avalon

Convener: Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University (grant@siu.edu)

*"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition": Religion and Gun Ownership*  
Scott Desmond, Indiana University South Bend (scott.desmond100@gmail.com)  
David Yamane, Wake Forest University  
Chris Bader, Chapman University

*Church Buildings as a Proxy for Religiosity: The Decline of Christianity over 700 Years in Denmark*  
Ella Paldam, Aarhus University (elp@cas.au.dk)  
Martin Paldam, Aarhus University

*Fighting Your Way In: Fieldwork Strategies and the Socio-Scientific Study of Religiosity in the Japanese Martial Arts*  
Andrea Molle, Chapman University (molle@chapman.edu)

*The Great Decline: Aggregate Religiosity in the United States, 1950-2014*  
Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University (grant@siu.edu)

## Saturday, October 24, 9:45-11:15 AM

### NOTES

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**11:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
**SSSR Plenary Panel on ISIS**  
**Grand Pacific Ballroom C**

Moderator: Tugrul Keskin, Portland State University (tugrulkeskin@pdx.edu)

“The Islamic State: Radicals, Revolutionaries, or Terrorists?”

Colin J. Beck, Pomona College (Colin.Beck@pomona.edu)

“Understanding Jihad: The Role of Religious Commitment in ISIS”

Mark Gould, Haverford College (mgould@haverford.edu)

“Crime and Punishment in the Islamic State”

Mara Revkin, Yale University (mara.revkin@yale.edu)

“Ideology in/and the Islamic State: Distraction or Explanation?”

Omar Shaukat, University of Johannesburg (oshaukat@gmail.com)

“ISIS and its Likes: Toward a Theory of Counterpublic”

Abdullahi A. Gallab, Arizona State University (Abdullahi.Gallab@asu.edu)

**12: 45-1: 45**  
**RRA Business Meeting**  
**Copper Cove**

**12: 45-1: 45**  
**MSSA Business Meeting**  
**Coral Cove**

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## Saturday, October 24, 2:00-3:30 PM

**G-1. SSSR: Religion in Africa: Peace Building, Terrorism, Natural Resources, and Government**  
**Room: Coral Cove**

Convener: Luke Herrington, University of Kansas (herrington@ku.edu)

*Religious Freedom and Domestic Terrorism in Africa, 2001-2008: A Logistic Reassessment of the “Diversity Dividend”*  
 Luke Herrington, University of Kansas (herrington@ku.edu)

*The Effects of Household Religiosity and Other Demographic Characteristics on Natural Resource Consumption in Rural Kilimanjaro, Tanzania*

Peter Balint, George Mason University (pbalint@gmu.edu)  
 Freddy Manongi, Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority, Tanzania

*The Religious Tango of Spirituality and Governmentality in Kenya*  
 Steven Lichty, University of Florida (stevlichty@gmail.com)

**G-2. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Young Adults and Millennials**  
**Room: Treasure Cove**

Convener: Tim Clydesdale, The College of New Jersey (clydesda@tcnj.edu)

*A Religious Profile of Young Millennials*

Becka Alper, Pew Research Center (balper@pewresearch.org)

*Faith, Family, and the Challenge of Facebook: The Effects of Social Networking Sites on Adolescent Religion and the Rival Influence of (Parental) Religiosity*

Paul McClure, Baylor University (paul\_mcclure@baylor.edu)

*The Twentysomething Soul: What Do American 20-Somethings Believe?*

Tim Clydesdale, The College of New Jersey (clydesda@tcnj.edu)

*Christian College Students and Emerging Adulthood*

Steven Bird, Taylor University (stbird@taylor.edu)

**G-3. SSSR: The New Development of Chinese Religions**  
**Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E**

Organizer: Dedong Wei, Renmin University of China (wdedong@ruc.edu.cn)

Convener: Nanlai Cao, Renmin University of China (ncao@ruc.edu.cn)

*The New Developments of Chinese Religions: Based on Renda Religion Data*

Dedong Wei, Renmin University of China (wdedong@ruc.edu.cn)

*The Political Attitudes of Chinese Clergies*

Weidong Wang, Renmin University of China (wwd@ruc.edu.cn)

*The Religious Demand and Supply in Chinese Metropolitans*

Zhifeng Zhong, Renmin University of China (gracez2001@163.com)

**G-4. SSSR: Trends and Dynamics in Pentecostalism and Neo-Pentecostalism in Latin America**  
**Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F**

Organizer: Christopher L. Chiappari, St. Olaf College (chiappari@stolaf.edu)

Convener: Henri Gooren, Oakland University (gooren@oakland.edu)

*An Actor-Church-Society Model of Pentecostalization in Latin America*  
 Henri Gooren, Oakland University (gooren@oakland.edu)

*Neopentecostalism, Family and New Spaces of Exchange of Religious Goods*

Claudia Dary, FLACSO Guatemala (claudia\_dary@yahoo.com)

*Religious Demography and Diversification in Latin America*

Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa, Pew Research Center (jesparza@pewresearch.org)

Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center

María Concepción Servín Nieto, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

*Spirit of the Times: The Pentecostalization of Latin American Christianity per Pew*

R. Andrew Chesnut, Virginia Commonwealth University (rachesnut@vcu.edu)

**G-5. SSSR: Belief and Nonbelief are Complex: Longitudinal, Demographical, and Cognitive Perspectives**  
**Room: Newport Coast Salon 1**

Organizer: Thomas J. Coleman III, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Thomas-J-Coleman@mocs.utc.edu)

