



**SSSR+RRA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING
PROGRAM
(09/15/2024)**

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: Armstrong**

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

**RRA Business Meeting
Room: Cambria East**

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

**Morning Coffee, Sponsored by the RRA
Room: Rotunda Foyer**

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

**Registration - Friday Registration
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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

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Pictures of Multiracial Congregations

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Paper Session A-2 (SSSR) Congregations

Room: Fayette

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

The impact of the pandemic on parishes in Germany

Regina Frey, University of Munich (regina.frey@me.com)

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)

Are American Zen Communities Emulating Their Headquarter Center?

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

Paper Session A-3 (SSSR) Faith and Work

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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

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

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

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

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)

Resilience of Faith: Post-Covid Religious Trends and the Effect of Ecclesiastical Policy in the United States

Carlos Esparza, St. Louis University (carlos.esparzasj@slu.edu)

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

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

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

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)

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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@pucep.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
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Religiosity in the World's Largest Country: Religious Dimensions in a Diverse India

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

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

Paper Session A-8 (SSSR) Polarization and Secularization

Room: Crawford West

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

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

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

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)

Can We Talk About Growing Religious Polarization In European Countries?

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Secularization in Ireland: Cohort effects all the way down?

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

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

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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)

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

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

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'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)

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Identifying with Multiple World Religions: Patterns and Predictors

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Co-Author 2: Taylor Remsburg, West Virginia University

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

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

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

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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

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“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

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

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Evangelical Feminism - What's Changed in 50 Years?

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

Room: Westermoreland 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

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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

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Fertility, Faith, and the American Community Survey

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Household Characteristics and Fertility Variation Across Amish Communities

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Co-Author 1: Cory Anderson, Pennsylvania State University

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

Room: Somerset West

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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)

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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

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How Religious Leaders Use Religion and Science in Mental Health Care

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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 (ekr4fn@uvawise.edu)

Understanding and measuring the new secular identity

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

Carmen Callizo, Universidad de Navarra, Spain (mcalatrava@unav.es)
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Paper Session B-4 (SSSR) Religious Tolerance

Room: Butler West

Convener: Katheryn Kelley, Taylor University (katie_kelley1@taylor.edu)

Local Religious Heterogeneity and Outgroup Tolerance in Lebanon

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

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

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Co-Author 2: Gengyu Liu, Taylor University

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

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

Room: Somerset East

Organizer: Chris Chiappari, St. Olaf College (chiappar@stolaf.edu)
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Catholic inculturation theology in Latin America – before and now

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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

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

Room: Fayette

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

Secular American Muslims

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Religion and Spirituality in East Asian Societies

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

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Paper Session B-8 (SSSR) Religious Education

Room: Crawford East

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

Shifting Contours of Religion, Citizenship and Education in Contemporary Britain

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

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Framing religious alterity in Catholic Religious Education in contemporary Italy

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Proselytism and ‘Good’ Moral Character: Comparing Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist Religion Instructors in the U.S. and India

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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)

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 It: Mormon’s Misappropriation of the Haudenosaunee Great Peace

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

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Trends and Boundaries in Mormon Twitter’s Reactionary #DezNat Hashtag

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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

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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)
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Race, Community, and Process: Black Catholics' Experience of Catholic Spaces
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Studying Congregations' Persistence, Repurpose, & Death: Results from a 20-Year Analysis in Chicago

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

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Respondent

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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

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Orthodox Jewish fertility rates and their implications for the character of Jewish America
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Religious involvement is associated with higher fertility and lower maternal investment, but more alloparental support among Gambian mothers

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

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

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

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Religious legalism as coping amidst chaos

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Changing Needs of Middle Judiciary Personnel

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

Room: Somerset West

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Meeting: Review of Religious Research Editorial Board Meeting

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Meeting: Mormon Social Sciences Association Business Meeting
Room: Butler East

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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

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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

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

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

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Paper Session C-4 (SSSR) Leaving and Staying

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

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

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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

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Examining Views on Race and Justice

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

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Does Seminary Make Students More Liberal?

