

# ASREC 2014

**Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture  
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# Program Summary

**Friday, March 21**

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	Argyros 209B	<b>1B</b> Minorities, Immigration and Integration - I
	Argyros 209C	<b>1C</b> Deficits and Happiness
10:15am-12:00pm	Argyros 209A	<b>2A</b> Economics of Religious Groups and Organizations - I
	Argyros 209B	<b>2B</b> Free-Riding, Trust and Belief
	Argyros 209C	<b>2C</b> Religion and Development
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch Break	
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	Argyros 209B	<b>3B</b> Culture, Identity and their Consequences
	Argyros 209C	<b>3C</b> Gender and Religion
3:15-4:45pm	Argyros 209A	<b>4A</b> Religion and Economic Theory
	Argyros 209B	<b>4B</b> Economic History and Development in India
	Argyros 209C	<b>4C</b> Religion and Education - I
5:00-6:30pm	Argyros 3rd Floor Patio	ASREC Reception
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8:00-10:00pm	Beckman 4th Floor Patio	ASREC Late Night Social

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**Saturday, March 22**

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	Argyros 209B	<b>6B</b> Voodoo and Witchcraft
	Argyros 209C	<b>6C</b> Aristotelian Theories of Action: A Richer and Analytically Tractable Alternative for Economists?
10:15am-12:00pm	Argyros 209A	<b>7A</b> Economics of Religious Groups and Organizations - II
	Argyros 209B	<b>7B</b> Religion, Aspirations and Income
12:00-1:30pm	Argyros 201	Lunch Break: Next Steps for ASREC
1:30-3:15pm	Argyros 209A	<b>8A</b> Religious Influences on Culture
	Argyros 209B	<b>8B</b> Religion and Education - II
	Argyros 209C	<b>8C</b> Religion, State, and Pro-Social Behavior
3:15-4:15pm	Sandhu Conference Center Lobby	ASREC Reception
4:30-5:45pm	Sandhu Conference Room D	Special Lecture: Does Clear Thinking Undercut Religious Commitment? New Findings on Science and Supernaturalism

# Friday, March 21

**Registration 8:00am-5:00pm**  
Argyros Forum 209 Foyer

**Introduction 8:15-8:30am**  
Argyros Forum 209A

Laurence Iannaccone, ASREC President, Chapman University  
Sriya Iyer, ASREC 2014 Program Chair, University of Cambridge

**8:30-10:00am**

## **1A: Altruism**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Discussant: Dan Hungerman, University of Notre Dame*

“Mandatory Alms and Voluntary Contributions: Evidence from Iranian Household Expenditure and Income Survey”

Syedbabak Rezaeedyakenari, Arizona State University

“On the Norms of Charitable Giving in Islam: Two Field Experiments in Morocco”

Gerhard Riener, University of Düsseldorf

Fatima Lambaraa, University of Göttingen

“I Risk, You Pay—Group identity and risk sharing in an ethnically diverse society”

Hanne Roggemann, Goethe University, Frankfurt

Myriam Hadnes, University of Frankfurt and Vietnamese German University

Andreas Landmann, University of Mannheim

## **1B: Minorities, Immigration and Integration - I**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Seth Norton, Wheaton College*

“Do Remittances act as Insurance in the Face of Political Shock?”

Zsoka Koczan, University of Cambridge

“A Tale of Minorities: Evidence on Religious Ethic and Entrepreneurship from Swiss Data”

Luca Nunziata, University of Padua

Lorenzo Rocco, University of Padua

“Minority Disadvantage and Racism Reduction”

Justin Bruner, University of California, Irvine

**Friday, March 21**

**8:30-10:00am**

**1C: Deficits and Happiness**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209C**

*Chair and Discussant: Charles North, Baylor University*

“Blessed Mary, Forgive Us Our Deficits”

Esa Mangeloja, Jyväskylä University School of Business and Economics

Kari Meimonen, Jyväskylä University School of Business and Economics

Mika Nieminen, Jyväskylä University School of Business and Economics

“The Evangelical Anomaly: Religious Observance and Investments in Savings, Education, and Social Capital”

Sara Helms, Samford University

Charles Stokes, Samford University

Jeremy Thornton, Samford University

“Can Religion Insure against Aggregate Shocks to Happiness? The Case of Transition Countries”

Olga Popova, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies and Center for Economic Research and

Graduate Education—Economics Institute

**Friday, March 21**

**10:15am-12:00pm**

**2A: Economics of Religious Groups and Organizations - I**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Discussant: Ira Gang, Rutgers University*

“Human Capital and the Supply of Religion”

Christopher Parsons, University of California, San Diego

Joseph Engelberg, University of California, San Diego

Raymond Fisman, Columbia University

Jay Hartznell, University of Texas, Austin

“A Model of Church Exit”