Convener: Thomas J. Coleman III, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Thomas-J-Coleman@mocs.utc.edu)

*Predicting Religious Identity and Belief Change after Stressful Life Events Using Longitudinal Data*

Alex Uzdavines, Case Western Reserve University (auzdavines@gmail.com)

Julie J. Exline, Case Western Reserve University

*The Demographics of Religious and Spiritual Struggles in the USA*  
 Nick Stauner, Case Western Reserve University (nickstauner@gmail.com)

Julie J. Exline, Case Western Reserve University

Kenneth Pargament, Bowling Green State University

*Mentalizing and Atheism: Does Theory of Mind Matter?*

Thomas J. Coleman III, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Thomas-J-Coleman@mocs.utc.edu)

Ralph Hood, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Catherine Caldwell-Harris, Boston University

Robert Arrowood, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Christopher F. Silver, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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### G-6. SSSR: Innovation and Change in Religious Belief and Practice

Room: Newport Coast Salon 2

Organizer: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)

Convener: Richard Flory, University of Southern California (rflory@usc.edu)

*Building the Future of Religion, One Burrito at a Time: Service Groups and Religious "Nones" in Los Angeles*

Nick Street, University of Southern California (gstreet@usc.edu)

*Mindfulness: A Buddhist Innovation for the "Spiritual But Not Religious" Age?*

Nalika Gajaweera, University of Southern California (gajaweer@usc.edu)

*Religious Innovation on the Edges of Los Angeles*

Andrew Johnson, University of Southern California (john819@usc.edu)

*Managing Religious Change: Innovation, Competition, Moral Authority, and Religious Authenticity*

Brie Loskota, University of Southern California (bloskota@usc.edu)  
Richard Flory, University of Southern California

### G-7. SSSR: Prayer in Practice

Room: Crystal Cove

Convener: Cecil Berit Marshall, Drew University (cmarshal@drew.edu)

*Mentalizing and Prayer: The Relationship of Theory of Mind and Knowing a Personal God*

Laird Edman, Northwestern College (ledman@nwcwiowa.edu)

Jacob Vermeer, Northwestern College

Haley Chambers, Northwestern College

*Sweden's Protestant Rosary: Prayer and Pilgrimage with the Pearls of Life*

Cecil Berit Marshall, Drew University (cmarshal@drew.edu)

### G-8. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Education and its Later Impact

Room: Avalon

Convener: David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame (dsikkink@nd.edu)

*School Sector and Catholic Religiosity: Re-Examining How School Type Relates to Later Religiosity among American Catholics*

Linda Kawentel, University of Notre Dame (lkawente@nd.edu)

*School Sector and Volunteering in Young Adulthood*

David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame (dsikkink@nd.edu)

Albert Cheng, University of Arkansas

*Religion and Parental Encouragement to Pursue STEM*

Christopher Scheittle, West Virginia University (chrisscheittle@gmail.com)

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University

### G-8, cont.

*The Educational Consequences of Religion-and-Science Beliefs in Young Adulthood*

Jeremy Uecker, Baylor University (jeremy\_uecker@baylor.edu)

Kyle Longest, Furman University (kyle.longest@furman.edu)

### G-9. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Real and Perceived Experiences of Lived Faith: Work and Mysticism

Room: Del Mar

Convener: Wendy Martin, Trinity International University (wmartin@tiu.edu)

*Christian Mystical Experiences and Belief in the Paranormal among Self-Identified Christians*

Carson Mencken, Baylor University (Carson\_Mencken@Baylor.edu)

Joseph Baker, East Tennessee State U.

Chris Bader, Chapman University

*Dreams of Ancestors: Perceived Spiritual Relevance*

T.L. Brink, Crafton Hills College (tbrink@craftonhills.edu)

Sharifa Kato, Biola University

*Evangelicals' Understanding of the Theology of Work*

Wendy Martin, Trinity International University (wmartin@tiu.edu)

Martha Lim-Shin, Trinity International University

### G-10. RRA: Religion around the Globe

Room: Laguna

Convener: Stephen Glazier, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (sglaz1234@charter.net)

*Affect, Morality, and Self: The Pre-Discursive in Afro-Caribbean Religions*

Stephen Glazier, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (sglaz1234@charter.net)

*Demography of Religion and Multiculturalism: Australasia Perspective*

Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato (y\_foroutan@yahoo.com)

*Clergy Work Orientation Profiles and Wellbeing at Work: A Study of the Lutheran Clergy in Finland*

Kati Niemela, University of Helsinki (kati.niemela@helsinki.fi)

### G-11. SSSR: American Religious and Multiracial Identities

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Convener: Christopher Carroll, Northwestern University (christophercarroll@u.northwestern.edu)

*"Serving the Poor" in Multiracial Religious Organizations: Comparing Congregations and Faith-Based Organizations*

Collin Mueller, Duke University (collin.mueller@duke.edu)

Jessica Barron, Duke University

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### G-11, cont.

