



**SSSR+RRA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18-20, 2024  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

**FINAL PROGRAM**

**Thursday, October 17, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Registration - Thursday Registration**  
**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

**Friday, October 18, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast International Scholars Meet and Greet**  
**Room: Butler West**

**Friday, October 18, 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

**RRA Business Meeting**  
**Room: Cambria East**

**Friday, October 18, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Coffee Morning Coffee, sponsored by RRA**  
**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

**Friday, October 18, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Registration - Friday Registration**  
**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

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## **Paper Session A**

### **Friday, October 18, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

#### **Paper Session A-1 (RRA) Religious Leaders' Track - Talking about Race in Congregations** **Room: Westmoreland East**

Organizer: Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University (bkalinowski@rice.edu)  
Convener: Elaine H. Ecklund, Rice University (ehe@rice.edu)

*How Chinese American Christians Use Religion to Frame Racial Injustice: From #BlackLivesMatter to #StopAsianHate*  
Bianca Mabute-Louie, Rice University (bml@rice.edu)

*How Does it Feel to Be a Commodity: How Pastors of Color Experience Church Diversity Initiatives*  
Oneya Fennell Okuwobi, University of Cincinnati (okuwobof@ucmail.uc.edu)

*Black Bodies, Black Faith, Science, Medicine and Gods (Dis)Pleasure*  
Nichole R. Phillips, Emory University (nichole.r.phillips@emory.edu)

*Pictures of Multiracial Congregations*  
Edwin Aponte, Drew University (eaponte@drew.edu)

#### **Paper Session A-2 (SSSR) Congregations**

##### **Room: Fayette**

Convener: Rebecca S.K. Li, The College of New Jersey (lirebecc@tcnj.edu)

*Are American Zen Communities Emulating Their Headquarter Center?*  
Rebecca S.K. Li, The College of New Jersey (lirebecc@tcnj.edu)

*Involvement of Church Leaders and Members in Internal Conflicts: Exploratory Reflections on the Developing Trends in Malawian Christian Churches*  
Joyce Mlenga, Mzuzu University (jmlenga@yahoo.co.uk)

*The impact of the pandemic on parishes in Germany*  
Regina Frey, University of Munich (regina.frey@me.com)

*Deinstitutionalization of Religion – Negotiating the New Role of the Catholic Church in German Society*  
Miriam Zimmer, University of Bochum (miriam.zimmer@rub.de)

#### **Paper Session A-3 (SSSR) Faith and Work**

##### **Room: Armstrong**

Convener: Wali Rahman, Sarhad University Of Science and Information Technology (wali.ba@suit.edu.pk)

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***Negative affectivity and workplace deviance: The moderating role of Islamic personal religiosity***

Wali Rahman, Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology Peshawar  
(wali.ba@suit.edu.pk)

Co-Author: Nasib Dar, Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology Peshawar

***Hierarchy and Harm: Power Dynamics in the Workplace Harassment of Women in Ministry***

Elizabeth Johnson, Duke University (eaj12@duke.edu)

***Wage Inequality, Religion, and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Effect of Race and Gender***

Donka Brodersen, The College of New Jersey (mirtchev@tcnj.edu)

Co-Author: Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University

**Paper Session A-4 (SSSR) The Lasting Effects of COVID-19**

**Room: Cambria East**

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

***Surviving The Pandemic: Religions and Covid-19 in Canada***

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

***Prophetic Discourse During the Covid Era: Misinformation, Extremism, and Conspiracism in Popular YouTube Videos***

Richard Rogers, Youngstown State University (rlrogers02@ysu.edu)

***Trends and Dynamics of Televangelism in 21st century Nigeria: An appraisal of selected online preachers***

Uchechi Herbert Nwobia, Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu - Nigeria  
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**Paper Session A-6 (SSSR) Religion and Spirituality in Latin America 1**

**Room: Somerset East**

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

***Authorized by the Spirit: intersections of Pentecostalism and LGBTQ Affirming Communities***

Claudia Alvarez, Princeton Theological Seminary (claudia.alvarez@ptsem.edu)

***The role of social media and neo-Pentecostal and Pentecostal churches in the 2023 Guatemalan elections***

Claudia Dary, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (claudia\_dary@yahoo.com)

***Comparing Evangelical and Latter-day Saint Membership Growth in Honduras, 1960-2019***

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

***Abuse in the Latin American Church. An Evolving Crisis at the Core of Catholicism***

Véronique Lecaros, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (vgauthier@pucp.pe)

**Paper Session A-7 (SSSR) Measuring Religion and Religiosity**

**Room: Cambria West**

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

***Measuring Religiosity in the Global East: Preliminary Findings of Three New Surveys***

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

***Does It Make Sense to Label Mainline Disaffiliates as “Evangelical”?***

Carrie Miles, ISR, Baylor University; Empower International (carriem@fastmail.com)

***Religiosity in the World’s Largest Country: Religious Dimensions in a Diverse India***

Ajay Verghese, Middlebury College (averghese@middlebury.edu)

Co-Author 1: Samuel Stroope, LSU

Co-Author 2: Ruiqian Li, Purdue University

**Paper Session A-8 (SSSR) Polarization and Secularization**

**Room: Crawford West**

Convener: Siobahn McAndrew, University of Sheffield (s.mcandrew@sheffield.ac.uk)

***Secularization in Ireland: Cohort effects all the way down?***

Siobhan McAndrew, University of Sheffield (s.mcandrew@sheffield.ac.uk)

***Can We Talk About Growing Religious Polarization In European Countries?***

Riccardo Ladini, University of Milan (riccardo.ladini@unimi.it)

Co-Author 1: Francesco Molteni, University of Milan

Co-Author 2: Ferruccio Biolcati, University of Milan

***Between tradition and modernity: Navigating religious identities among Muslim and Druze young adults in Israel***

Sawsan Kheir, University of Haifa; Åbo Akademi University (khsawsan@gmail.com)

***Unholy Alliance: Why Minority Religious Leaders Align with Authoritarian Governments?***

Kenny Miao, University of Texas at Austin (kenny.miao@utexas.edu)

**Paper Session A-9 (SSSR+RRA) Religious Fields and Law**

**Room: Butler East**

Convener: Eugene Clay, Arizona State University (clay@asu.edu)

***The Lived Experience of Freedom of Religion and Belief in the United Kingdom***

Mátyás Bódi, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford (matyas.bodi@regents.ox.ac.uk)

***A Well-Regulated Spiritual Economy: Religious Organizations Registered in the Russian Ministry of Justice***

Eugene Clay, Arizona State University (clay@asu.edu)

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

Gilad Cohen Kovacs, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (gilad.cohen1@mail.huji.ac.il)

***'By the Power Vested in Me'... Investigating the Collision and Concord of Law & Religion in the move toward Coercive Control in Family Law***

Yael Machtinger, Rackman Center for the Advancement of Women's Status, Bar Ilan Law School (yaelmachtingerphd@gmail.com)

**Paper Session A-10 (SSSR) Religion and US foreign policy: How and when does it matter?  
Room: Crawford East**

Organizer/Convener: Peter Henne, University of Vermont (peter.henne@uvm.edu)

***A Holy Hand Grenade? Religious Appeals in Power Politics***

Peter Henne, University of Vermont (peter.henne@uvm.edu)

***Blessing America First: Religion, Populism, and Foreign Policy in the Trump Administration***

David Buckley, University of Louisville (david.buckley@louisville.edu)

***Political Polarization, Religious Difference, and US Foreign Policy and Advocacy on Behalf of Christians in the Middle East***

Miray Philips, University of Toronto (miray.philips@utoronto.ca)

**Paper Session A-11 (SSSR) Religion & Society Group at West Virginia University  
Room: Lawrence**

Organizer: Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University (kecorcoran@mail.wvu.edu)

***Vaccination decisions in a closed religious community***

Rachel Stein, West Virginia University (rachel.stein@mail.wvu.edu)

Co-Author 1: Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University

Co-Author 2: Corey Colyer, West Virginia University

***Identifying with Multiple World Religions: Patterns and Predictors***

Christopher Scheitle, West Virginia University (cpscheitle@mail.wvu.edu)

Co-Author 1: Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University

Co-Author 2: Taylor Remsburg, West Virginia University

***Networking the Flock: Congregational Ties and Community in a Large Amish Settlement.***

Corey Colyer, West Virginia University (corey.colyer@mail.wvu.edu)

Co-Author 1: Rachel Stein, West Virginia University

Co-Author 2: Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University

***Liminal Nones: Characteristics of Those Who Identify with Religious and Nonreligious Identities***

Taylor Remsburg, West Virginia University (ter0011@mix.wvu.edu)

Co-Author 1: Christopher Scheitle, West Virginia

Co-Author 2: Katie Corcoran, West Virginia University

**Paper Session A-12 (SSSR) The Continuing Relevance of Megachurches**

**Room: Westmoreland Central**

Organizer/Convener: Mark Mulder, Calvin University (mmulder@calvin.edu)

***“The Church Must Grow or Perish”: Megachurches and the Unrelenting Imperative of Church Growth***

Mark Mulder, Calvin University (mmulder@calvin.edu)