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

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

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

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

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Existential Insecurity: Religious Engagement in Contemporary Nigerian Society

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

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

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Creating climate coalitions: a role for the church?

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Exploring Islam's Environmental Consciousness: Perspectives and Potentials

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

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Wildfires in the Pacific West in 2020

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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**

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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

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

Room: Westmoreland West

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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

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What Clergy Leaders Wish They Had Been Trained to Do

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Educational Debt and Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

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

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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

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

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White Christian Institutions and Reparations

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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Paper Session D-8 (SSSR) Disability and Belonging

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

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Disability and Church in War-Torn Ukraine

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

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

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Teaching about Christianity & Whiteness in Turbulent Times

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

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

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Paper Session D-11 (SSSR) Psychology of Religion

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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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Applying the Psychology of Religion: A Catalogue of Possibilities

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

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

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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

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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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Friday, October 18, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Reception New Books Reception
Room: Pennsylvania Ballroom

Friday, October 18, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Room: Allegheny 1, 2 & 3

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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

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

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

Room: Somerset West

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

Room: Somerset East

Affinity Group and Research Network Meetings-8 Catholic Research Network

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

Morning Coffee, Sponsored by the 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)

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

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The “Secular” Sacred Canopy: Revisiting the Heretical Imperative in Secular Contexts

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

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

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Society and religion in transformation: Exploring the unaffiliated in Argentina

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Paper Session E-2 (SSSR) Death and Dying

Room: Butler East

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Religious and scientific repertoires in negotiating "good" death and end-of-life care

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

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

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

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

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Paper Session E-3 (SSSR) Reproductive Rights

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

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

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

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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

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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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Immigration-Related Challenges to Hispanic Presbyterian Congregations

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

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Paper Session E-7 (SSSR) Adolescence

Room: Fayette

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

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

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

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The Social Psychology of the Religious Summer Camp

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

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Paper Session E-8 (SSSR) Mental Health

Room: Somerset East

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

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

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

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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

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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

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And the Three Become One: Spiritual Journeys of Polyamorous Christians

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

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

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The Body Doesn’t Forget: The EUB/Methodist1968 Merger, Current UMC Disaffiliation, and the Grief We Carry with Us

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Paper Session E-11 (SSSR) Religious Cultures

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

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Cloistered democracies? Participatory cultures of contemporary monastic communities

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American Catholics' Views on Pope Francis

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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

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

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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)

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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

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

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Religious Violence, Identity Dynamics, and Intergroup Emotions

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

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Execution and Sacrifice: The Social Structure of Martyrdom

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

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

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

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

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

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Religion and Gender: The Role of Stereotypes

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Religion and Russia: The New Configuration of American Attitudes

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

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Paper Session F-5 (SSSR) Apocalypticism

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The Apocalypticism of the 2024 Elections

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The psychological foundations of conspiratoriality

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

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

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

Room: Somerset East

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The Yup'ik self in indigenous ethics and aesthetics

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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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Trinidad Obeah as 'Dark Anthropology'

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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

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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

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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

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

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

SSSR Networking Luncheon

Room: Allegheny 3

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)

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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)

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

Where's God when I'm scared? A structural equation model of the relationship between agency, religious coping, and health behaviors in midlife and older adults with diabetes

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

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Paper Session G-3 (SSSR) Supernatural Beliefs

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

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Them that might believe: Testing supernatural beliefs among the doubters

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

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Paper Session G-4 (SSSR) Religion and Place

Room: Crawford West

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Toward a theory of urban building metaphors: The shape Christianity takes in the city

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

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Temporalities of the Christian Geopolitical Imagination

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

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Paper Session G-5 (SSSR) Religion and Social Movements

Room: Butler West

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Nonviolent Action and Religion in West Papua

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

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

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Paper Session G-6 (SSSR) Doing Religion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

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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-10 (SSSR) Domestic and International Concerns Regarding Religious Freedom

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Islamophobia and Threats to Religious Freedom

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Civil Servants and Practicing Religious Freedom

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Global Conflicts Over Religious Freedom

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What do Calls for Religious Freedom Really Mean?