Michael Walrath, University of St. Thomas

“‘Feminine’ and ‘Strict’: The Paradox of Latin American Pentecostalism”

Kevin Neuhouser, Seattle Pacific University

**2B: Free-Riding, Trust and Belief**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Robert Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University*

“Why Churches Need Free-riders: Religious Capital Formation and Religious Group Survival”

Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine

“Preventing Free Riding in Religious Groups through Public Display of Allegiance”

Maryam Dilmaghani, Saint Mary’s University

**2C: Religion and Development**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209C**

*Chair and Discussant: Jared Rubin, Chapman University*

“Religiosity, Domestic Violence, & the Economic Crisis”

Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama, Huntsville College of Business Administration

Marlena S. Primeau, University of Alabama, Huntsville College of Nursing

Ann L. Bianchi, University of Alabama, Huntsville College of Nursing

“Does the foetal origins hypothesis hold for the average person only? Evidence from Ramadan fasting”

Farhan Majid, University of Pennsylvania

Subha Mani, Fordham University

Islam, Inequality and Pre-Industrial Comparative Development”

Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna

Alireza Naghavi, University of Bologna

Stelios Michalopoulos, Brown University

**Friday, March 21**

**Lunch Break 12:00-1:30pm**

**1:30-3:00pm**

**3A: The Economics of Religion within the larger Conversation between Economists and Religion Scholars: A Roundtable on the Oxford Handbook of Christianity and Economics**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Introduction: Paul Oslington, Australian Catholic University School of Business and School of Theology and Alphacrucis College*

Current Status and Future Prospects of the Economics of Religion

Robert Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University

Commentary

Paul Williams, Regent College, Vancouver

Commentary

Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University

**3B: Culture, Identity and their Consequences**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine*

“Punishment and Problem of Social Order: An Analysis of Flogging in the Royal Navy, 1743-1820”

Patrick Underwood, University of Washington

Steven Pfaff, University of Washington

Michael Hechter, University of Washington

“The Religiously Unaffiliated: Are The Really ‘Nones?’”

Lillian Catts, Marymount University

“Cultural Transmissions and Initial Wealth Accumulation: Evidence from an American Indian Reservation, 1894-1906”

Matthew Gregg, Roger Williams University

**3C: Gender and Religion**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209C**

*Chair and Discussant: Wafa Hakim Orman, University of Alabama Huntsville*

“Intermarriage and its Effect on the Standard of Living”

Ira Gang, Rutgers University

Gil S. Epstein, Bar-Ilan University

Myeong-Su Yun, Tulane University

“Unveiling the Veil: Implications of the Turkish Headscarf ban”

Zeynep Ugur, Ankara Social Sciences University

Justin P. Isaacs, Hampden-Sydney College

“Religiosity, Gender, and Wage in Canada”

Maryam Dilmaghani, Saint Mary’s University



**Friday, March 21**

**3:15-4:45pm**

**4A: Religion and Economic Theory**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Discussant: Robert Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University*

“Identity and Social Structure”

Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of California, Irvine

Michael McBride, University of California, Irvine

“Religion and Economic Inclusion and Seclusion”

Resit Ergener, Bogazici University

“Jesus and the Ratchet”

Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont

**4B: Economic History and Development in India**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Sascha Becker, University of Warwick*

“The Protestant Legacy: Missions and Literacy in India”

Frederico G. Mantovanelli, Boston College

“Religious Identity and the Provision of Public Goods: Evidence from the Indian Princely States”

Jared Rubin, Chapman University

Latika Chaudhary, Scripps College

**4C: Religion and Education - I**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209C**

*Chair and Discussant: Christopher Parsons, University of California, San Diego*

“Religious Adherence and Educational Attainment in the United States”

Annette Tomal, Wheaton College

Seth Norton, Wheaton College

“Hierarchical Religions and Female Education”

Seth Norton, Wheaton College

Annette Tomal, Wheaton College

“The Effect of Religion on Economic Growth via Literacy: A Natural Experiment in the 16th Century Hungary”

Palma Mosberger, Central European University and UC Berkeley

**Friday, March 21**

**5:00-6:30pm**

**ASREC Reception**

**Argyros Forum 3rd Floor Patio**

**6:30-7:30pm**

**Keynote Address**

**James Andreoni, University of California, San Diego**

**Holier than Thou? Social Motivations for Religious Giving**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209**

*Chair: Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University*

Professor Andreoni shares insights from two new studies of charitable giving. The first highlights the *positive* impact of public reputation and social ties, while the second underscores the *negative* impact of ethnic and religious diversity. The first study tracked contributions across 1,600 Catholic households in Zagreb, Croatia – where donations were solicited at every Sunday mass for six years running, and actual individual contributions were publicly announced during the first two years, then publicly posted for the next two years, and then announced as cumulative totals in the last two years. The second study uses data from Canadian tax records to compare giving patterns across household and neighborhoods of varied education, income, ethnicities, and religions.