Co-Author: Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

***“Are You Part of the Family?”: Us Versus Them in an Evangelical Megachurch***

Jennifer McKinney, Seattle Pacific University (mckinj@spu.edu)

***Megachurches are a Moving Target: Accounting for the Dynamic Nature of the Nation’s Largest Churches***

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

***Can Megachurches with Thousands of Online Viewers Convert Them to In-Person Attenders?***

Warren Bird, ECFA (warren@ecfa.org)

**Paper Session A-13 (SSSR) Women, Power, and Social Change**

**Room: Washington**

Convener: Jualynne Dodson, Michigan State University (dodsonj2@msu.edu)

***African Methodism: Claiming Women’s Paradigmatic Power Participation in U.S. African descendants’ First Social Movement***

Jualynne Dodson, Michigan State University (dodsonj2@msu.edu)

***Evangelical Feminism - What's Changed in 50 Years?***

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

***Don’t Ask Me: Evangelical Women and their Unwillingness to Answer Certain Survey Questions***

Hannah Boler, Berry College (bolershannah@gmail.com)

Co-Author: Dr. Abigail Vegter, Berry College

***Exploring The Spiritual, Ecological And Social Divides Among Catholic Women Faith-Based Practitioners In Asia***

Theresa Symons, Monash University Malaysia (theresa.symons@monash.edu)

**Paper Session A-14 (RRA) Advances in the Demography of Religion 1**

**Room: Westmoreland West**

Organizer/Convener: Cory Anderson, Pennsylvania State University (dr@coryanderson.org)

***How Does Religion Affect Fertility? An Exploration of the Mechanisms Underlying the Relationship between Religion and Fertility***

Mary Shenk, Pennsylvania State University (mks74@psu.edu)

Co-Author 1: Richard Sosis, University of Connecticut

Co-Author 2: John Shaver, Baylor University

***The Changing Impact of Religion on the Timing of First Births in the US: Evidence from the National Survey of Family Growth***

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

Co-Author: Riley Peterson, Baylor University

***Fertility, Faith, and the American Community Survey***

Lyman Stone, McGill University (lymanstone@gmail.com)

***Household Characteristics and Fertility Variation Across Amish Communities***

Matthew Conrad, University of Connecticut (matthew.conrad@uconn.edu)

Co-Author 1: Cory Anderson, Pennsylvania State University

Co-Author 2: Richard Sosis, University of Connecticut

**Paper Session A-15 (RRA) Book Panel: Making Moral Citizens: How Faith-Based Organizers use Vocation for Public Action**

**Room: Somerset West**

Organizer/Convener: Gary Adler, Penn State University (gja13@psu.edu)

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**Paper Session B**  
**Friday, October 18, 10:40 AM - 12:10 PM**

**Paper Session B-1 (RRA) Religious Leaders' Track - Religion, Mental Health, and Burnout**

**Room: Westmoreland East**

Organizer/Convener: Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University (bkalinowski@rice.edu)

***Clergy Burnout: The Challenges and Successes of Following One's Calling Outside of Professional Religious Ministry***

Todd Ferguson, Rice University (tf28@rice.edu)

***National Survey Data Explains How Religion and Science Beliefs Affect Attitudes Towards Mental Health***

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

Co-Author: Elaine H. Ecklund, Rice University

***How Religious Leaders Use Religion and Science in Mental Health Care***

Elaine H. Ecklund, Rice University (ehe@rice.edu)

Co-Author: Andrea Henderson, University of South Carolina

***Religious Understandings of Mental Health among Evangelical Christians: Causes and Sources of Support***

Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University (bkalinowski@rice.edu)

**Paper Session B-2 (SSSR) “If it talks like an atheist:” A critical re-evaluation of psychology’s views on secularism**

**Room: Cambria West**

Organizer: Robert Arrowood, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

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***Understanding and measuring the new secular identity***

Christopher Silver, Sewanee: The University of The South (chsilver@sewanee.edu)

Co-Author 1: William Andrews, The University of Tennessee Chattanooga

Co-Author 2: Kyle Messick, University of South Carolina, Beaufort

***Meaning in the six: Investigating meaning in life amongst the six types of atheist and agnostics***

Trevor Morris, Rutgers University (tmm354@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)

Co-Author 1: Haley Caviness, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

***Foxhole atheism re- re-visited: Examining existential fear through the lens of individual differences in atheism.***

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Co-Author 1: Rachel Perez, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Co-Author 2: Trevor Morris, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Co-Author 3: Gracie Johnson, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

**Paper Session B-3 (SSSR) Advances in the scientific study of divine forgiveness**

**Room: Cambria East**

Organizer/Convener: Frank Fincham, Florida State University (ffincham@fsu.edu)

***Contextual Factors, Mechanisms, and Outcomes of Divine Forgiveness: An Ecological Momentary Assessment Investigation***

Joseph Currier, University of South Alabama (jcurrier@southalabama.edu)

Co-Author 1: Edward Davis, Wheaton College

Co-Author 2: Ryon McDermott, University of South Alabama



***Aspects of Violating One's Own Moral Code Predict Seeking Divine Forgiveness***

Crystal Park, University of Connecticut (crystal.park@uconn.edu)

Co-Author 1: Zachary Magin, University of Connecticut

Co-Author 2: Joshua Wilt, Case Western University

***Does viewing God as intervening in human affairs account for the association between God image and divine forgiveness?***

Frank Fincham, Florida State University (ffincham@fsu.edu)

Co-Author: Heather Maranges, Florida State University

***Divine forgiveness perceptions among Spanish-Speaking Catholics: Quantitative and qualitative insights***

Carmen Callizo, Universidad de Navarra, Spain (mcalatrava@unav.es)

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Co-Author 2: María Calatrava Calatrava, Universidad de Navarra, Spain

**Paper Session B-4 (SSSR) Religious Tolerance**

**Room: Butler West**

Convener: Katheryn Kelley, Taylor University (katie\_kelley1@taylor.edu)

***Religious believers, nonbelievers, and tolerance: a systematic search and map of the literature.***

Paul Fehrman, Kent State University (pfehrma1@kent.edu)

***Integrative Religious Thinking in a Polarized World: Religious Tolerance and Cognitive Flexibility***

Katheryn Kelley, Taylor University (katie\_kelley1@taylor.edu)

Co-Author 1: Emily Kornelson, Taylor University

Co-Author 2: Gengyu Liu, Taylor University

***When the 'Savior' Turns the Oppressor: A Discourse on Religion and (In)Justice in the Changing World***

Ojo Rapheal, Federal University Lokoja (ojo.rapheal@fulokoja.edu.ng)

Co-Author: Oluwasefunmi Lydia Adedara, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

***Local Religious Heterogeneity and Outgroup Tolerance in Lebanon***

Kallan Larsen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (kallanml@unc.edu)

**Paper Session B-5 (SSSR) Religion and Spirituality in Latin America 2**

**Room: Somerset East**

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

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

***Catholic inculturation theology in Latin America – before and now***

Jakob Thorsen, Aarhus University (teojet@cas.au.dk)

***Maya spirituality and environmental consciousness: tensions and potential in a Guatemalan context***

C. James MacKenzie, University of Lethbridge (james.mackenzie@uleth.ca)

***Animism meets phenomenology in highland Guatemala***

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

**Paper Session B-7 (SSSR) Finding Religion in Non-Religion**

**Room: Fayette**

Convener: Jonathan Evans, Pew Research Center (jevans@pewresearch.org)

***Spiritual Identity, Beliefs, and Practices of the Non-Religious: A Cross-Generational Perspective***

Merril Silverstein, Syracuse University (merrils@syr.edu)

Co-Author 1: Woosang Hwang, Texas Tech University

Co-Author 2: Joseph Blankholm, University of California at Santa Barbara

***Religion and Spirituality in East Asian Societies***

Jonathan Evans, Pew Research Center (jevans@pewresearch.org)

***Secular American Muslims***

Besheer Mohamed, Pew Research Center (bmohamed@pewresearch.org)

**Paper Session B-8 (SSSR) Religious Education**

**Room: Crawford East**

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

***Framing religious alterity in Catholic Religious Education in contemporary Italy***

Maria Lucenti, University of Hamburg (maria.lucenti@uni-hamburg.de)

Co-Author: Guillaume Silhol, Aix-Marseille University

***What is a Christian School? Past and Present Perspectives from Protestant K-12 Schools in Mississippi***

Kayla Kemp, Penn State University (kmk6713@psu.edu)

***Shifting Contours of Religion, Citizenship and Education in Contemporary Britain***

Anna Strhan, University of York (anna.strhan@york.ac.uk)

Co-Author 1: Joanna Malone, University of York

Co-Author 2: Peter Hemming, University of Surrey

**Paper Session B-9 (SSSR+RRA) Quantifying Religious Persecution: Epistemic Challenges**

**Room: Crawford West**

Organizer/Convener: Miray Philips, University of Toronto (miray.philips@utoronto.ca)

***What does Pew Research Center's data on religious restrictions tell us about religious freedom globally?***

Samirah Majumdar, Pew Research Center (smajumdar@pewresearch.org)

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***Measuring Martyrdom: Motivations, Mass Killings, and Genocides***