*A Visual Sociology of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion among Mexican and Irish Americans*

Christopher Carroll, Northwestern University (christophercarroll@u.northwestern.edu)

*Defining the Relationship: Interracial Couples in Multiracial Congregations*

Samuel Perry, University of Chicago (samperry@uchicago.edu)

*Denominational Differences in Explanations for Racial Inequality among White Multiracial Church Attendees*

Ryon Cobb, USC (ryoncobb@usc.edu)

### G-12. SSSR: Youth and Young Adults' Religiosity

Room: Sunset

Convener: Melinda L. Denton, University of Texas at San Antonio (melinda.denton@utsa.edu)

*Consciousness and Concern: New Ways of Talking about Young Adult Religiosity*

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Notre Dame (Nicolette.D.Manglos.1@nd.edu)

Jade Avelis, University of Notre Dame

*Does Religious Diversity Reduce Individual Religiosity Over Time Among Teens and Young Adults?*

Daniel V. A. Olson, Purdue University (dolson@purdue.edu)

Joey Marshall, Purdue University

Mike Vuolo, Ohio State University

*Religiosity among Latino Youth: Are Latino Protestants Unique?*

Melinda L Denton, University of Texas at San Antonio (melinda.denton@utsa.edu)

Aida Ramos, University of Texas at San Antonio

*Religiosity and Happiness among a Sample of Youth in Pakistan*

Mandy Robbins, Glyndwr University (mandy.robbins@glyndwr.ac.uk)

### G-13. SSSR: Perfectionism and Religious Life: A Perspective from among Latter-day Saints

Room: Mariner Cove

Organizer: David Knowlton, Utah Valley University (dknowlton@uvu.edu)

Convener: Cameron John, Utah Valley University (cameron.john@uvu.edu)

*Toxic Perfectionism in a Highly Religious Society*

Jared Stirland, Utah Valley University (jaredmstirland@gmail.com)

*Adam and Eve: An Exploration of a Christian-Based Archetype of Perfectionism*

Cameron John, Utah Valley University (cameron.john@uvu.edu)

*Extrinsic-Intrinsic or Traditional Religion Measures: Which One Best Predicts Political Tolerance Outcomes?*

Marie Eisenstein, Indiana University Northwest (maeisens@iun.edu)

### G-13, cont.

*Ontopolitics and the Question of Method in the Study of Religion and Politics*

Devin O'Rourke, University of Chicago Divinity School (dorourke@uchicago.edu)

### G-14. SSSR: Secularization, Progressivism, and Sexuality

Room: Copper Cove

Convener: Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, University of Western Sydney (alpha.possamai@uws.edu.au)

*"Christ Came on a Donkey, Not a Warhorse": Examining Habermas' "Institutional Translation Proviso" in Progressive Religious Communities*

Todd Fuist, Arkansas State University (toddfuist@gmail.com)

*The "Language of Reverence": Secularization Movement(s) and Countermovement(s) in the Unitarian Universalist Association*

Peter Ryan, University of Notre Dame (pryan15@nd.edu)

*The Sub-Politics of Post-Secularization: Media and the Legalization of Same Sex Marriage in Australia.*

Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, University of Western Sydney (alpha.possamai@uws.edu.au)

Bryan Turner, City University of New York

### G-15 SSSR/MSSA: Glenn M. Vernon Lecture

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Ryan T. Cragun (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

Convener: Ryan T. Cragun (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

*What Forty Years of Mormon Feminism Teaches Us about the Study of Women in Religion: An Intellectual Agenda for the Next Forty Years*

Joanna Brooks, San Diego State University (jmbrooks@mail.sdsu.edu)

## Saturday, October 24, 3:45-5:15 PM

### H-1. SSSR: Islam, Law, and Citizenship in the Middle East and the U.S.

#### Room: Crystal Cove

Convener: Ali Ahmed, Linköping University (ali.ahmed@liu.se)

*A Dialogics of the Hutbe: The Movement of Knowledge between the Hutbe, the Imam, and the Citizen-Actor*

Umut Korkut, Glasgow Caledonian University (umut.korkut@gcu.ac.uk)

Hande Eslen-Ziya  
Kesi Mahendran, Open University

*Apprehending the Non-Muslim Other: Second-Generation Muslim American Perceptions of Non-Muslim American Norms and Practices(s)*

Christine Sheikh, Metropolitan State University of Denver (christinesheikh@gmail.com)

*Sharia Law, Consumer Sentiment, and Islamic Equity Market*

Ali Ahmed, Linköping University (ali.ahmed@liu.se)  
Gazi Salah Uddin, Linköping University

*The Lived Experience of "shari'a" among California Muslims*

Kathleen M. Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara (kmoore@religion.ucsb.edu)

### H-2. RRA: Examining Islam

#### Room: Sapphire Cove

Convener: Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra University (cji@lasierra.edu)

*Religious/American Identity Negotiation of Young Muslims in the Pursuit of Marriage*

Amy Poppinga, RRA (apopping@bethel.edu)

*Religion and Gender Role Shifts across the Immigrant Lifecourse*

Catherine Holtmann, University of Saskatchewan (cathy.holtmann@unb.ca)

*Personal Religion as a Source of Islamic Fundamentalism: The Role of Religious Orientations and Gender Differences*

Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra University (cji@lasierra.edu)

*Access to Politics: The Effect of Race and Education Level for Muslim Americans*

Nazita Lajevardi, University of California, San Diego (nlajevar@ucsd.edu)

### H-3. SSSR: Same-Sex Issues: Individuals and Society in the U.S. and Muslim Nations

#### Room: Mariner Cove

*"I Found God in the Glory Hole": The Moral Career of a Gay Christian*

Ryan T. Cragun, University of Tampa (ryantcragun@gmail.com)

J. Edward Sumerau, The University of Tampa

Lain Mathers, University of Illinois-Chicago

### H-3, cont.

*Brother Whom I Love: Alternative Sexual Relations in Turkey*  
Nathaniel Bailey, University of Arkansas (njb001@email.uark.edu)