Professor Andreoni is a world-renowned economist, known especially for his influential work on charity, altruism, and moral conduct. His research blends mathematical modeling, statistical analysis, and experimental methods.

**8:00-10:00pm**

**ASREC Late Night Social**

**Beckman Hall 4th Floor Patio**

**Saturday, March 22**

**Registration 8:00am-2:00pm**  
**Argyros Forum 209 Foyer**

**8:30-10:00am**

**6A: Minorities, Immigration and Integration - II**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Discussant: Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of California, Irvine*

“The Consumption of News by British Muslims and its Effect of Identity Construction and Public and Private Practices of Religion”

Laurens de Rooij, Durham University

“Opinion Leaders in Influence Networks and the Integration of Immigrant Communities”

Jan-Peter Siedlarek, University of Mannheim

Anja Prummer, University of Cambridge, INET Institute

“Economic Culture and Adaptive Behavior: The Case of Russian Old Believers in Latin America”

Danila Raskov, St. Petersburg State University

**6B: Voodoo and Witchcraft**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Paul Glewwe, University of Minnesota*

“Voodoo, Vaccines and Bet Nets in Benin”

Nik Stoop, LICOS—Center for Institutes and Economic Performance, IOB—Institute of Development and Policy Management

Marijke Verpoorten, LICOS—Center for Institutes and Economic Performance, IOB—Institute of Development and Policy Management

Koen Deconinck, LICOS—Center for Institutes and Economic Performance

“Voodoo versus Fishing Committees: The Role of Traditional and Modern Community Institutions in Fisheries Management”

Elena Briones Alonso, University of Leuven, LICOS

Romain Houssa, University of Namur, CRED

Marijke Verpoorten, University of Antwerp—IOB, University of Leuven—LICOS

“Witchcraft Beliefs and the Erosion of Trust: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

Boris Gershman, American University

**6C: Aristotelian Theories of Action: A Richer and Analytically Tractable Alternative for Economists?**

**Location: Argyros Forum 209C**

*Chair and Introduction: Paul Oslington, Australian Catholic University School of Business and School of Theology and Alphacrucis College*

“Economic Theory in Light of Aristotelian Traditions”

Andy Yuengert, Pepperdine University

“Rational Choice Theory and Virtue”

Gordon Menzies, University of Technology, Sydney

Donald Hay, University of Oxford

“Mathematizing the Aristotelian Theory”

Paul Oslington, Australian Catholic University School of Business and School of Theology and Alphacrucis College

## Saturday, March 22

10:15am-12:00pm

### 7A: The Economics of Religious Groups and Organizations - II

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Discussant: Latika Chaudhary, Scripps College*

“U.S. Biased Funding of Faith Based Organizations: Why Organizational Topology Matters”  
Noa Cnaan-On, Duke University

“Anglican Arbitrage in America: Entrepreneurial Church Growth Among Episcopalian Decline”  
Brian Hollar, Marymount University

“Divine Competition: Religious Organizations and Service Provision in India”  
Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge  
Chander Velu, University of Cambridge  
Melvyn Weeks, University of Cambridge

### 7B: Religion, Aspirations and Income

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Boris Gershman, American University*

“Developing Aspirations: The Impact of Church-Affiliated Child Sponsorship on Self-Esteem and Life Expectation”  
Paul Glewwe, University of Minnesota

“A Gospel of Prosperity? An Analysis of the Impact of Religion on Income in Ghana, the Most Religious Country in the World”  
Sara Gundersen, Valparaiso University  
Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University

“Wage Differentials in the United States: Does Religious Participation Matter?”  
Sedefka Beck, Valparaiso University

12:00-1:30pm

### Lunch Break: Next Steps for ASREC Argyros Forum 201

Robert Mochrie (ASREC Executive Director) and members of the ASREC Board present their ideas for development of the Association over the next three years.