Gina Zurlo, Harvard Divinity School (gzurlo@hds.harvard.edu)

***How distinct (and real) is Christian persecution?***

Peter Henne, University of Vermont (peter.henne@uvm.edu)

**Paper Session B-10 (SSSR) Transcending Racism and Nationalism? Latter-day Saint Past, Present, and Future**

**Room: Armstrong**

Organizer/Convener: Thomas Murphy, Edmonds College (thomaswmurphy90@gmail.com)

***White is an Ite: Mormon's Misappropriation of the Haudenosaunee Great Peace***

Thomas Murphy, Edmonds College (thomaswmurphy90@gmail.com)

***A Transcendent Religion? Analyzing Local LDS Worship Services in the United States***

Spencer Dean Stewart, Purdue University (stewa443@purdue.edu)

***Trends and Boundaries in Mormon Twitter's Reactionary #DezNat Hashtag***

Spencer Greenhalgh, University of Kentucky (spencer.greenhalgh@uky.edu)

Co-Author: Amy Chapman, Arizona State University

***Danger and Disaffiliation, Political Extremism, and Depression: A Mormon Example***

Carrie Miles, Baylor University; Empower International (carriem@fastmail.com)

**Paper Session B-11 (SSSR) Mapping the Religious Landscapes of East Asia: China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan**

**Room: Westmoreland Central**

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

***Mapping the Religious landscapes: from China to the Global East***

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

***OSAGE-Japan: The Extraordinary High Density of Shrines, Temples, and New Religions***

Natsuko Godo, Purdue University (ngodo@purdue.edu)

***OSAGE-South Korea: Shamans and Temples under the Shadow of Christian Churches***

Jungsun Kim, Purdue University (kim929@purdue.edu)

***OSAGE-Taiwan: Religious Diversity and Politics in a New Democracy***

Charles Chang, Duke-Kunshan University (charles.c.chang@dukekunshan.edu.cn)

**Paper Session B-12 (SSSR) Patterns in Congregational Closures and Transformations**

**Room: Washington**

Organizer/Convener: Wendy Cadge, Bryn Mawr College (wcadge@brynmawr.edu)

***An Enduring Legacy: A Study of UCC Church Closures (2020-2022)***

Taylor Russell, UCC Church Building & Loan Fund (russellt@ucc.org)

Co-Author: David Schoen, Minister for Church Legacy and Closure, CB&LF

***Race, Community, and Process: Black Catholics' Experience of Catholic Spaces***

Tia Noelle Pratt, Villanova University (tia.pratt@villanova.edu)

***Studying Congregations' Persistence, Repurpose, & Death: Results from a 20-Year Analysis in Chicago***

Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame (kbeyer11@nd.edu)

Co-Author 1: Ricardo Martinez-Schuldt, Rutgers University

Co-Author 2: Madeline Johnson, University of Notre Dame

Co-Author 3: Peter Ryan, University of Notre Dame

***The Fate of Congregations in the Suburbs: Patterns in Closed Congregations and Their Buildings in DuPage County, Illinois***

Brian J. Miller, Wheaton College (brian.miller@wheaton.edu)

***Respondent***

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (kday@uls.edu)

**Paper Session B-13 (RRA) Advances in the Demography of Religion 2**

**Room: Westermoreland West**

Organizer/Convener: Mary Shenk, Pennsylvania State University (mks74@psu.edu)

***More in the World, More of the World? The Association of Amish Household Fertility Levels with Exposure to Secularizing Community Influences***

Cory Anderson, Pennsylvania State University (dr@coryanderson.org)

Co-Author 1: Anna Shetler, Pennsylvania State University

Co-Author 2: Shuai Zhou, Cornell University

***Orthodox Jewish fertility rates and their implications for the character of Jewish America***

Edieal Pinker, Yale University (edieal.pinker@yale.edu)

***Religious involvement is associated with higher fertility and lower maternal investment, but more alloparental support among Gambian mothers***

John Shaver, Baylor University (john.shaver@otago.ac.nz)

Co-Author 1: Radim Chvaja, European Research University

Co-Author 2: Laure Spake, Binghamton University

**Paper Session B-14 (RRA) Religion, Law, and Politics: Responses to Social Change**

**Room: Lawrence**

Convener: John San Nicolas, University of New Mexico (jtsannicolas671@unm.edu)

***Give Unto Caesar: The Politics of American Megachurch Sermon Series Given 2020-2024***

John San Nicolas, University of New Mexico (jtsannicolas671@unm.edu)

***Deification of the Ancestors And Its Impact On Patriotism In National Development. A Case Study of Indigenous Esan People Of Edo State, Nigeria.***

Ogbeni Sylvester, University of Ibadan (christysylvester2018@gmail.com)

***Religious legalism as coping amidst chaos***

Duane McBride, Andrews University (mcbride@andrews.edu)

Co-Author 1: Karl Bailey, Andrews University

Co-Author 2: Alina Baltazar, Andrews University

***Changing Needs of Middle Judiciary Personnel***

Jeff Woods, American Baptist Churches USA (jeff.woods@abc-usa.org)

**Paper Session B-15 (RRA) Book Panel: Guiding God's Marriage: Faith and Social Change in Premarital Counseling**

**Room: Somerset West**

Organizer/Convener: Orit Avishai, Fordham University (avishai@fordham.edu)

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**Friday, October 18, 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Meeting: Review of Religious Research Editorial Board Meeting**

**Room: Butler West**

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**Meeting: Mormon Social Sciences Association Business Meeting**

**Room: Butler East**

**Friday, October 18, 12:45 PM - 1:05 PM**

**Meet-Up Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion Meet-Up**

**Room: Armstrong**

## **Paper Session C**

### **Friday, October 18, 1:10 PM - 2:40 PM**

#### **Paper Session C-1 (RRA) Religion and Education: Identities and Outcomes**

##### **Room: Butler East**

Convener: Aimee Leukert, La Sierra University (aleukert@lasierra.edu)

##### ***Vocational Training Centers in Tanzania and Uganda: Monastic Religious Institutes Contribute to their Country's Economic Development.***

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##### ***The Religious and Cultural Identities of Faculty at a Faith-Based University***

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##### ***The Role of Religion in Academia: Antagonistic or Partners in Search for Knowledge***

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#### **Paper Session C-2 (RRA) Building Relationships and Thriving Religious Congregations**

##### **Room: Westermoreland West**

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

##### ***Why Jesus's Social Network Matters for Christian Congregations***

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##### ***Ritual for thriving: How the Cognitive Science of Religion can benefit congregations***

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##### ***Supporting Women in Ministry: Evidence-Based Ways to Help Clergy Thrive***

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##### ***Connecting the Church: What do Relationships look like in Flourishing Congregations?***

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#### **Paper Session C-3 (SSSR) Spiritual Abuse**

##### **Room: Butler West**

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##### ***Religion, Relationships, and Risk: Examining the Influence of Christian Nationalism on Intimate Partner Violence***

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

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***Religious Trauma, Spiritual Abuse and Their Effects on Health: A Meta-Analysis of Empirical Studies from 2017 to 2024***

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**Paper Session C-4 (SSSR) Leaving and Staying**

**Room: Cambria East**

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***The Role of Attachment in Religious (Dis)Affiliation: Clinical Implications for Social Work Practice***

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***No Place for Questions: An Investigation of the Social Interactions of Former Church Members***

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***Initial Findings from a Comparative Study of Deconversion Processes***

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**Paper Session C-5 (SSSR) Formation and Leadership**

**Room: Cambria West**

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***Examining Views on Race and Justice***

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***Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Academy of Homiletics: Report on Teaching and Research Practices***

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***Does Seminary Make Students More Liberal?***

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***“I can’t stop doing ministry”: Adventist Female Pastors’ Experiences with Calling***

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**Paper Session C-6 (SSSR) Demographic Trends and Definitions**

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***The National Congregation Study Switzerland. First results of the second wave***

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***Existential Insecurity: Religious Engagement in Contemporary Nigerian Society***

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***Protestants in Croatia: Insights from the congregation study on a tiny and publicly not visible minority***

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***A global study with the Faith Q-sort: some central findings***

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**Paper Session C-7 (SSSR) From Racial Diversity to Racial Justice in Congregations**

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***Congregations and the Religion of Whiteness: Roadblock and Repair Strategies***

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***Race, Leadership, and Social Justice in the Contemporary United States***

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***Opportunities and Challenges in the Study of Asian American Religious Communities***

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***Elusive Inclusivity: Restless Antiracism within a White Progressive Denomination***

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**Paper Session C-8 (SSSR+RRA) Environmental Consciousness**

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***Creating climate coalitions: a role for the church?***

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***Beyond Denominational Influence: Why Christian Nationalism Matters for the Climate Debate***

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***Wildfires in the Pacific West in 2020***

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***Climate Crisis Discourse in World Christianity: Global Data, Methods, Issues***

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***Exploring Islam's Environmental Consciousness: Perspectives and Potentials***

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**Paper Session C-9 (SSSR) Domestic and International Concerns Regarding Religious Freedom**

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***Islamophobia and Threats to Religious Freedom***

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***Black Religious Liberty Curriculum***