*Same-Sex Marriage and the Objective Adjudication of Religious Liberty Claims Internationally*

Robert Smith, Université de Montréal (smithrobertdaniel@hotmail.com)

### H-4. RRA: Cultural Pluralism in Catholicism

#### Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Mary Gautier, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (gautierm@georgetown.edu)

*Multiculturalism and U.S. Catholicism: A Microcosm of the Global Church in One Country*

Mark Gray, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (mmg34@georgetown.edu)

Jonathon Wiggins, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

*Pluralism in Catholic Presbyterates*

Stephen Fichter, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (sjf45@georgetown.edu)

*Sister Stories: International Sisters Living and Working in the United States*

Patricia Wittberg, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (pwittber@uipei.edu)

Mary Gautier, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

Mary Johnson, Trinity Washington University

*Who's in the Pews: Catholics' Experiences of Parish Life*

Jonathon Wiggins, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (jlw8@georgetown.edu)

### H-5. SSSR: The Effects of Religious Practices and Cognitions on the Development of Virtues and Emotional Well-Being: Attending to Psychological Mechanisms, Intergroup Behavior, and Cultural Contexts

#### Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Organizer: Sarah Schnitker, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology (sschnitker@fuller.edu)

Convener: Sarah Schnitker, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology (sschnitker@fuller.edu)

Discussant: Sarah Schnitker, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology (sschnitker@fuller.edu)

*Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself (and as Thy In-Group): Examining the Effects of Moral Intuitions and Intercessory Prayer on Generous Behavior toward Religious In-Group and Out-Group Members*

Tyler Greenway, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology (tylergreenway@fuller.edu)

Abigail Shepherd, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology

## Saturday, October 24, 3:45-5:15 PM

### H-5, cont.

*Effects of Spiritual vs. Instrumental Framing on Self-Control Promoting Interventions as Moderated by African American Ethnicity*  
Nathaniel Fernandez, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology (nathanielfernandez@fuller.edu)

Sarah Schnitker, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology

*Perception of God in the Context of Elite Competition*

Benjamin Houltberg, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology (bhoultberg@fuller.edu)

Kenneth Wang, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Psychology

### H-6. SSSR: New Religions

#### Room: Treasure Cove

Convener: Tanice G. Foltz, Indiana University Northwest (tfoltz@iun.edu)

*A New Religion? Twenty Years of Drum Circle Facilitation Playshops*

Tanice G. Foltz, Indiana University Northwest (tfoltz@iun.edu)

*Exploring a New Religious Movement's Anti-Religious Religious Culture*

Justin Van Ness, University of Notre Dame (jvanness@nd.edu)

*Prophecy in New Religious Movements: Moving Beyond Festinger*

Jon R. Stone, California State University (jrstone@csulb.edu)

*Zalmoxianism—A Romanian New Religious Movement in Context of Modern Paganism*

George Enache, "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati (ge.enache@gmail.com)

### H-7. SSSR: The Intersection of Religion and Finances

#### Room: Laguna

Convener: Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University (sedefka.beck@valpo.edu)

*Does Economic Insecurity Predict Religiosity? Evidence from the European Social Survey 2002-2012*

Ingrid Storm, University of Manchester (ingrid.storm@manchester.ac.uk)

*The Great Recession and Health in the United States: Did Religion Make a Difference?*

Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University (sedefka.beck@valpo.edu)  
Donka Mirtcheva, The College of New Jersey

*The Impact of Religion on Personal Financial Decisions*

Dan Hess, Seattle Pacific University (dhess@spu.edu)

*Who Gives and Why? Giver Types, Religious Attendance, Education, and Income*

Patricia Snell Herzog, University of Arkansas Fayetteville (herzog@uark.edu)

Heather Price, Basis Policy Research

### H-8. SSSR: Muslims in the West I

#### Room: Del Mar

Convener: Salman Hameed, Hampshire College (shameed@hampshire.edu)

*Global Comparison of Muslims in Australia and New Zealand: Socio-Demographic Perspective*

Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato (y\_foroutan@yahoo.com)

*Islamic Creationism in Europe: Biological Evolution in Service of the "Clash of Civilizations" Narrative*

Salman Hameed, Hampshire College (shameed@hampshire.edu)

*Muslim Belonging in the Diaspora in the Facebook Era*

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

*The Politics of Muslim and Christian Youth in a Global City*

Daniel DeHanas, King's College London (daniel.dehanas@kcl.ac.uk)

### H-9. RRA: FACT2015 National Survey of Congregations: Denominational-Specific Findings

#### Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Organizer: David A. Roozen, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (roozen@hartsem.edu)

Convener: David A. Roozen, Hartford Institute for Religion Research (roozen@hartsem.edu)

*The Current State of UCC Congregations*

Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, United Church of Christ (hajbik@ucc.org)

*Correlates of Growth and Decline among Episcopal Congregations*  
Kirk Hadaway, The Episcopal Church (khadaway@episcopal-church.org)

*Orthodox Parish FACTs—2015*

Alexei Krindatch, Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America (akrindatch@aol.com)

*RRA: Continuities and Change in Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Congregations—2015*

Susan Barnett, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Susan.barnett@pcusa.org)

### H-10. SSSR: Practical Spiritualities in a Media Age

#### Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Martha Smith Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara (marthalroberts@umail.ucsb.edu)

Convener: Martha Smith Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara (marthalroberts@umail.ucsb.edu)

Discussant: Curtis Coats, Millsaps College (curtis.coats@millsaps.edu)

*Hula Hoop Spiritualities: Social Media, Embodied Experience, and Communities of Practice*

