

# **The Fourth Annual Meetings of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (REC-2005)**

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***Hyatt Regency Rochester, NY***

***November 4-6, 2005***

**Held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association**

## **REC Special events**

**Friday**

***ASREC Opening Session***

***“The Rational Choice Salon” (informal social gathering) – 9:00 PM*** See printed program for location

**Saturday**

***TANSTAAFL (There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch) Luncheon***

***ASREC Keynote Session -- Timur Kuran, "The Role of Islamic Law in the Economic Evolution of the Middle East."***

***“The Rational Choice Salon” – ASREC Social 9:00 PM***

## **SESSIONS**

November 4

Friday, 8:30 - 10:00 am [ASREC]

***A-1 ASREC Opening Session***

***Grand A***

Convener: Laurence R. Iannaccone, George Mason University [Larry<at>EconZone<dot>com]

1. ***Opening Remarks: Laurence Iannaccone and Nancy Ammerman***

**2. *Has Job Reservation Been Effective? Caste, Religion, and Economic Status in India.***

Vani Borooah, University of Ulster, Amaresh Dubey, North-Eastern Hill University and Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge [Sriya<dot>Iyer<at>econ<dot>cam<dot>ac<dot>uk]

**3. *Faith-Based Initiative: Liberals Woo the Religious Left.***

Sean Everton, Stanford University [severton<at>stanford<dot>edu]

**4. *Missionary Data (1813 - 1968) as a Resource for Testing Religious Economies and Secularization Theory.***

Robert D. Woodberry, University of Texas – Austin [bobwood<at>mail.la.utexas.edu] and Xiaoyun Lu, University of Texas at Austin, luxiaoyun<at>mail<dot>utexas<dot>edu

Friday, 10:15 - 11:45 am [ASREC/SSSR]

***B-1 Commercial Culture versus Religious Culture***

***Grand A***

Convener/Discussant: **Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University** [rfinke<at>psu<dot>edu]

**1. *The Shape of the New Age: Demonstration of the Uses of Recommender System Data.***

William S. Bainbridge, National Science Foundation [wsbainbridge<at>yahoo<dot>com]

**2. *Managing Tension between Religious and Professional Commitments in the Christian Popular Culture Industry.***

Charles M. Brown, Albright College [cbrown<at>alb<dot>edu]

**3. *Deprofessionalisation of Buddhist Priests in Contemporary Japanese Society.***

Mitsutoshi Horii, Shumei University - Japan [hmitsutoshi<at>hotmail<dot>com]

**4. *The "Outsourcing" of Church Charity.***

Jennifer E. Messchaert-Smith, George Mason University [jsmithp<at>gmu<dot>edu]

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Friday, 10:15 - 11:45 am [ASREC]

**B-2 Theories of Religious Commitment, Competition, and Coordination**

**Grand B**

Convener/Discussant: **Kevin Dougherty**, Baylor University, [Kevin\_Dougherty<at>baylor<dot>edu]

1. ***The “Prophet” Function: An Economic Theory of Spiritual Capitals***

Colleen Berndt and Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University [cberndt<at>gmu<dot>edu]  
[larry<at>econzone<dot>com]

2. ***Religion, Accumulation, Trade and War.***

Resit Ergener, Bogazici University - Turkey [resit<dot>ergener<at>boun<dot>edu<dot>tr]

3. **The Significance of the Equilibrium between Market and Religious Input: The Effects of Religious Input on Economic Performance in Different Religious Societies.**

Qingjin Zhang, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences - China [qingj1125<at>yahoo<dot>com]

4. **A Pious and Profitable Mystery**

Gary Richardson, University of California – Irvine [garyr<at>uci<dot>edu]

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Friday, 13:15 - 14:45 [ASREC]

**C-1 Weber Revisited: The “Work Ethic” in Islamic and European Societies**

**Grand A**

Convener/Discussant: **Robert Subrick**, George Mason University, [jsubrick<at>gmu<dot>edu]