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***What Do Calls for Religious Freedom Really Mean?***

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**Paper Session C-10 (SSSR) Should we do more to ensure that journal articles are rigorous and transparent?**

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**Paper Session C-11 (SSSR+RRA) Religion and Science**

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***Lived Experience of Daoist Practices: Mysticism, Science, and Embodied Spirituality***

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***Public Perceptions of the Cultural Authority of Science and Religion***

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***Untold Stories of Latino STEM Stratification: Race, Religious Organizations and STEM Education***

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**Paper Session C-12 (SSSR) Congregational Closures, Transformations and Repurposing  
Room: Washington**

Organizer/Convener: Wendy Cadge, Bryn Mawr College (wcadge@brynmawr.edu)

***Congregational Closures: Insights from a Pilot Study in Greater Boston***

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***Congregations and their Buildings: Long Term Trends and New Priorities in a post-COVID Era***

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***Repurposing House and Church: Making Muslim Space***

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**Paper Session C-13 (SSSR) Book Panel: Asian Pacific Catholicism and Globalization:  
Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges**

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**Paper Session C-14 (SSSR) Politics of Nonreligion**

**Room: Crawford East**

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***The LGBT Politics of Religious Nones***

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***The Structural Limits of Secular Advocacy***

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***Science as Savior: The Politics of Secular Transhumanists***

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***Politics of Indigenous Nonreligion***

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## **Paper Session D**

### **Friday, October 18, 2:50 PM - 4:20 PM**

**Paper Session D-1 (RRA) Religious Conflict and Pathways to Pluralism and Community Engagement**

**Room: Westermoreland West**

Convener: Brandon C. Martinez, Providence College (bmartine@providence.edu)

***Building Bridges between Congregations and their Communities: A Mixed-Methods Evaluation of the Greater New Jersey Bridges Project***

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***From Prejudice to Peril: Tracing Anti-Muslim Hate Crimes in the United States***

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***The Possible Role of The Hungarian Catholic Church In Promoting Social Justice and Peace***

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***The Eclipse, Resurgence, and Future Of Egúngún Festival In Contemporary Íwo, Òşun State, Nigeria***

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**Paper Session D-2 (RRA) Challenges in Clergy Training: Limitations and Opportunities**

**Room: Westmoreland East**

Convener: Deborah Coe, Compass Consulting and Research (debcoe@compassresearch.llc)

***Still being called? A Longitudinal Study of Work Motives Among Lutheran Clergy and Theology Students in Finland***

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***Educational Debt and Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life***

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***What Clergy Leaders Wish They Had Been Trained to Do***

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**Paper Session D-3 (SSSR) Ethics In and Out of Academia**

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***Curiosity, Compassion, and Doubt***

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***Academic Apologetics: Malpractice, Incompetence or Ethical Issue***

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***Progress Report on Advocacy and Collaboration in NRM Research***

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**Paper Session D-4 (SSSR+RRA) Whiteness**

**Room: Cambria West**

Convener: Tim Lauve-Moon, Texas Christian University (t.moon@tcu.edu)

***Nigrescence and White Jesus: Mixed Methodological Analysis of Black American Identity and Their Perceptions of the White Jesus Phenomenon***

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***Intersections of Ignorance: The Complex Relationship Between White Ignorance and Christian Ignorance***

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***White Christian Institutions and Reparations***

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**Paper Session D-5 (SSSR) Many Voices: Expanding the narrative on religious experiences in psychedelics**

**Room: Crawford West**

Organizer: Roman Palitsky, Emory University (roman.palitsky@emory.edu)

***Jewish Journeys: investigation of Jewish attitudes, perspectives, and experiences of psychedelics***

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***How are psychedelic experiences understood, felt, and integrated into aspects of daily life by Muslims?***

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***Psychedelic experiences of ex-Mormons: a qualitative study***

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***Response: A rabbi's perspective on religious psychedelic integration***

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**Paper Session D-6 (SSSR) Preaching, Environmental Issues, and Accompaniment: Reports from the EcoPreacher Cohort**

**Room: Somerset East**

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***Effects of Education and Companionship for EcoPreachers and Sermon Listeners in a Climate-Changed World***

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***Collaborative Creation Care: Clergy and Community-Based Approaches to Climate and Environmental Justice Work***

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***Impacts of Congregational Context and Vocational Self-Understanding on Environmental Engagement for Preachers***

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***What Does "Caring for Creation" Mean for EcoPreachers and Sermon Listeners?***

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**Paper Session D-7 (SSSR) Missions and Missionaries**

**Room: Crawford East**

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***The World is A Mission Field: Mapping, Movement, and the Evangelical Global Imaginary***

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***Christian Missionaries in High-Risk Countries: Christian Identity and Risk Perceptions of Religious Actors***

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***Sharing the Faith: Perspectives of Missionary Women at the Agogo Presbyterian Women's College of Education***

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***What Do Missionaries Do All Day? Precarious Work in the Age of Covert Evangelism***

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***African Indigenous Churches and reverse mission: A cultural hegemony or spreading of Christian gospel in the Diaspora.***

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**Paper Session D-8 (SSSR) Disability and Belonging**

**Room: Fayette**

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***Exploring the main and interaction effects of disability and belonging on depression among a global sample of Seventh-day Adventists***

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***The Polyphony of Life: Bonhoeffer's Musical Imagery of Deep and Wide Community***

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***Disability and Church in War-Torn Ukraine***

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***Does Accessibility Have an Origin Story? Characterizing Accessibility Features in Religious Congregations***

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**Paper Session D-9 (SSSR) Tools of the Trade**

**Room: Lawrence**

Convener: Patricia Snell Herzog, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

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***AI-Proofing Literature Reviews and Avoiding Methodological Imperialism: Studying Religion, Youth, and Philanthropy with Artificial Intelligence and Human Interpretation***

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***Value Pluralism in the Secularization Research Program: How Researchers' Religious Values and Prior Beliefs Affect Knowledge Production on Religious Change***

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***Teaching about Christianity & Whiteness in Turbulent Times***

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**Paper Session D-10 (SSSR) The Politics of Religious Freedom: Social Science Perspectives  
Room: Westmoreland Central**

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**Paper Session D-11 (SSSR) Psychology of Religion**

**Room: Washington**

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***The Religious and Spiritual Beliefs and Practices of Faculty in Graduate Mental Health Training Programs***

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***Applying the Psychology of Religion: A Catalogue of Possibilities***

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***A Psychology of Influence, and Vice-Versa: The History of The Cult Wars of in the Latter 20th Century***

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***The Role of Expectations in Labyrinth Walking***

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**Paper Session D-12 (SSSR) Challenges and innovations in the measurement of religion with surveys**

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**Room: Butler East**

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***How Pew Research Center surveys are addressing methodological challenges***

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***Can Online Non-Probability Surveys Work in an Authoritarian Context? Measuring Non-Sensitive and Sensitive Topics in the Islamic Republic of Iran***

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***Web Surveys Miss the Most Religious People***

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***Secret Secularity: Masking Non-Belief and Exaggerating Religiosity to Friends, Family, and Community in the United States***

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**Paper Session D-13 (SSSR) Clergy Health and Well-Being**

**Room: Butler West**

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***Exploring the Effects of Work-Family Strain and Emotional Styles among Clergy: Stressors and Buffers for Clergy Mental Health***

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***Mainline Malaise: Testing Theological Mismatch as a Mechanism for Poor Mental Well-being Among Clergy***

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***Addressing Health Disparities Among Pastors: Complementary Roles of Weight Loss and Physical Activity***

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***Exploring the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Clergy Well-Being***

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**Paper Session D-14 (SSSR) Book Panel: Liminal Minorities: Religious Difference and Mass Violence in Muslim Societies**

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**Paper Session D-15 (SSSR) Book Panel: Modeling Religion: Simulating the Transformation of Worldviews, Lifeways, and Civilizations**

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**Graduate Student Session Scholars of Religion and the Job Market: Academic and Non-Academic Routes**

**Room: Fayette**

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**Reception New Books Reception**  
**Room: Pennsylvania Ballroom**

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**RRA H. Paul Douglass Lecture: Why Public Scholarship Needs Research on Religion for Religious Leaders**

**Room: Allegheny 1&2**

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**Friday, October 18, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**RRA Reception**

**Room: Allegheny Foyer**

**Friday, October 18, 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-1 Islam Research Network**

**Room: Butler West**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-2 Mormon Social Science Association**

**Room: Butler East**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-3 Scholars of Color Network**

**Room: Cambria East**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-4 Congregational Scholars Network**

**Room: Cambria West**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-5 Social Science of Science and Religion Group**

**Room: Fayette**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-6 Religion and Civic Life**

**Room: Somerset West**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-7 Non-Religion Group**

**Room: Somerset East**

**Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-8 Catholic Research Network**

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**Room: Washington**

**Saturday, October 19, 7:45 AM - 8:45 PM**

**Breakfast Studying the Future of Sacred Places in a Changing Religious Landscape**

**Room: Allegheny 3**

**Saturday, October 19, 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

**SSSR Business Meeting**

**Room: Cambria East**

**Saturday, October 19, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Coffee Morning Coffee, sponsored by RRA**

**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

**Saturday, October 19, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Registration - Saturday Registration**

**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

## **Paper Session E**

**Saturday, October 19, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Paper Session E-1 (SSSR) Profiles in Non-Religion**