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University (Jenna.Gray-Hildenbrand@mtsu.edu)

Martha Smith Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara





# SUNDAY

7:00 AM-8:00 AM RRX Breakfast  
Cardiff Patio

## Sunday, October 25, 8:00-9:30 AM

### I-1. SSSR: Visual Engagement: Visual Methods, Engaged Scholarship, and the Sociology of Religion Room: Crystal Cove

Organizer: Roman R. Williams, Calvin College (roman.williams@calvin.edu)  
Convener: Roman R. Williams, Calvin College (roman.williams@calvin.edu)

*Engaging Congregations Visually*  
Roman R. Williams, Calvin College (roman.williams@calvin.edu)

*Staying Alive: Pacing the Work of Ministry*  
Deborah Kapp, McCormick Theological Seminary (dkapp@mccormick.edu)

*There But Not There: Picturing Religion and Family Violence*  
Catherine Holtmann, University of Saskatchewan (cathy.holtmann@usask.ca)  
Nancy Nason-Clark, University of New Brunswick  
Barbara Fisher-Townsend, University of New Brunswick

### I-2. SSSR/MSSA Joint Session: Roundtable Discussion, The Future of Mormon Studies Room: Copper Cove

Organizer: Kristeen Black, Drew University (kris.blk@gmail.com)  
Convener: Bob Rees, Graduate Theological Union (bobrees2@gmail.com)

Discussants:

Boyd Petersen, Utah Valley University (boyd.petersen@uvu.edu)  
Armand Mauss, Claremont Graduate University (maussal@cox.net)  
Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate University (patrick.mason@cgu.edu)  
Kristeen Black, Drew University (kris.blk@gmail.com)

### I-3. SSSR: Author Meets Critics: "The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050" (Pew Research Center, 2015) Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center (conradhackett@gmail.com)  
Convener: Lisa Pearce, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (ldpearce@unc.edu)  
Discussant: Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center (conradhackett@gmail.com)

### I-3, cont

Respondents:

David Voas, University of Essex (voas@essex.ac.uk)  
Donald Miller, University of Southern California (demiller@usc.edu)  
Phil Zuckerman, Pitzer College (phil\_zuckerman@pitzer.edu)

### I-4. SSSR: Muslims in the West II Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Convener: Ringo Ringvee, Estonian Ministry of the Interior (ringo.ringvee@gmail.com)

*Tensions between Old and New Muslims in a Secular Society*  
Ringo Ringvee, Ministry of the Interior (ringo.ringvee@gmail.com)

*Two Disconnected Narratives of Disconnection: Anti-West and Anti-Islamic Discourses*  
Gary Bouma, Monash University (gary.bouma@monash.edu)

*The Evolution of Strategies and Discourses of Islamic Da'wah in the West: the Case of Western Muslim Intellectuals*  
Serhan Tanriverdi, Loyola University Chicago (stanriverdi@luc.edu)

*Thinking Globally, Existing Locally: Can Muslims Adopt Modernity?*  
Farooq Hassan, NED University of Engineering & Technology (drfarooq68@yahoo.com)

### I-5. SSSR: Globalization, Modernity and Indigeneity: China, Indonesia, Indigenous Peoples Room: Coral Cove

Convener: Ella Paldam, Aarhus University (elp@cas.au.dk)

*China and the Exclusive Brethren: Indigenous Christianity and Globalization in the Early 20th Century*  
Daniel Jackson, University of Chicago (danielfjackson@gmail.com)

*Globalization, Islam, and Modernity in Indonesia*  
Whitney Smitherman, Arizona State University (wsmither@asu.edu)

*Leaps of Globalization and Collective Conversion among the Chumash in South-Central California*  
Ella Paldam, Aarhus University, Research program for the study of religion (elp@cas.au.dk)

## Sunday, October 25, 8:00-9:30 AM

### I-6. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Faith and American Politics: Clergy Politicking and Civic Engagement Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom F

Convener: Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame (Kraig.Beyerlein.2@nd.edu)

*Political Regulation of Clergy Politicking in the American States*  
Paul A Djupe, Denison University (djupe@denison.edu)

*Politicking from the Pulpit?*  
Dilara Uskup, University of Chicago (duskup@uchicago.edu)

*What Religious Contexts Matter Most for U.S. Civic Engagement?*  
Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame (Kraig.Beyerlein.2@nd.edu)  
John Hipp, University of California at Irvine

### I-7. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Familial Relationships: Gender, Women's Labor, Transmission, and Religion as Help/Harm Room: Sunset

Convener: David C. Dollahite, Brigham Young University (david\_dollahite@byu.edu)

*Cross-Country Analysis of Family and Gender Representation: Does Religion Matter?*  
Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato (y\_foroutan@yahoo.com)

*Religious Affiliation and Women's Labor Patterns in U.S. Counties: The Moderating Effect of Traditional Family Structure*  
Andrew Schaefer, University of New Hampshire (andrew.schaefer@unh.edu)

*Religious Change and Family Transmission Across Generations, 1970-2005*  
Merril Silverstein, Syracuse University (merrills@syr.edu)  
Vern L. Bengtson, University of Southern California (bengston@usc.edu)

*Why Religion Helps and Harms: Duality and Divergent Outcomes at the Nexus of Faith and Family Life*  
David C. Dollahite, Brigham Young University (david\_dollahite@byu.edu)  
Hilary Dalton, BYU  
Loren D. Marks, Louisiana State University