1. ***The Relationship between New Economy and Religious Communities in Turkey.***

Hüsnü E. Bodur, University of KSU - Turkey [hebodur<at>ksu<dot>edu<dot>tr]

2. ***The Impact of Islam on Economic Growth: Evidence from Cross Country Regressions.***

Nadwa Mossaad, University of Maryland – Baltimore County [nadwa1<at>umbc<dot>edu]

3. ***Economics, Religion and the Decline of Europe.***

Niall Ferguson, Harvard University [nferguso<at>stern<dot>nyu<dot>edu]

4. ***Treasures in Heaven? The Relationship between Religion, Belief and Earnings in Germany.***

Guido Heineck, Austrian Institute for Family Studies [guido.heineck<at>gmx<dot>net]

Friday, 13:15 - 14:45 [ASREC]

***C-2 Socio-economic Perspectives on Religious Behavior***

***Grand B***

Convener/Discussant: **Peter Boettke, George Mason University** [pboettke<at>gmu<dot>edu]

1. ***Sexual Misconduct of Roman Catholic Priests:***

***A Rational Choice Perspective.***

Christine M. Brickman, Catholic University of America [cbrickman79<at>yahoo<dot>com]

2. ***Religious Extremism: The Good, the Bad, and the Deadly***

Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University, and Eli Berman, University of California – San Diego, [larry<at>econzone<dot>com] [elib<at>ucsd<dot>edu]

3. ***Study of Missionary Activity around the World.***

Feler Bose, George Mason University [fbose<at>gmu<dot>edu]

Friday, 15:00 - 16:30 pm [ASREC]

***D-1 Causes and Consequences of Religious Participation***

***Grand A***

Convener/Discussant: **Anthony Gill, University Washington, [tgill<at>u.washington.edu]**

***1. Weekly Church Attendance in a Midwestern City in 2004.***

Paul J. Olson, Paul J. Olson, Briar Cliff University [paul<dot>olson<at>briarcliff<dot>edu]

***2. Religious Capital and Participation.***

Jason Wollschleger, University of Washington [jason<dot>etc<at>gmail<dot>com]

***3. Empirical Economic Analysis of Church Growth Determinants in Finland.***

Esa Mangelaja, University of Jyvaskyla – Finland [eman<at>econ<dot>jyu<dot>fi]

Friday, 15:00 - 16:30 [ASREC]

***D-2 Fertile Faithful Families? Patterns of Family Size and Religiosity***

***Grand B.***

Convener/Discussant: **Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois – Chicago [elehrer<at>uic<dot>edu]**

***1. Religion and Changes in Family-size Norms in Developed Countries***

Alicia Adsera, University of Illinois-Chicago [adsera<at>uic<dot>edu]

***2. Household Catholic education and Children Performance: A Spanish Example.***

Pablo Brañas-Garza, University of Granada [pbg<at>ugr<dot>es]

3. ***The Relationship between Religion and Fertility: Evidence for Austria.***

Guido Heineck, University of Nuremberg, Germany, [guido<dot>heineck<at>gmx<dot>net]

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**ASREC social gathering, 9:00 PM**

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November 5

**SATURDAY SESSIONS**

Saturday, 8:30 - 10:00 [ASREC]

***E-1 Piety, Prosperity, and Pluralism***

***Grand A***

Convener/Discussant: Daniel M. Hungerman, Notre Dame, [dmh7<at>duke<dot>edu]

1. ***Why Hasn't Economic Growth Killed Religion?***

Michael McBride, University of California – Irvine [mcbride<at>uci<dot>edu]

2. ***Religious Beliefs, Longevity, and the Costs of Fundraising.***

Zsolt Becsi, Southern Illinois University [becsi<at>siu<dot>edu]

3. ***Does Religion Matter in Women's Status in a Multicultural Context? The Case of Islam.***

Yaghoob Foroutan, Australia National University, [Yaghoob.Foroutan<at>anu<dot>edu<dot>au]