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Three Faces of American Christian Nationalism

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

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

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

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

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The Link Between Parental and College Student Religiosity

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

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

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

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

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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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Trends in Afterlife Beliefs in the United States

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

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Paper Session H-4 (SSSR) Forms of Resistance

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Black Liberation Theology & Black Lives Matter Protest Music

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Race, Congregations, and Community Organizing Work

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Christian Hip Hop and Racialized Formations in Brown Los Angeles

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

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

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Student Religiosity and Civic Engagement at a Christian University

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Characteristics on cross-generation political agreement

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Christian Nationalism, Secularism, and Public Opinion

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

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

Room: Somerset East

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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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SSSR Awards and Presidential Address: Antiracism as Inclusivity: The Racial Justice Paradigm of White Progressive Churches

Room: August Wilson Center

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

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

Breakfast Multidisciplinary Scholars of Race and Religion Breakfast

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Morning Coffee, Sponsored by the RRA

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Registration - Sunday Registration

Room: Rotunda Foyer

Paper Session I

Sunday, October 20, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Paper Session I-1 (SSSR) Racialized Religious Differences

Room: Washington

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

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

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

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Is Gun Ownership Racialized: An Examination Through the Lens of Denominational Affiliation

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Race and Religion: Current Paradigms and New Developments

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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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The Present and Future of Muslim Geographies of Consumption in Philadelphia

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

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

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

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Moralized Ancestor and the Spirit of Trust

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Paper Session I-4 (SSSR) Religious Practices

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"It's a lifting up": Black men's perceptions of the similarities between spirituality and mind-body-spirit practices

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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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‘Socialized Language of Prayer’; Discourse on Syrian Christian Family in Kerala
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Therapeutic Esoteric Meditation: Tulpamancy as a Secular Spirituality
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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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Globalization, National Identity, and Religious Pilgrimage
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Interrogating Urban Management and the Establishment of Religious Centers In Nigeria
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Muslim Cemetery as Place Making Amidst Rising Ethnonationalism in the United States
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Landscape of Shamanism in Korea
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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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Paper Session I-8 (SSSR) Warring Against Principalities and Powers: The Undue Influence of Spiritual Warfare in Contemporary Politics

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

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Double Consciousness: Full Inclusion for the Muslim American!

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

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

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Complicating American Islam: Community Self-Narration and Authenticity

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

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

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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

Room: Cambria East

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

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US Gubernatorial Politics and Use of Religious Rhetoric

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

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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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The terror of October 7 in Israel and the challenge to democracy from within and without
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American Christianity and the Gaza War

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

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War between Israel and Hamas: An American Media Perspective

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Paper Session J-4 (SSSR) Conceptions of Spirituality

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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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Spirituality Among Americans

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

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

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

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

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Back to What? Spiritual Dualism in the American Far Right

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

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Disentangling Christian Nationalism, American Civil Religion, and Patriotism

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Paper Session J-6 (SSSR) Liberalizing Sexuality

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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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American Muslim Attitudes Towards Homosexuality: Explaining Variation and Change

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LGBTQ Inclusion among Religious Congregations and Clergy in the United States

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

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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

Room: Fayette

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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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Paper Session J-8 (SSSR) Exploring Nonreligion

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Systems of Global Meaning in Atheists and Believers: Divergent World Beliefs, Sources of Meaning and Values

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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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Paper Session J-11 (SSSR) Book Panel: In This Place Called Prison: Women's Religious Life in the Shadow of Punishment

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Paper Session J-12 (SSSR) Islam in AKP's "New Turkey": Intersecting Discourses of Religion, Identity, and Governance

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

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A Muslim Feminist NGO: The Case of Havle Women's Association in Turkey

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