### I-8. SSSR: Modeling, Mapping, and Sampling Religions Room: Newport Coast Salon 1

Convener: Thomas Kersen, Jackson State University (thomas.m.kersen@jsums.edu)

*Initial Development and Factor Structure for a Scale to Assess the Aspects of Fowler's Model of Faith Development*  
Paul Mallery, La Sierra University (pmallery@lasierra.edu)  
Suzanne Mallery, La Sierra University

### I-8, cont

*Innovative Sources of Data for Studying Religion and Spirituality*  
Thomas Kersen, Jackson State University (thomas.m.kersen@jsums.edu)  
Larry Bates, University of North Alabama  
Richard Hudiburgh, University of North Alabama

*Investigating Sources of Error in Survey Measures of Church Attendance Using Cognitive Interviews*  
Philip Brenner, University of Massachusetts Boston (philip.brenner@umb.edu)

*Universalizing Faith as it Relates to Concepts from Psychology, Biology, Sociology, and Political Science*  
Suzanne Mallery, La Sierra University (smallery@lasierra.edu)

### I-9. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Gender and Age in Congregations Room: Mariner Cove

Convener: Amy Reynolds, Wheaton College (amy.reynolds@wheaton.edu)

*Organizational Resources and the Gender Gap in Congregational Lay Leadership*  
Todd Ferguson, Baylor University (todd\_ferguson@baylor.edu)

*Women Who Lead in Christian Organizations*  
Amy Reynolds, Wheaton College (amy.reynolds@wheaton.edu)

*The Threat of Secular Manhood: Mobilizing Masculinities through the Disciple Discourse in U.S. Men's Ministries*  
Andres Lopez, Iowa State University (alopez@iastate.edu)

*Factors Contributing to Congregational Vitality X Life Stage*  
Linda Bobbitt, ELCA (lbobbitt2.0@gmail.com)

### I-10. SSSR: Exclusivity, Intolerance, and Like-Minded Others Room: Newport Coast Salon 2

Convener: Youssef Chouhoud, University of Southern California (chouhoud@usc.edu)

*Social Network Analysis of an Interfaith Network*  
Hasina Mohyuddin, Vanderbilt University (hasina.a.mohyuddin.1@vanderbilt.edu)  
Aaron Stauffer, Religions for Peace USA

*To Hell with Tolerance: Salvific Exclusivity and Political Attitudes*  
Youssef Chouhoud, University of Southern California (chouhoud@usc.edu)

*Islamophobia in Europe: Does Religious Affiliation have the Effect of Increasing Islamophobia or Does it Make People More Willing to Accept Muslim Neighbors?*  
Linda Lockett, University Nevada Las Vegas (lockettl@unlv.nv.edu)

## Sunday, October 25, 8:00-9:30 AM

### I-11. SSSR: Secularism, Secularization, and Pluralism

Room: Del Mar

Convener: Efe Peker, Simon Fraser University (efe\_peker@sfu.ca)

*Learning through the Enemy: Dialectic, Intellectual Exertion, and Liberation in the Work of Two Early Indian Doxographers*

Karl-Stephan Bouthillette, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich (boukemissair@hotmail.com)

*Post-Secularism and Neo-Liberalism: Toward the i-sation of Society?*

Adam Possamai, University of Western Sydney (A.Possamai@uws.edu.au)

*Secularisation Meets Comparative-Historical Sociology: Conceptualising "Separation" and "Regulation"*

Efe Peker, Simon Fraser University (efe\_peker@sfu.ca)

*Four Types of (un-)Belief: Results from a Representative Mixed Methods Study on Religiosity, Spirituality, and Secularity in Switzerland*

Jörg Stolz, ORS University of Lausanne (joerg.stolz@unil.ch)

### I-12. SSSR: The Role of Religion during and Post-Crisis: Ethnic Conflict, Earthquakes, and Nuclear Disasters

Room: Treasure Cove

Convener: Da-Wei Hsu, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (xudawei@psych.ac.cn)

*Faith in Contention: Examining the Salience of Religion in Ethnic Conflict*

Matthew Isaacs, Brandeis University (mdisaacs@brandeis.edu)

*Post-Disaster Relief and Socialization Undertaken by Christian-Based Agents after the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake*

Da-Wei Hsu, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (xudawei@psych.ac.cn)

*Rebuilding an Engaged Ecclesiology in the Aftermath of Disaster: Japanese Evangelicals' Response to Fukushima*

Yutaka Osakabe, University of Aberdeen (y.osakabe@abdn.ac.uk)

### I-13. SSSR: Case Studies in Religions in China and the Diaspora: Popular Religions, Temples, and Christianity

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom E

Convener: Pen-Hsuan Lin, National United University (penhsuanlin2@gmail.com)

*Measuring the Meteoric Rise of a Chinese Temple Network: Yiguan Dao in the 1930s*

Joey Marshall, Purdue University (marsha58@purdue.edu)

*Temple of Society: Religious Syncretism, Rituals as Social Services, and Urbanization—A Case Study of Xiahaimiao Temple, Shanghai, China*

Yun Chen, East China Normal University (achyllus@gmail.com)

### I-13, cont.

*The Comparison of Yi-Ming God and Land God in Taiwan and Southeast Asia*

Pen-Hsuan Lin, National United University (penhsuanlin2@gmail.com)

*The Pluralization of Religious Repression? Tracing the Local Roots of Religious Persecution in China*

Ray Wang, National Chengchi University (ywang@nccu.edu.tw)