**Room: Crawford East**

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

***The secular-religious divide in Iran: An analysis of GAMAAN's online surveys***

Pooyan Tamimi Arab, Utrecht University (p.tamimiarab@uu.nl)

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

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

Co-Author: Galen Watts, University of Waterloo

***Society and religion in transformation: Exploring the unaffiliated in Argentina***

Juan Cruz Esquivel, University of Buenos Aires - National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (jucesquivel@gmail.com)

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

Élisabeth Sirois, University of Ottawa (esiroisro@hotmail.com)

***How Clergy That Are Religious Atheists Transform Religion From Within and How The Clergy Project is Divided over it?***

Alexandr Zamušinski, University of California, Riverside (alexandr.zamusinski@email.ucr.edu)

**Paper Session E-2 (SSSR) Death and Dying**

**Room: Butler East**

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

***Making peace with the past: The role of religiousness and experiencing critical life events as one ages***

Gerard Rainville, AARP (grainville@aarp.org)

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***Religious and scientific repertoires in negotiating “good” death and end-of-life care***

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***Final Farewell: Exploring the Demographic and Religious Correlates of Attitudes on the Role of Religion and Science in Death***

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

Co-Author 1: Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University

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***The Impact of COVID-19 on Buddhist Communities in the US and Japan***

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***From Church Graveyards to Country Clubs: Changing Preferences and Understandings of End-of-Life Rituals***

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

**Paper Session E-3 (SSSR) Reproductive Rights**

**Room: Butler West**

Convener: Sabrina Danielsen, Creighton University (sabrindanielsen@creighton.edu)

***Dissonant Tones: The Relationship Between (In)congruent Congregational and Personal Views on Abortion and Health and Well-being***

Johannah Palomo, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (johannah@unc.edu)

***Silence, Sanctified: U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Failure to Address Violence and Coercion in their Discussions of Reproductive Decisions***

Sabrina Danielsen, Creighton University (sabrindanielsen@creighton.edu)

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***Replacing Welfare as We Know It: Crisis Pregnancy Centers & State Funding of Faith-Based Welfare Institutions***

Becca Peach, Political Science Department, University of Washington (rlpeach@uw.edu)

***"I don't believe that abortion's the way to go, but...": Perceptions on the Overturning of Roe from Teenage Girls in a Southern Baptist Youth Group***

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**Paper Session E-4 (SSSR) Innovation in Religion and Spirituality: Contexts and Conditions**

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**Paper Session E-5 (SSSR+RRA) Immigration**

**Room: Cambria West**

Convener: Roberto Fernandez Morales, Presbyterian Church (USA) (roberto.morales@pcusa.org)

***Transforming Globally: How a Transnational Evangelical Network Expands while Negotiating with Locals in Taiwan and Thailand.***

En-Ya Tsai, University of Notre Dame, the Department of Sociology. (etsai2@nd.edu)

***Immigration-Related Challenges to Hispanic Presbyterian Congregations***

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***U.S. Gateway Cities as Hotspots for Hate Crimes Driven by Race and Religion: A Comprehensive Analysis***

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**Paper Session E-7 (SSSR) Adolescence**

**Room: Fayette**

Convener: Kati Tervo-Niemela, University of Eastern Finland (kati.tervo-niemela@uef.fi)

***The Dynamics of Family Religion, Wellbeing in Childhood and Youth and (Dis)continuity of Religion***

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***The Social Psychology of the Religious Summer Camp***

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***Worship Atmosphere and Its Impact on Church Loyalty among Adolescents in Parochial Schools***

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***“Honesty is the Best Policy”: Adolescent Religiosity, Concealing Information, and Alcohol Use***

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***A Study of Social Social Control Theory Explanation Sexual Activity Over Time***

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**Paper Session E-8 (SSSR) Mental Health**

**Room: Somerset East**

Convener: Aamir Jamal, University of Calgary (aamir.jamal@ucalgary.ca)

***Longitudinal Associations Between Leaving Religion and Health: The Mediating Role of Social Connection***

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***Faith as a Fortress: Islamic Spirituality and Mental Well-Being Within Canadian Muslim Youth***

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***Belief in Miracles, R/S Struggles, and Depressive Symptoms: Exploring Variation by Racial and Ethnic Cohorts in the Study on Stress, Spirituality, and Health***

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***The Influence of Worship Practices on Views of the Etiology and Treatment of Depression Among Revivalist and Protestant Pastors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo***

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***Investigating the Effect of Religion’s Dimensions on Egoistic Suicide Ideation***

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**Paper Session E-9 (SSSR+RRA) Theological Education: Past/Present/Future - Part 1**

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***The Significance of Denominational Diversity in Faculty and Its Relationship to Theological Education***

Sandra Collins, Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius (scollins@bcs.edu)

***Who(se) Are Our Seminarians? A 25-Year Retrospective on Religious Affiliation Trends in ATS Schools***

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***Thriving in the Field: Perceptions of Hybrid Seminarians Engaged in Field Education***

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***“What I Wish I’d Learned in School”: Are Seminaries Missing the Mark?***

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**Paper Session E-10 (SSSR) Sexuality, Traditions, and Practices**

**Room: Westmoreland East**

Convener: Tess Starman, Howard University (t.e.starman@icloud.com)

***The Body Doesn’t Forget: The EUB/Methodist 1968 Merger, Current UMC Disaffiliation, and the Grief We Carry with Us***

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***Purity Culture Politics: The effect of religious tradition and political affiliation on attitudes towards sex***

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***Price of Politics: How much are evangelical Presbyterians willing to pay to separate?***

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***And the Three Become One: Spiritual Journeys of Polyamorous Christians***

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**Paper Session E-11 (SSSR) Religious Cultures**

**Room: Washington**

Convener: Patricia Tevington, Pew Research Center (ptevington2@pewresearch.org)

***American Catholics’ Views on Pope Francis***

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***Cloistered democracies? Participatory cultures of contemporary monastic communities***

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***Religion, Morality and Human Rights: Modern Trends in Afikpo, Nigeria***

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**Paper Session E-12 (RRA) Clergy Wellness & Vitality within the 2023 Faith Communities Today Survey**

**Room: Westermoreland West**

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***All their Labors to God: Examining Clergy well-being in The Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ***

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***Thoughts of Leaving Ministry Among UCC Clergy—Predictors and Challenges***

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***Pastoral Wellness in a “Health-oriented” Denomination: How SDA Pastors Fare on Wellness Issues***

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***Stubborn or Persistent? How American Orthodox Christian Churches Dealt with and Recovered from the Pandemic***

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**Paper Session E-13 (SSSR) Book Panel: Estranged Pioneers: Race, Faith, and Leadership in a Diverse World**

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**Paper Session E-14 (SSSR) Book Panel: Goodbye Religion: The Causes and Consequences of Secularization**

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**Paper Session E-15 (RRA) Book Panel: Networking the Black Church: Digital Black Christians and Hip Hop**

**Room: Lawrence**

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**Paper Session F**  
**Saturday, October 19, 10:40 AM - 12:10 PM**

**Paper Session F-1 (RRA) Gender, Sexuality, and Inclusion and Exclusion in Religious Spaces**

**Room: Westmoreland East**

Convener: David Kemp (they/them), University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology (david.kemp@du.edu)

***Queerness, Feminism, Religion, and Purity Culture on Tumblr: Genealogies of Subversion, Exclusion, Community, and Oppression***

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***Changing Attitudes About LGBTQ Families in the PC(USA)***

Sean Payne, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (sean.payne@pcusa.org)

***Queer and Catholic?: Two inductive models to describe the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ Spanish Catholics in Madrid, Spain***

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***Healing Justice: Trauma-Informed Responses to Sexual Violence Against Church Leadership***

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**Paper Session F-2 (SSSR) Religion and Violence**

**Room: Cambria East**

Convener: Helal Hossain Dhali, Dhaka University, Bangladesh and Bishop's University, Canada (helaldhali@gmail.com)

***Religious Violence, Identity Dynamics, and Intergroup Emotions***

Tomas Lindgren, Umea University (tomas.lindgren@umu.se)

***Growing Hate Crimes: The Rise of Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia among Jewish and Muslim Diaspora Communities***

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***Execution and Sacrifice: The Social Structure of Martyrdom***

Bradley Campbell, California State University, Los Angeles (bradleykcampbell@gmail.com)

***Racewar.com: The Role Algorithmic False Prophets Play in Inspiring Racially Motivated Religious Violence***

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**Paper Session F-3 (SSSR) The Power of Preaching**

**Room: Cambria West**

Convener: Joel Tejedo, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (joel\_doulos@yahoo.com)

***Past, Present, Future: A Longitudinal Study of Preaching Social Issues***

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***Faith and Frontiers: Uncovering Thematic Divergence in Turkish Friday Sermons (Khutbas) at Home and Abroad Using Large Language Models***

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***Prophetic, Pragmatic, or Perturbed? Clergy Responses to Kyle Rittenhouse's Acquittal***

