

ASREC CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**October 19 – 21, 2006,
Portland, Oregon**

THURSDAY, October 19

7:00 am – 7:30 am

RRA Board Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 9:15 am

RRA Board Meeting

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Trip: Columbia River Gorge and Multnomah Falls

9:30 – 12:00 pm

Mini-conference on Youth & Religion

9:30 – 12:00 pm

SSSR Council Meeting

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

New Attendees Welcome Luncheon

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Book Exhibit

T-1 Paper Sessions
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

T1-K The Market for Megachurches (ASREC)

Salon D

Convener/Discussant: Anthony Gill, University of Washington.

'The Business of Megachurches'

Scott Thumma, Hartford Institute for Religion Research.

'A Survey of Models to Explain the Success of 'Megachurches': The Market for Religious Affiliation'

Marc von der Ruhr, St. Norbert College

Joseph P. Daniels, Marquette University.

'Big Faith in Small Groups: Free Enterprise Philosophy in an American Megachurch'

Nancy Martin, University of Arizona.

'Economic Models of Megachurch Growth'

Kail Padgett, George Mason University.

T1-L The Macro Impact of Religious Competition and Regulation (ASREC)

Douglas Fir

Convener/Discussant: Steven J. Pfaff, University of Washington.

'Aid, Protestants and Growth'

William Clark, University of Michigan.

'Regulation of the Religious Marketplace: An Explanatory Model of Cross-National Socio-Religious Violence'

Brian J. Grim, Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University.

'Religion and Suicide: Is Durkheim Right?'

Eli Berman, University of California, San Diego.

T-2 Paper Sessions
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

T2-K The Evolution of Religious Markets (ASREC)

Salon D

Convener/Discussant: Carolyn Warner, Arizona State University.

'Why Do European Governments Favour Religion?'
Pablo Branas-Garza, Angel Solano, University of Granada.

'Immigrants' Religions in the Italian Religious Market'
Giuseppe Luca Trombetta, Universita di Bologna.

'Politics without Compromise: Immigrant Terrorism'
Russell Hardin, New York University.

T2-L The Economics of Doctrine (ASREC)

Douglas Fir

Convener/Discussant: Robert Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University.

'Cursed Be He That Lends: Interest Bans in Early Christianity'
Jared Rubin, Stanford University.

'The Gender Gap in Religiosity: Social or Biological Phenomenon?'
David Voas, University of Manchester.

'The Religions of Social Responsibility'
Meir Statman, Santa Clara University.

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
SSSR Business Meeting

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Kick-off Reception and Welcome

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
SSSR/RRA Joint Council Dinner

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Graduate Student Reception

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Informal gathering for scholars interested in the study of the Roman Catholic Church

<p>FRIDAY, October 20</p>

8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Registration

9:00 am – 11:45 am
Book Exhibit

F-1 Paper Sessions
8:30 am - 10:00 am

F1-L Religious Communities, Economies, and Politics (ASREC)

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Convener/Discussant: Paul Olson, Briar Cliff University.

'Church institutions and Electoral Continuity in Hungary'

Jason Wittenberg, University of California, Berkeley.

'Establishing Religious Freedom in the British American Colonies'

Anthony Gill, University of Washington.

'Trust Networks and the Middleman: The Economic Role of High Tension Religions'

Colleen Berndt, San Jose State University.

'The Use of Real Estate for the Settlement of Claims in Roman Palestine'

P.V. Viswanath, Pace University.

F1-M Spiritual Capital in the Creation of Human Capital (ASREC)

Willamette

Convener/Discussant: Ethel Jones, Auburn University.

'Religion and Educational Attainment: A Cross National Study'

Seth Norton, Wheaton College.

'Faith Schools, Social Capital and Academic Attainment: Evidence from TIMSS-R Mathematics Scores in Flemish Secondary Schools'

Geoff Pugh, Staffordshire University

Shqiponje Telhaj, London School of Economics.

'Intergenerational Transmission of Religious Human Capital: An Economic Analysis'

Carmel Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago.

'The Effect of Religiosity on Unpartnered Births'

Shoshana Grossbard, San Diego State University.

F-2 Paper Sessions
10:15 am - 11:45 am

F2-L Religion and Socio-Economic Status (ASREC)

Mounthood

Convener/Discussant: Colleen Berndt, San Jose State University.

'The Earnings of American Jewish Men'

Barry Chiswick, Jidong Huang, University of Illinois at Chicago.

'Socioeconomic Rankings of Religious Groups'

Ariela Keysar, Barry Kosmin, Trinity College.

'Upward Wealth Mobility: Exploring the Roman Catholic Advantage'

Lisa Keister, Duke University.

'Religion and Human Capital in Ghana'

Niels-Hugo Blunch, Washington and Lee University.

F2-M Religious Markets and the State (ASREC)

Willamette

Convener/Discussant: Robert Stonebraker, Winthrop University.

'The Political Economy of Church and State'

Carl R. Gwin, Pepperdine University

Charles M. North, Baylor University.

'Competition and Participation in Religious Markets: Evidence from Scottish Church Membership'

Robert Mochrie, John Sawkins, Heriot-Watt University.

'Religious Markets, Regulation, and Competition within Islam'

Carolyn M. Warner, Arizona State University.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

New Books Reception

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

MSSA business Meeting

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Trip: Portland City Tour

1:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Book Exhibit

F-3 Paper Sessions
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

F3-L “Godless” Religions (ASREC)

Salon F

Convener/Discussant: Alberto Groisman, Arizona State University.

‘Barriers to Entry, Forced Riders, and the Classification of Religions: A Case Study in North Korean Ideology’

Curtis Melvin, Mercatus Center, George Mason University.