### I-14. SSSR/RRA Joint Session: Christian Networks and Connections in the United States

Room: Laguna

Convener: Blake Kent, Baylor University (blake\_kent@baylor.edu)

*Inter-Denominational Shared Knowledge: Christian Book Co-Purchase Networks*

Nathaniel Porter, Pennsylvania State University (ndp135@psu.edu)

*Social Location, New Testament Studies, and the Jesus Seminar*

Sean Everton, Naval Postgraduate School (sfeverto@nps.edu)

*To Know and Be Known: Divine Attachments, Intimacy, and Biblical Literalism*

Blake Kent, Baylor University (Blake\_Kent@baylor.edu)

### I-15. SSSR: Changes in Religion and Worldview: Longitudinal Perspectives

Room: Avalon

Organizer: Barbara Keller, Bielefeld University (Barbara.keller@uni-bielefeld.de)

Convener: Ralph Hood, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Ralph-Hood@utc.edu)

*Changing Accounts of Relating to the Transcendent: Faith and its Development Observed over Time*

Barbara Keller, Bielefeld University (Barbara.keller@uni-bielefeld.de)

*Identity is Complex: On Becoming a "Spiritual" and "Religious" "Atheist"*

Thomas J. Coleman III, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (thomas-j-coleman@mocs.utc.edu)

*Do Religious Styles and Schemata Change over Time: Results with the Religious Schema Scale*

Heinz Streib, Bielefeld University (Heinz.Streib@uni-bielefeld.de)

Constantin Klein, Bielefeld University

*Conceptualizing Relationships between Faith Development and Mysticism: A Search for Causation*

Ralph W. Hood, UT Chattanooga (Ralph-Hood@utc.edu)

## Sunday, October 25, 9:45-11:15 AM

### J-1. SSSR: Engaging Justice: Pope Francis, Gender-Based Violence, and Theological Conservatism

Room: Copper Cove

Convener: Laura M. Leming, University of Dayton (leming@udayton.edu)

*Faith and the Fragility of Justice: Religious Responses to Gender-Based Violence in South Africa*

Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College (mwhitnah@westmont.edu)

*Justice Seeking and "The Religious Rim": The Influence of Pope Francis*

Laura M. Leming, University of Dayton (leming@udayton.edu)

*The Differential Effects of Protestant Theological Conservatism on Female and Male Environmental Cooperation*

Brandon Martinez, Providence College (Brandon\_Martinez@baylor.edu)

Kyle Irwin, Baylor University

### J-2. SSSR: Icons, Wonder, and Public Representations of Memory and Tradition

Room: Crystal Cove

Convener: Janet L. Jacobs, University of Colorado (jacobsjl@colorado.edu)

*"Are All My Junior Snow Angels Here?" Making Space for Christmas at Stone Mountain*

Michael Bradley, Georgia Perimeter College (Michael.Bradley@gpc.edu)

*The Sacralization of Collective Memory: Ethno-Religious Representations and Nationalist Motifs at the Memorial at Srebrenica*

Janet L. Jacobs, University of Colorado (jacobsjl@colorado.edu)

*Towards a Sociology of the Icon*

Elena Lisovskaya, Western Michigan University (h.lisovskaya@gmail.com)

*Wonder: Lingering Source of Significance?*

Patricia Schoenrade, William Jewell College (schoenradp@williamjewell.edu)

Chelsea Garland, William Jewell College

Menghan Xiao, William Jewell College

### J-3. SSSR: Pornography and Substance Abuse: Religion as a Buffer

Room: Sapphire Cove

Convener: Fanhao Nie, Purdue University (nief@purdue.edu)

*Early Adolescent Pornography Viewing and Non-Sexual Health Behaviors in Late Adolescence: Exploring the Buffering Effects of Religion*

Fanhao Nie, Purdue University (nief@purdue.edu)

### J-3, cont.

*More than Friends and Family? Estimating the Direct and Indirect Effects of Religiosity on Substance Use in Emerging Adulthood*

Bob Thomson, Baylor University (Bob\_Thomson@baylor.edu)

*The Historical and Theological Foundations of Pornography Addiction Narratives within American Evangelicalism*

Jeremy Thomas, Idaho State University (thomjer4@isu.edu)

### J-4. SSSR: Secularization: Challenges and Measurements

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom A

Organizer: Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa (benny@psy.haifa.ac.il)

Convener: Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa (benny@psy.haifa.ac.il)

*Where Should we Place Spirituality and the Spiritual Not-Religious Population?*

Barry Kosmin, Trinity College (Barry.Kosmin@trincoll.edu)

*Nominal Religion: On the Road to Secularization*

Ariela Keysar, Trinity College (akeysar@aol.com)

*Families, Culture and the Causes of Religious Decline*

David Voas, University of Manchester (voas@essex.ac.uk)

Ingrid Storm, University of Manchester

*Psychological Theories of Religion and Religiosity Face Secularization*

Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa (benny@psy.haifa.ac.il)

### J-5. RRA: Looking for Vitality within Catholic Structures: From Schools to the Roman Curia

Room: Grand Pacific Ballroom B

Organizer: Michael Cieslak, Diocese of Rockford (MCieslak@RockfordDiocese.org)

Convener: Mary Gautier, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (gautierm@georgetown.edu)

Discussant: Patricia Wittberg, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (pwittber@iupui.edu)

*Religious Attitudes and Practices of Australian Catholic School Students*

Richard Rymarz, St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta (rymarz@ualberta.ca)

*Measuring Church Vitality*

Thomas Gaunt, CARA, Georgetown University (tpg9@georgetown.edu)