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

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**Paper Session F-4 (SSSR) Perceptions of Political Candidates**

**Room: Crawford East**

Convener: Enrique Quezada, Agnes Scott College (equezada@agnesscott.edu)

***"Joe Biden is a Fake Catholic?": How Partisan Polarization Divides Social Groups***

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***"I'm not Republican or Democrat. I'm not interested." The Politics of Being Apolitical Among Chinese American Evangelicals***

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***Religion and Russia: The New Configuration of American Attitudes***

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***Religion and Gender: The Role of Stereotypes***

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***When Candidates Become Preachers: Religious Appeals in Campaign Advertisements in the U.S. from 2010-2020***

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**Paper Session F-5 (SSSR) Apocalypticism**

**Room: Butler West**

Convener: Julie Exline, Case Western Reserve University (julie.exline@case.edu)

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

Asena Karipek, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (asenakaripek@gmail.com)

***The cosmic battle: Christian nationalism, fundamentalism, traditional masculinity, and a worldview of cosmic battle predict QAnon and conspiracy beliefs***

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***The psychological foundations of conspiratoriality***

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***The Apocalypticism of the 2024 Elections***

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**Paper Session F-6 (SSSR+RRA) Indigenous Religious Practices**

**Room: Somerset East**

Convener: Nina Shultz, Atla-Collectors and Connectors in Religion and Theology  
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***Trinidad Obeah as 'Dark Anthropology'***

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***Eggon Indigenous Religion in Transition? The Emergency of the Ombatse Movement and its Implication on National Security***

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***The Yup'ik self in indigenous ethics and aesthetics***

Nina Shultz, Atla-Collectors and Connectors in Religion and Theology  
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***Religious Communities and Peace-building in Ghana Beyond Boundaries***

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**Paper Session F-7 (SSSR) Mormon Social Science Association: Mormon Catechisms**

**Room: Fayette**

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***Beehive Girls and the Priesthood: Reactions to Women's Ordination and Feminism in Church Curriculum in the 1970s and 1980s***

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***Giving "Primary Answers": Implicit Catechism in LDS Teacher's Manuals for Children***

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***A Mormon Catechism?: John Jaques' Catechism for Children and the beginning of Mormon religious instruction for children***

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***The value pulpit: An analysis of moral messages in L.D.S. General Conference***

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**Paper Session F-8 (SSSR) Ex-Seventh-day Adventists: Who They are, Their Identity and Relationships, Why They Left, and How They are Moving Forward**

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***Exploring Ex-Adventists: Unveiling their Traits and Experiences***

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***Unveiling the Social and Religious Identity of Ex-Adventists: Navigating Relationships, Self-Presentation, and Openness***

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***Ex-Adventists' decision-making process – coming in and leaving***

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***Long-lasting effects of Adventism on ex-Adventists' lives***

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**Paper Session F-9 (SSSR) Interpreting the present to prepare for the future: Teaching approaches in the study of religion**

**Room: Crawford West**

Organizer: Daniel McIntosh, University of Denver (daniel.mcintosh@du.edu)

***Interrogating Religion and Race in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Education***

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***Addressing student religious background, attitudes, and level of cognitive development in discussions of religion in the psychology classroom***

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***Gratitude Journaling as Pedagogical Tool in a Social Psychology Course***

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***Generating deeper understanding of cultural appropriation in religious and spiritual practices using non-competitive debate***

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**Paper Session F-10 (SSSR+RRA) Theological Education: Past/Present/Future - Part 2**

**Room: Westmoreland Central**

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***Research on Spiritual Formation within Jewish Theological Education: A Qualitative Study***

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***From “Church Hurt” to “Seminary Hurt”: Theological Education and Narratives of Spiritual Abuse***

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***LGBTQ+ Seminarians’ Trajectories through Theological Education***

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***How Social Embeddedness Predicts Ideological Change in Seminary Students***

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**Paper Session F-11 (RRA) Causes and Consequences of Religious Affiliation, Disaffiliation, and Switching**

**Room: Westermoreland West**

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***Youth Perceptions of Religious Affiliation in a Post-Evangelical America***

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***Revisiting Internal Secularization: Religious Decline from the Inside Out***

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***Church Switchers: Why do they leave and what do they expect?***

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***Everything to Everyone While We All Fell Apart: UMC Clergy Grief and Burnout During Disaffiliation Season Compounded by COVID***

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**Paper Session F-12 The Contemporary Black Church: The New Dynamics of African American Religion**

**Room: Washington**

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**Paper Session F-13 (SSSR) Book Panel: Cultural Catholics: Who They Are, How to Respond**

**Room: Armstrong**

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**Paper Session F-14 (RRA) Book Panel: Sacred Snaps: Photovoice for Interfaith Engagement**

**Room: Lawrence**

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**Paper Session F-15 (SSSR) Book Panel: Without a Prayer: Religion and Race in New York City Public Schools**

**Room: Somerset West**

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**Saturday, October 19, 12:15 PM - 1:10 PM**

**SSSR Networking Luncheon**

**Room: Allegheny 3**

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## **Saturday, October 19, 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM**

**SSSR Presidential Panel: Deconstruction and Nonreligion: Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of *The Deconstructed Church* by Gerardo Martí and Gladys Ganiel (OUP 2014)**

**Room: Allegheny 1 & 2**

Organizer: Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara (blankholm@ucsb.edu)  
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*Deconstruction and Nonreligion: Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of *The Deconstructed Church* by Gerardo Martí and Gladys Ganiel (OUP 2014)*

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## **Paper Session G** **Saturday, October 19, 2:20 PM - 3:50 PM**

**Paper Session G-1 (SSSR) Religion and Decoloniality**

**Room: Washington**

Convener: Lisa Weaver-Swartz, Asbury University (lisa.weaver.swartz@asbury.edu)

*Exploring the intersection of religion and (de)coloniality in Haiti*

Emmanuel Buteau, Xavier University of Louisiana (ebuteau@xula.edu)

*Reimagining Resistance: A Comparative Analysis of Black American New Religious Movements from 1874-2024*

Gerard Jameson, Temple University (gerard.jameson@temple.edu)

*Gender and African Religion across Historical Epochs; A Case of Agikuyu Women*

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*Might C. Eric Lincoln's "Black Religion" be equated with a global need for compassion?*

Hassaun Jones-Bey, Retired (boundlessgratitude@icloud.com)

*Like McDonalds in the Mekong: White Evangelical Legacies in Southeast Asian Anti-human Trafficking*

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**Paper Session G-2 (SSSR) Religion and Health**

**Room: Cambria East**

Convener: T.L. Brink, Crafton Hills College (TLBrink@gmail.com)

***The Congregation Effect of Women's Mental Health: Variation By Religious Tradition***

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***Meaning Making: To What extent do Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer View their Diagnosis as a Blessing in Disguise?***

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**Paper Session G-3 (SSSR) Supernatural Beliefs**

**Room: Cambria West**

Convener: Michael Kitchens, Lebanon Valley College (kitchens@lvc.edu)

***The Relationship of Religious and Spiritual Beliefs with Narrative Identity and Personality: A Mixed-Methods Study***

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***Them that might believe: Testing supernatural beliefs among the doubters***

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***The Self in Self-Focused (vs. God-Focused) Spirituality***

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***Angels in Bachwezi Bashomi Religious Movements in Uganda: Exploring the Phenomenon, theology and manifestations of African Angelology***

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**Paper Session G-4 (SSSR) Religion and Place**

**Room: Crawford West**

Convener: Veronika Eufinger, Ruhr-Universität (veronika.eufinger@rub.de)

***Placing Your Faith: The Religious Foundations of America's Urban-Rural Divide***

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***Temporalities of the Christian Geopolitical Imagination***

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***The aesthetics of nature as a sacred place: An exploratory study of public park visitors***

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*Toward a theory of urban building metaphors: The shape Christianity takes in the city*  
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**Paper Session G-5 (SSSR) Religion and Social Movements**

**Room: Butler West**

Convener: Emily Burke, University of Wisconsin-Madison (eeburke3@wisc.edu)

***Mapping Spiritual Innovation - Understanding the Landscape of Spiritual Care Outside of Traditional Religious Institutions***

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***Putting the “Social” in Social Movement: How Lay Catholic Environmental Activism Builds, Affirms, and Sustains Community***

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***Strategic Framing, International Political Opportunity and The Role of The Presbyterian Church of Taiwan: A Case Study of Formosa Incident***

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***Nonviolent Action and Religion in West Papua***

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**Paper Session G-6 (SSSR) Doing Religion**

**Room: Somerset East**

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***Fandom as Religion From a Functionalist Perspective: The Case of BTS ARMY***

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***Intersections of Sports and Spirituality: Case Of “Gor Mahia” Football Club in Kenya***

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***“Jesus is my friend”: 21st Century American Evangelicals’ Modes of Ethical Subjectification***

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***The Waiting Game: Dating while Black, Woman, and Christian***

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***Becoming a “porous self”: Self-transcendence at spiritual festivals in Estonia.***

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**Paper Session G-7 (SSSR + RRA) Pathways of Theological Education: Forming Pastoral Leaders**