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Saturday, 8:30 - 10:00 [ASREC/SSSR]

**E-2 The American Religion Data Archive: Recent and forthcoming developments  
Grand B.**

Convener/Discussant: Paul Froese, Baylor University [Paul\_Froese<at>baylor<dot>edu]

**1. *The Design and Development of New Online Software Tools.***

Chris Bader, Baylor University [Christopher\_Bader<at>baylor<dot>edu]

**2. *The ARDA Learning Modules: Developing New Online Course Assignments and Tutorials.***

Chris Scheitle, Pennsylvania State University, [cps153<at>psu<dot>edu]

**3. *American Religious Families: Reviewing Denominational Data and Heritage Online.***

Heather Kindell, Pennsylvania State University, [hsk121<at>psu<dot>edu]

**4. *New Sources of Religion Data: Recent and Forthcoming Additions to the ARDA***

Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University, [rfinke<at>psu<dot>edu]

Saturday, 10:15 - 11:45 [ASREC/SSSR]

**F-1 The Relationship between Economic and Religious Conservatism in the U.S.  
Grand A**

Convener/Discussant: Charles North, Baylor University [Charles\_North<at>baylor<dot>edu]

**1. *Unholy Alliance or a Match Made in Heaven? Welfare State Outcomes, the Economics of Religion, and the Logic of Conservative Political Coalitions.***

Jeff Cavanaugh, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign [jmcavana<at>uiuc<dot>edu]

**2. *The Political Economy of Beliefs: Why Fiscal and Social Conservatives/Liberals come Hand-in-Hand.***

Daniel L. Chen, University of Chicago [daniel\_li\_chen<at>yahoo.com]

3. ***Religious and Economic Preferences: An Empirical Analysis of State Tax Rates.***

Ayman Reda, Michigan State University [redaayma<at>msu<dot>edu]

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Saturday, 10:15 - 11:45 [ASREC/SSSR]

***F-2 Scriptural Interpretation/Economic Approaches to Theological Issues***

***Grand B***

Convener/Discussant: **Nancy Ammerman, Boston University** [nta<at>bu<dot>edu]

1. ***Reading an American Scripture: Interpreting Mormon's Book***

Terryl Givens, University Richmond [tgivens<at>richmond<dot>edu]

2. ***"Christ Overcame Through Scripture": Scriptures and the Branch Davidians***

Jaime Clark-Soles, Southern Methodist University [jaimecs<at>mail<dot>smu<dot>edu]

3. ***Patriarchy or Gender Equality? Reading the New Testament in Light of Becker's Treatise on the Family and the Concept of Spiritual Capital.***

Carrie A. Miles, George Mason University [carrie<at>econzone<dot>com]

4. ***Deus Economicus.***

Paul Oslington, University of New South Wales [poslinton<at>adfa<dot>edu<dot>au]

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Saturday, 12:00

**TANSTAAFL Luncheon for Religion, Economics, and Culture**

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**Saturday, 13:15 - 14:45 [ASREC]**

***G-1 Religion, Economics, and Culture***

***Grand A***

Convener/Discussant: **Paul Froese, Baylor University [Paul\_Froese<at>baylor<dot>edu]**

**1. *Religion and the Political Organization of Muslims in Europe.***

Carolyn M. Warner, and Manfred W. Wenner, Arizona State University [cwarner<at>asu<dot>edu]

**2. *Model of Religious Schism with Application to Islam.***

M. T. Maloney, Clemson University,

A. Kadir Civan, Fatih University – Turkey, and Mary Frances Maloney, University of Chicago

[maloney<at>clemson.edu; akcivan<at>hotmail<dot>com; maloney<at>uchicago<dot>edu]

**3. *Church Taxes – What are We Paying For?***

Bengt O. Haraldsson, Goteborg Univ.[bengt.haraldsson<at>economics<dot>gu<dot>se]