‘Religion, Science, and Magic’

Daniel Lurker, George Mason University.

‘Soviet Communism as a Religion?’

Paul D. Froese, Baylor University.

F3-M The Spiritual Capital Research Program: Initial Results (ASREC)

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Convener/Discussant: Zsolt Becsi, Southern Illinois University

‘Where Do Institutions Come From?: Population Density, Settler Mortality, Colonizers, and Church-State Relations in the Construction of Economic Friendly Institutions’

Robert Woodberry, University of Texas- Austin.

‘Spiritual Capital in Urban Communes’

Stephen Vaisey, University of North Carolina
Elizabeth Williamson, Rutgers

‘Comparing Spiritual and Other Forms of Social Capital: Lessons from the Immigrant Experience’

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
Sara Curran, University of Washington
Nadya Jaworsky, Yale
Peggy Levitt, Wellesley.

‘Religion and Civic Life: Early Returns from a New National Survey’

Robert Putnam, Harvard University
David Campbell, University of Notre Dame.

**F4 Paper Sessions
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

F4-L ASREC Special Session (1) (ASREC)

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ASREC Planning Meeting

A discussion of the Association's Future.

ALL WELCOME

5:00pm - 6:00 pm

RRA Presidential Plenary

Do Local Religious Contexts Matter?

Daniel V. A. Olson, Indiana University at South Bend

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Reception and Cash Bar

8:00 pm

Film Event

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

ASREC Evening Social

SATURDAY, October 21st

7:00 am – 8:00 am

RRX Breakfast

JSSR Editorial Board Meeting

S-1 Paper Sessions

8:30 am - 10:00 am

S1-A Spiritual Capital vs Religious Capital: A Debate (SSSR/ASREC)

Salon F

Convener:

Brenda Brasher, University of Aberdeen, UK.

Panelists:

Bradford Verter, Bennington College

Carrie Miles, George Mason University

Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University

David Swartz, Boston University

S1-L Economics of Religion (ASREC)

Medford

Convener/Discussant: Christine Brickman, Catholic University of America.

'Religion and Substance Abuse'

SangHo Yoon, George Mason University.

'Religious Reversals: Québec and Catholicism in Light of the Quiet Revolution'

Andrew J. Nelson, George Mason University.

'Financing Religion: Theory and Evidence'

Feler Bose, George Mason University.

S1-M New Methods for the Study of Religion (ASREC)

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Convener/Discussant: Daniel Hungerman, University of Notre Dame.

'The Evolution of Sacrifice and Stigma in a Simulated Religious Economy'

Michael Makowsky, George Mason University.

'The Depreciation of Religious Capital'

Jeffrey Smith, Duke University.

'A Theory of Schisms'

William J. Brennan, George Mason University.

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Book Exhibit

S-2 Paper Session

10:15 am - 11:45 am

S2-L ASREC Special Session (2) (ASREC)

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Convener: Barry Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago.

'Tradition and Rationality in Economics'

Vernon Smith, George Mason University.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

TANSTAAFL Luncheon

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

RRA Business Meeting

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Trip: Best of Portland Walking Tour

S-3 Paper Sessions
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

S3-L Economic Interpretations of Religious Laws and Norms (ASREC)

Salmon

Convener/Discussant: Carmel Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago.

'Jesus vs. Hillel. Moral and Social Norms in Heterogeneous Populations'
Matteo Richiardi, Center for Employment Studies.

'An Economic Theory of Religious Interpretation as a Public Good'
Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University.

'Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself: Community Formation and the Church'
Thomas Jeitschko, Michigan State University
Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth College
Rowena Pecchenino, Michigan State University.

S3-M Causes and Consequences of Religious Commitment (ASREC)

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Convener/Discussant: Geoff Pugh, Staffordshire University.

'The Future of Wishy-Washy Religiosity'
David Voas, University of Manchester.

The Role of Religiosity in Dating Violence: Evidence from Chile
Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois at Chicago
Vivian Lehrer, Urban Justice Center.

'The Church Versus The Mall: What Happens When Religion Faces Increased Secular Competition?'
Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame
Jonathan Gruber, MIT.

S-4 Paper Sessions
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

S4-L Studies of 'Strict' Churches (ASREC)

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Convener/Discussant: David Campbell, University of Notre Dame.

'Why Strict Churches Need Free-Riders'

Michael McBride, University of California-Irvine.

'A Testimony of Motherhood: LDS Response to Changing Women's Roles, 1940-2006'

Carrie A. Miles, George Mason University.

'Sects and Socioeconomic Status'

Sam Reimer, Atlantic Baptist University.

'Is Synagogue Membership a Rational Choice?'

Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College.

S4-M From Faith to Philanthropy (ASREC)

Salmon

Convener/Discussant: Kraig Beyerlein, University of Arizona.

'Religious Commitment and Religious Giving'

Thomas M. Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago.

'World Views and Altruistic Economic Behavior'

Dean R. Lillard, Cornell University
Masao Ogaki, Ohio State University.

'The Impact of Religion on the Means and Goals of Poverty Alleviation: An Empirical Attitudinal Approach'

Eelke de Jong, M. Sakwa, Radboud University.

J. B. A. M. Schilderman, Radboud University.

J.A. van der Ven, Radboud University.

'Proselytism Games and Humanitarian Aid'

Michael McGinnis, Indiana University.

5:00 - 6:00 pm

SSSR Presidential Plenary:

Transforming the World: The New Face of Global Pentecostalism

Donald E. Miller, University of Southern California.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Reception and Cash Bar

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Annual SSSR Banquet and Awards Ceremony

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

ASREC Evening Social