**Room: Westermoreland West**

Organizer: Christopher The, Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (the@ats.edu)

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***Diverse Trajectories of Human and Spiritual Formation in Theological Education: Data-Informed Insights from Longitudinal Research***

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***Chaplains and Spiritual Care in Community-Based Social Services***

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

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**Paper Session G-8 (SSSR) The Next Generation of Believers: Investigating Youth/Young Adult Religiosity and Faith Development**

**Room: Crawford East**

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

***Shifting Sands: The Evolving Influence of Family, School, and Church on Youth Religious Faith***

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***Reaching by Helping: Individual and Institutional Practices Associated with Prosocial Evangelism***

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***Christian and Non-Christian Summer Campers: How their Experiences Differ***

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***After the Summer Adventure and Campfire: The Impact of Christian Summer Camp Experiences on Youth across Grade Levels***

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**Paper Session G-9 (SSSR) “There Are (No) Jobs for Scholars Studying Religion:” The Fallacies and Realities of the Academic and Alternative to Academic Job Market**

**Room: Westmoreland Central**

Organizer/Convener: Popy Begum, Saint Louis University (popy.begum@slu.edu)

*Navigating the Academic Job Market as an Interdisciplinary Scholar*

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*On the Market as a Scholar Investigating White Christian Nationalism*

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*Religion Research Outside the Academic Job Market: Challenges and Opportunities*

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*Recent Experiences on the Academic Job Market*

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**Paper Session G-11 (RRA) Careers in Applied Religion Research**

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**Paper Session G-12 (RRA) Connected Faith: A Digital Religious Survey of Black Americans**

**Room: Westmoreland East**

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***Digital Religious Centrality: Exploring Black Women’s Digital Religious Involvement during COVID-19***

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***Funk the Fear, Live Your Life: Care as Praxis in Digital Black Religion Research***

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***Ecclesiology & Evangelism in the Digital & Networked Black Church***

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**Paper Session G-13 (SSSR) Mormon Gender Roles: Past, Present, and Future**

**Room: Lawrence**

Organizer/Convener: Thomas Murphy, Edmonds College (thomaswmurphy90@gmail.com)

***Charismatic Authority and Socioreligious Conflict: Exploring Early Mormon Fundamentalist Patriarchal Blessings.***

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***Religious Identity in Elite Mormon Athletes***

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

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***Mormons and Efficacy: Gender, Generation, and Orthodoxy as Factors in Creating Change***

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**Paper Session G-14 (SSSR) Book Panel: The Divine Economy, Freedoms Delayed and Christianity's American Fate: Three Books on the Economic and Political Influences of Religion**

**Room: Armstrong**

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**Paper Session G-15 (SSSR) Book Panel: Religion for Realists: Why We All Need the Scientific Study of Religion**

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## **Paper Session H**

### **Saturday, October 19, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

#### **Paper Session H-1 (SSSR) Nationalisms**

##### **Room: Washington**

Convener: Nilay Saiya, Nanyang Technological University (nilay.saiya@ntu.edu.sg)

##### ***Trajectories of Nationalist and Fatalistic Beliefs in the Chinese Mainland: A Cohort Perspective***

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##### ***Nationalisms in Contention: Religious Nationalism and the Boros of Northeast India***

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##### ***Celebrating Eid in Kashmir: India, Pakistan and Liminal Nationalism in a Disputed Region***

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##### ***Three Faces of American Christian Nationalism***

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#### **Paper Session H-2 (SSSR) Religious Life on College and University Campuses**

##### **Room: Cambria East**

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##### ***Structures for Success: Assessing the Role of Resource Allocation in the Functioning of Campus Ministry Providers***

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##### ***Religious beliefs and practices of Indian Muslim students at the University of KwaZulu-Natal***

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##### ***Emerging Adult Religious Identity Development: Turning Points and Growth from Spiritual and Religious Struggles***

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##### ***“Seeing How the System Works...”: How do liberal arts colleges support Black undergraduate women’s religious and spiritual development?***

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##### ***The Link Between Parental and College Student Religiosity***

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**Paper Session H-3 (SSSR) Beliefs in the Afterlife**

**Room: Cambria West**

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***Individual and developmental differences in the understanding of the soul among Protestant Christians in Tana Toraja, Indonesia***

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***Is the persistence of belief in life after death compatible with secularization theory?***

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***Trends in Afterlife Beliefs in the United States***

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**Paper Session H-4 (SSSR) Forms of Resistance**

**Room: Crawford West**

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***Black Liberation Theology & Black Lives Matter Protest Music***

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***Christian Hip Hop and Racialized Formations in Brown Los Angeles***

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***Race, Congregations, and Community Organizing Work***

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**Paper Session H-5 (SSSR) Religion and Electoral Politics**

**Room: Butler West**

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***The Importance of Believing: A Comprehensive Analysis of Religious Beliefs on Moral and Economic Issues***

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***Christian Nationalism, Secularism, and Public Opinion***

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***The Role of Religious and Political Characteristics on cross-generation political agreement***

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***Student Religiosity and Civic Engagement at a Christian University***

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***Becoming the Stupid Party: Religion and Cognitive and Educational Decline in the Republican Party***

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**Paper Session H-6 (SSSR) Gender and Well-Being**

**Room: Somerset East**

Convener: Kati Tervo-Niemela, University of Eastern Finland (kati.tervo-niemela@uef.fi)

***Explaining the Relationship Between Religion and Body Image: A Qualitative Study among Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian Women***

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***Inverted Gender Gap in the Nordic countries: Just bias in the data?***

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***Disparities Experienced by Black Women, Girls, & Non-conforming***

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**Paper Session H-7 (SSSR) Trauma, Burnout, and Well-Being among Religious Leaders: Risk Dynamics and Formative Practices**

**Room: Westmoreland Central**

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***Multi-Dimensional Dynamics Impacting Burnout, Trauma, and Well-Being of Religious Leaders***

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***Longitudinal Trajectories of Burnout and Well-Being from Religious Leaders before and throughout COVID-19***

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***Preventing Burnout and Promoting Flourishing among Jewish Clergy***

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**Paper Session H-8 (SSSR) Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations: Virtual Church, Church Hopping, and Racial Reckoning**

**Room: Fayette**

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

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***Interrogating the Spiritual Vitality and Identity of Virtual Congregations During and After the Pandemic***

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***From church hoppers to virtual drifters: Comparative analysis of factors influencing nomadic church attendance during COVID-19 pandemic***

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***Denver Area Congregations in a (Post) Pandemic World: Two Years Later***

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**Paper Session H-10 (RRA) New Directions in Denominational and Evaluation Research on Religion**

**Room: Butler East**

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***Exploring Discrepant Doctrinal Beliefs: An Analysis of Seventh-day Adventists' Perspectives on the Holy Spirit and the Trinity***

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***Culture Change at the ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary***

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***Decision-making Worldviews and Academic Achievement Among K-12 Students in Parochial Schools***

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***Thou Shall Not Evaluate?: Contextual Values and Evaluations in Faith-Based Organizations***

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**Paper Session H-11 (RRA) The Religion and (Mental)Health Association: Practical Implications**

**Room: Westmoreland East**

Convener: Brook Harmon, Appalachian State University (harmonbel@appstate.edu)

***Associations between Religious Engagement and Patient Experience in a Large, Urban Healthcare System***

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***Religious Attendance and Depressive Symptoms Among Older Adults: The Mediating Role of Religious Integration***

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***Utilizing Translation Science to Disseminate a Faith-based Home Activity Intervention for Black families affected by dementia***

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***Spiritual Well-Being and Posttraumatic Growth: The Serial Mediating Role of Perceived Stress and Distress Tolerance***

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**Paper Session H-12 (SSSR+RRA) Emerging Approaches for Theo-Ecclesial Ecologies  
Room: Westermoreland West**

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***Theological Education for the Future: A Methodological Structure for Collaborative Theological Inquiry***

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***Reflexive Practice of Leadership Today for a Responsive Church Tomorrow: Assessing Case-In-Point Leadership Performance in Seminarian Leadership Formation***

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***Charting New Horizons: An Emergent Framework for Future-Ready Christian Clergy and Religious Leaders***

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***Exploring Church Futures: Introducing the Theo-Futures Foresight Mixed-Method Approach***

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**Paper Session H-13 (RRA) Developments among Catholic Leadership and Parishes in the US and Europe**

**Room: Lawrence**

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***Religious Socialization in the Catholic Parish***

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***Catholic leadership in Germany: current developments between traditional authority, the Synodal Way and Rome***

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***How the U.S. Catholic Bishops Differ over Time and by Theological Orientation in Their Perceived Hopes and Challenges in the U.S. Church***

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***Providing Better Elderly Care to Under-resourced Women Religious Communities***

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***Catholic Leaders' Perspectives on the Development of their Church – A comparison of recent US and European Studies***

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**Paper Session H-14 (SSSR) 50 Years of Sociology of Religion and the Future**

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**Paper Session H-15 (SSSR) Book Panel: Diné dóó Gáamalii: Navajo Latter-day Saint Experiences in the Twentieth Century**

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**Saturday, October 19, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM**