# Saturday, March 22

1:30-3:15pm

## 8A: Religious Influences on Culture

**Location: Argyros Forum 209A**

*Chair and Discussant: Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont*

“Analyzing the Influence of Religion and Politics on Public Opinion towards Embryonic Stem Cell Research”  
Maruice Mangum, Texas Southern University

“Oxycontin Nation: The Culture Wars Behind the Opioid Epidemic”  
Anna Lembke, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford Addiction Medicine Program, Stanford  
Addiction Medicine Dual Diagnosis Clinic

“God on the Campaign Trail: The Use of Religious Rhetoric During the 2008 Presidential Campaign”  
Moana Vercoe, Loyola Marymount University  
Trish Miller, Claremont Graduate University  
Alex Hindman, Claremont Graduate University  
Jean Schroedel, Claremont Graduate University

## 8B: Religion and Education - II

**Location: Argyros Forum 209B**

*Chair and Discussant: Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna*

“Education, Social Mobility and Religious Movements: A Theory of the Islamic Revival in Egypt”  
Jean-Paul Carvalho, University of California, Irvine  
Christine Binzel, Heidelberg University

“Does Secular Education Impact Religiosity, Electoral Participation and the Propensity to Vote for Islamic  
Parties? Evidence from an Education Reform in a Muslim Country”  
Resul Cesur, University of Connecticut  
Naci Mocan, Louisiana State University

“Education Promoted Secularization”  
Sascha Becker, University of Warwick  
Markus Nagler, University College London  
Ludger Woessmann, University of Munch and IFO

## 8C: Religion, State and Pro-Social Behavior

**Location: Argyros Forum 209C**

*Chair and Discussant: Chander Velu, University of Cambridge*

“Limitations to Signaling Trust with All or Nothing Investments”  
Timothy Shields, Chapman University  
Eric Schniter, Chapman University, Economic Science Institute  
Roman M. Sheremeta, Case Western Reserve University, Economic Science Institute

“The Political Economy of Church and State”  
Charles North, Baylor University  
Carl R. Gwin, Baylor University

**Saturday, March 22**

**3:15-4:15pm**

**ASREC Reception**

**Sandhu Conference Center Lobby**

**4:30-5:45pm**

**ASREC Public Lecture:**

**Does Clear Thinking Undercut Religious Commitment?  
New Findings on Science and Supernaturalism**

**Location: Sandhu Conference Center D**

*Christopher Bader, Professor of Sociology, Chapman University*

*Laurence Iannaccone, Professor of Economics, Chapman University*

Scholars have written about “conflict” between religion and science for hundreds of years, and many have forecast that the growth of science must steadily erode all forms of supernaturalism. But what do the data really tell us? Join us as we examine results from new surveys, that carefully compare people’s religious beliefs, scientific knowledge, and verbal, mathematical, and logical reasoning skills. Our results for college students and the general public contain many surprises, including new insights about beliefs concerning evolution.

Chris Bader is the author of “America’s Four Gods,” “Paranormal America,” and numerous articles, and the Associate Director of the Association of Religion Data Archives.

Laurence Iannaccone is President of ASREC and Director of Chapman’s Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society. His research includes studies of denominational growth and decline, international religious trends, church-state relations, and the determinants of religion extremism, conversion, attendance, and contributions.

## Program Participants

Beck, Sedefka	7B	McBride, Michael	2B, 3B
Becker, Sascha	4B, 8B	Mochrie, Robert	2B, 3A, 4A
Briones Alonso, Elena	6B	Mosberger, Palma	4C
Bruner, Justin	1B	Neuhouser, Kevin	2A
Carvalho, Jean-Paul	4A, 6A, 8B	North, Charles	1C, 8C
Catts, Lillian	3B	Norton, Seth	1B, 4C
Cesur, Resul	8B	Nunziata, Luca	1B
Chaudhary, Latika	7A	Orman, Wafa Hakim	2C, 3C
Cnaan-On, Noa	7A	Oslington, Paul	3A, 6C
De Rooij, Laurens	6A	Parsons, Christopher	2A, 4C
Dilmaghani, Maryam	2B, 3C	Popova, Olga	1C
Ergener, Resit	4A	Prarolo, Giovanni	2C, 8B
Ferrero, Mario	4A, 8A	Raskov, Danila	6A
Gang, Ira	2A, 3C	Rezaedaryakenari, Babak	1A
Gershman, Boris	6B, 7B	Riener, Gerhard	1A
Glewwe, Paul	6B, 7B	Roggemann, Hanne	1A
Gregg, Matthew	3B	Rubin, Jared	2C, 4B
Gundersen, Sara	7B	Schniter, Eric	8C
Helms, Sara	1C	Siedlarek, Jan-Peter	6A
Hollar, Brian	7A	Stoop, Nik	6B
Hungerman, Dan	1A	Tomal, Annette	4C
Iannaccone, Laurence	3A	Underwood, Patrick	3B
Iyer, Sriya	7A	Ugur, Zeynep	3C
Koczan, Zsoka	1B	Velu, Chander	8C
Lembke, Anna	8A	Vercoe, Moana	8A
Majid, Farhan	2C	Vidal-Roberts, Jordi	2B
Mangeloja, Esa	1C	Walrath, Michael	2A
Mangum, Maruice	8A	Williams, Paul	3A
Mantovanelli, Frederico	4B	Yuengert, Andy	6C

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