Nicholas Barton, CARA, Georgetown University

*Perverse Effects: The Catholic Church and Human Relations.*

Fabrizio Mastrofini, Vatican Radio (fmastrofini@libero.it)

*Vatican II vs. NE Styles of Leadership in Religious Education*

Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University (drbrianstarks@gmail.com)

## Sunday, October 25, 9:45-11:15 AM

### J-6. SSSR: Islam and Sikhism in the U.S.

Room: Del Mar

Convener: Simranjit Khalsa, Rice University (skhalsa@rice.edu)

*Sikhism in the US: Religious and Ethnic Boundaries*  
Simranjit Khalsa, Rice University (skhalsa@rice.edu)

*The Impact of Religion and Discrimination on Muslim American Identification*  
Dane Mataic, Penn State University (drm320@psu.edu)

*The Place of Muslims in the West: How American Muslims and Mainstream Religious Groups Relate to Community, Country, and Feelings of World Citizenship*  
Victoria Springer, Adobe Systems, Inc. (victoriaspringer@gmail.com)  
Peter Martini, University of Nevada, Reno  
James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno

*Who's More Religious? A Quantitative Analysis on the Religiosity Between US-Born Muslims and Non-US Born Muslims*  
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Ahmet Fidan, University of Tennessee Knoxville

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*Which Argument for Same Sex Marriage is More Persuasive?*  
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*Substance Abuse and Personal Religion: Comparison of Licit, Prescription, and Illicit Drugs and Substances*  
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*Measuring and Clustering Religious Profiles*  
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*Person-Centered Religious Influence and Selection in Adolescent Friendships*  
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*Twelve Cities, How Many Churches? Finding Multiracial Churches for the RLDP*  
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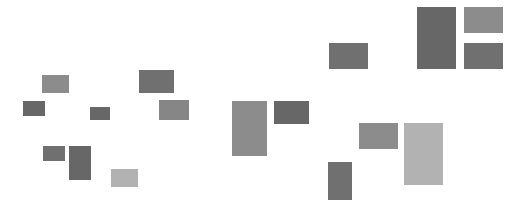
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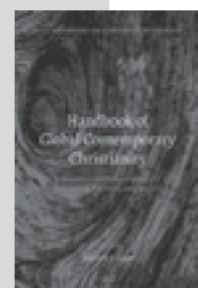




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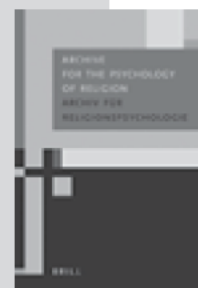


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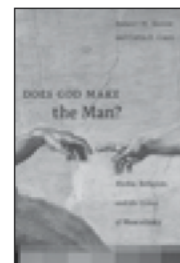
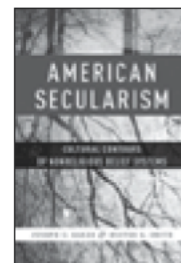
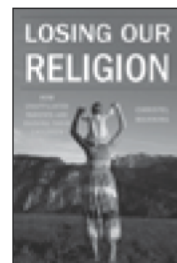
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Religion continues to be a force in public life—locally as well as internationally, across regions as well as cultures. To address the diverse public roles that religion can play in the contemporary world, we invite new assessments of religion in public life framed in comparative analyses—whether across religious and social groups, cultural settings, or nation-states. We particularly encourage proposals that place public religion in broader comparative perspectives, leveraging cross-national variation to develop concepts and test theories. But, of course, proposals for panels and papers on any topic in the scientific study of religion are welcome.

Potential topics related to the conference theme include studies of:

- how involvement (or lack of involvement) in public worship shapes individual attitudes and behavior
- the involvement of different religious groups, organizations, or institutions in the 2016 American presidential election
- the role of religion in shaping civic life across different religious or cultural groups, geographic regions, or nation-states
- the strength or weakness of religious political parties in North America, Europe, the Mideast, Asia, Latin America, and Africa;
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Submissions Open: February 2, 2016 (see <http://www.sssrweb.org>)

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Papers and sessions may address the conference theme by focusing on topics such as:

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- How do unaffiliated Americans compare with unaffiliated people elsewhere?
- In what ways are Americans exceptional in how they use their time and resources for religious causes?
- How do secularization processes differ in the United States and Europe?
- How does the practice of minority religions in the United States compare with the practice of those religions in countries in which their adherents are a majority of the population?
- The U.S. and India are each home to the largest global population of a major religion as well as thriving minority groups. What can we learn from comparing religion in each country?
- How does the religious marketplace in China compare with the landscape in the U.S.?
- As Catholic hegemony erodes in Latin America, to what extent is religion in the region moving toward the U.S. model?
- As Africa develops economically, are religious commitment levels starting to converge with those in the United States?
- How is religion in Japan similar to or totally different from religion in the U.S.?
- Are new religious movements disproportionately born in the U.S.? If so, why?
- How do findings about the relationship between religion and health in the United States compare to those in other countries?
- Why do Americans seem more concerned about the religious commitments of their leaders than people in other advanced economies?
- How have American models changed the practice of religion elsewhere? How have foreign models changed the practice of religion in the United States?
- What do qualitative studies reveal about differences between the practice of religion in the United States and elsewhere?
- How do online manifestations of religion vary between the United States and other countries?
- How is the concept and study of religion different outside the United States?
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- To what extent does the scientific study of religion focus on the United States? Is this a problem? What kind of change can we expect in the future?

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