**Saturday, 13:15 - 14:45 [ASREC]**

***G-2 Religious commitment and economic development***

***Grand B***

Convener/Discussant: **Masao Ogaki, Ohio State University, [mogaki<at>econ<dot>ohio-state<dot>edu]**

**1. *The Effects of Religious Affiliation and Participation on High-School completion: Differences by Race and Ethnicity.***

Evelyn L. Lehrer, University Illinois at Chicago [elehrer<at>uic<dot>edu]

**2. *Religious Networks and Trust.***

Joseph P. Daniels, Marquette University [joseph.daniels<at>mu<dot>edu]

**3. *The Role of Religion on Regional Growth Differences.***

Brian Osoba, University of Texas at El Paso [bosoba<at>utep<dot>edu]

**4. *Religion and Economic Development: Exploring Possible Causal Mechanisms.***

Robert D. Woodberry, University Texas – Austin [bobwood<at>mail<dot>la<dot>utexas<dot>edu]

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Saturday, 15:00 - 16:30 [ASREC]

**H-1 ASREC Keynote Session**

**"The Role of Islamic Law in the Economic Evolution of the Middle East."**

Convener: Eli Berman

Speaker: Timur Kuran, Professor of Economics and Law & King Faisal Professor of Islamic Thought and Culture

University of Southern California [kuran<at>usc<dot>edu]

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**ASREC Social Event 9:00 PM**

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November 6

**SUNDAY SESSIONS**

Sunday, 8:30 - 10:00 [ASREC/SSSR]

## ***I-1 Government's Impact on Religious Education and Charity***

### **Grand A**

Convener/Discussant: **Robert Stonebraker, Winthrop University**  
[stonebrakerr<at>winthrop<dot>edu]

#### **1. *Do Tax Incentives Increase Private Charitable Giving to Religious Organizations?***

Arthur C. Brooks, Syracuse University [acbrooks<at>maxwell<dot>syr<dot>edu]

#### **2. *Faith-Based Charity and Crowd out During the Great Depression.***

Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Daniel M. Hungerman, Duke University  
[dmh7<at>duke<dot>edu]

#### **3. *The Impact of Government Grants on Private Donations to Nonprofit Religious Organizations.***

Thomas M. Smith, University of Illinois – Chicago [tomsmith<at>uic<dot>edu]

Sunday, 8:30 - 10:00 [ASREC]

## ***I-2 How Religion Affects the Status and Activities of Women and Children***

### **Grand B**

Convener/Discussant: **Carrie Miles, George Mason University** [Carrie<at>EconZone<dot>com]

#### **1. *Wrapped around Your Finger: Regulating Private Schools through Vouchers.***

Charles M. North and Deborah M. Oborny, Baylor University [Charles\_North<at>Baylor<dot>edu]

#### **2. *Patterns of Inheritance of Spiritual Capital.***

David Voas, University of Manchester, UK [voas<at>man<dot>ac<dot>uk]

**3. *Work, Money, & Leisure: Religion and the Economic Life of American Teens during the First Year after High School***

Time Clydesdale, The College of New Jersey [clydesda<at>tcnj<dot>edu]

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Sunday, 10:15 - 11:45 [ASREC]

**J-1 Causes and Consequences of Religious Conversion and Intermarriage**

**Grand A**

Convener/Discussant: **David Mustard, University of Georgia** [mustard<at>terry<dot>uga<dot>edu]

**1. *A Theory of Conversion to Exclusive Religious and Political Faiths.***

Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont [ferrerom<at>sp<dot>unipmn<dot>it]

**2. *Religious Switching in a Free Market - Lifetime Switching in and out of a Religious Identification.***

Ariela Keysar and Barry A. Kosmin, Brooklyn College, CUNY [akeysar<at>aol<dot>com]

**3. *The Effects of Religious Conversion on Spiritual Capital.***

Marc Von der Ruhr and Tom Reynolds, St. Norbert College, [marc.von-der-ruhr<at>snc<dot>edu;  
tom<dot>reynolds<at>snc<dot>edu]

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