**SSSR Awards and Presidential Address: Antiracism as Inclusivity: The Racial Justice Paradigm of White Progressive Churches**  
**Room: August Wilson Center**

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**Saturday, October 19, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**SSSR Presidential Reception**  
**Room: August Wilson Center**

**Sunday, October 20, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Breakfast Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion Breakfast**  
**Room: Fayette**

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**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

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**Room: Rotunda Foyer**

**Paper Session I**

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**Paper Session I-1 (SSSR) Racialized Religious Differences**  
**Room: Washington**

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***Race and Religion: Current Paradigms and New Developments***  
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***Is Gun Ownership Racialized: An Examination Through the Lens of Denominational Affiliation***

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

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***Considering Differing Religious Effects on Racial Attitudes: Examining Variation Across Asian Americans***

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***The Legacy of W.A. Criswell and Indian American Christianity***

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**Paper Session I-2 (SSSR) Religion and Consumer Practices**

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***An Investigation on Consumer Religiosity and Shopping Attitude***

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***Spiritual Capitalism and Mexican Care—Transmodern Logics of Multilevel Marketing among Oaxacan Pentecostals***

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***A Jew Who Coupons: Exploring the Dynamics of Socioeconomic Status, Family Structure, and Gender in American Jewish Life***

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***The Present and Future of Muslim Geographies of Consumption in Philadelphia***

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**Paper Session I-3 (SSSR) Religious Diversity and Social Capital**

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***Moralized Ancestor and the Spirit of Trust***

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***Religious Bridging and Bonding in Social Networks. New Evidence from a Cross-national Comparison***

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***The Rise and Decline of Churches: The Role of Social Influence in the Membership Decline of the Swedish Lutheran Church***

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**Paper Session I-4 (SSSR) Religious Practices**

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***Therapeutic Esoteric Meditation: Tulpamancy as a Secular Spirituality***

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***'Socialized Language of Prayer'; Discourse on Syrian Christian Family in Kerala***

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***From Prayer to Violent Prayer: A Study of the Shift in Mainline and Pentecostal Prayers in Nigeria***

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***Prayer as Interaction: A Quantitative Content Analysis Using the Database of Religious History***

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**Paper Session I-5 (SSSR) Religious Sites**

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***Landscape of Shamanism in Korea***

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***Muslim Cemetery as Place Making Amidst Rising Ethnonationalism in the United States***

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***Interrogating Urban Management and the Establishment of Religious Centers In Nigeria***  
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***Globalization, National Identity, and Religious Pilgrimage***  
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**Paper Session I-7 (RRA) The Divine Pulse Project (DPP): Exploring Life, Death, and the Pursuit of “Greatness” in Contemporary Canadian Churches**

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***Finding “Greatness” in Canadian Congregations***

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***Examining the Markers of Church Decline: An Empirical Study on the Trajectories of Congregational Death and Survival***

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***Exploring Church Planting in Canada: Trajectories of Sustainability***

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***Uncovering Major Trends and Congregational Typologies in Canadian Churches: Big-data and AI in Empirical Church Studies***

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***“Our Problem is Spiritual, not Political”: Performing ‘Violent Prayers’ in Trying Times***

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***Exporting Spiritual Warfare: American Missionaries and the New Apostolic Reformation in Haiti***

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***Godly Men and Fierce Warriors: Spiritual Warfare in Christian Men's Literature***  
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***From Personal Struggle to Demonizing Politics: Exploring Spiritual Warfare as a Metaphysical Conspiracy***  
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**Paper Session I-9 (SSSR) Identity Constructions and Change in the Catholic Church**  
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***Cultural Catholics: Parish Life and Church Leadership***  
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***Evidence of LGBTQ+ Inclusion in America's Largest Church: A Social Movements Perspective on Successes in Catholic Institutions***  
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***Internalizing Catholic Shame: Differences between Former and Practicing Catholic Gay Men***  
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***Social Construction of Race: The Troubles in Northern Ireland***  
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**Paper Session I-10 (SSSR) Religious discrimination against Jews in the past, present and future**  
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***How Experiencing Anti-Semitism/Zionism Shapes Engagement with Jewish Peers and Communities***  
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***On campus, "anti-Zionism quickly became anti-Semitism"***  
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***Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism***  
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***Jewish parentage and perceptions and experiences of antisemitism***  
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**Paper Session I-11 (RRA) Religion in Online Spaces**  
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***Online Space and Religious Transition***

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***Religion in the conditions of digitalization in Poland***

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***The Mainline Online: Measuring a River of Worship Streams – An Interim Report***

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***Examining the latent values of media and faith: An analysis of evangelical Internet streaming***

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**Paper Session I-12 (SSSR) Book Panel: The Devil Sat on my Bed: Encounters with the Spirit World in Mormon Utah**

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**Paper Session I-13 (SSSR) Post-Pandemic Health and Wellness: Clergy and the Public**

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***Exploration of the US Public Health and Wellness Reality from the Global Flourishing Study***

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***Institutional Trust and Well-Being among Catholic Clergy***

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***The Congregational Contextual Impact on Clergy Health and Wellness***

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***Exploring Compassion Fatigue of Clergies and Key Church Leaders: Impacts, Coping Strategies, and the COVID-19***

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**Paper Session I-14 (SSSR) Religious Racial Identity**

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***Complicating American Islam: Community Self-Narration and Authenticity***

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***What a paradox! The pandemic experience as a challenge for overcoming stereotypes on religious identities***

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***Inclusion Projects: Muslim Advocates Imagining Civic Membership in U.S. Public Life***

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***Double Consciousness: Full Inclusion for the Muslim American!***

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***Religion as Social Control: Revising a Classical Theoretical Paradigm in the Study of Religion***

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***What Xunzi Sees that Durkheim Doesn't – Social Con/Decon/ReconStruction Through Ritual***

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***A Discussion about the what, when, and how of religious change in a liminal era***

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**Paper Session J-2 (SSSR) Religious Messaging**

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***Pope Francis as an influential leader? How papal statements affect public attitudes toward anti-poverty measures***

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***US Gubernatorial Politics and Use of Religious Rhetoric***

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***Endorse or Expostulate: Examining African Episcopates' Reactions to Fiducia Supplicans and their Catholic Identity***

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***Faithful Leadership: Analyzing the Influence of Speaker Mike Johnson's Religious Identity in the House***

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**Paper Session J-3 (SSSR) Religion and Contemporary Wars**

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***War between Israel and Hamas: An American Media Perspective***

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***Ties That Bind: Humanitarian Missionary Links Between the West and Ukraine***

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***American Christianity and the Gaza War***

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***The terror of October 7 in Israel and the challenge to democracy from within and without***

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**Paper Session J-4 (SSSR) Conceptions of Spirituality**

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***Coping with Chaos: The role of religion and spirituality in explaining suffering***

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***Cultural Packages of Spirituality in Secularizing Societies: Using the Mysterious Past and the Mercurial Present to Peer into the Misty Future***

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***Spirituality as Morality and Civic/Political Engagement in the US since COVID-19***

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***Spirituality Among Americans***

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***Religiosity and spirituality in Europe. Abandonment of Christian beliefs and increase of new believers of other religions.***

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**Paper Session J-5 (SSSR) Religious Rhetoric and Right-Wing Politics**

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***Disentangling Christian Nationalism, American Civil Religion, and Patriotism***

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***Problematizing the ‘White Evangelical’ Monolith: Evidence from the Rural Midwest***

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***Back to What? Spiritual Dualism in the American Far Right***

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***What Type of Order? Right-Wing Populist Rhetoric, Civilizational Religiosity, and the Presence of God***

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**Paper Session J-6 (SSSR) Liberalizing Sexuality**

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***Hetero Ignorance in Welcoming & Affirming Congregations: An Investigation of Heterosexism in Inclusive Organizations***

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***Homosexuality: Explaining Variation and Change***

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***“When They Get Quiet, They Come See Me”: How Conservative Church Leaders Navigate Controversial Issues in Administrative, Pastoral, and Homiletic Practice***

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**Paper Session J-7 (SSSR) Examining the Rights and Practices of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Japan in the Context of “Second-Generation” Controversies**

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***Analysis of Two Investigative Reports of the Religious Practices of Jehovah's Witnesses in Japan***

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***A Nationwide Study of Jehovah's Witnesses in Japan – Part 1: Background, Rationale, and Study Design***

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***Exploring the Intersection of Religion, Non-Religion and Nature Advocacy***

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***Distinct Nonreligious Views on the Environment***

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***Comparing Exiters and Never Religious to the Religious in Eight Countries***

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**Paper Session J-9 (SSSR) The Catholic-Right in the Post-Secular Age**

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***True Catholic Politics: Integralism Online?***

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***From the Empty Promise of Certainty to an Aesthetics of Mystery: Understanding the Allure of Traditionalist Worship***

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***Anti-Enlightenment Thought in Conservative Catholicism***

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**Paper Session J-10 (SSSR) Book Panel: Forever Familias: Race, Gender, and Indigeneity in Peruvian Mormonism**

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***Redefining Urban Based on Islam: The Concept of Şehir in the Works of Lütfi Bergen***

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