Friday, November 4

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

**ASREC Opening Session** [ASREC]
Convener: Laurence R. Iannaccone, George Mason University, larry@econzone.com

*Opening Remarks*
- Laurence Iannaccone and Nancy Ammerman

*Has Job Reservation Been Effective? Caste, Religion, and Economic Status in India*
- Vani Borooah, University of Ulster
- Amaresh Dubey, North-Eastern Hill University
- Sriya Iyer, University of Cambridge

*Faith-Based Initiative: Liberals Woo the Religious Left*
- Sean Everton, Stanford University

*Missionary Data (1813 - 1968) as a Resource for Testing Religious Economies and Secularization Theory*
- Robert D. Woodberry, University of Texas - Austin
- Xiaoyun Lu, University of Texas at Austin

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

**Commercial Culture versus Religious Culture** [Asrec/SSSR]
Convener: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

*The Shape of the New Age: Demonstration of the Uses of Recommender System Data*
- William S. Bainbridge, National Science Foundation
'Managing Tension between Religious and Professional Commitments in the Christian Popular Culture Industry'
  • Charles M. Brown, Albright College

'Deprofessionalisation of Buddhist Priests in Contemporary Japanese Society'
  • Mitsutoshi Horii, Shumei University - Japan

'The "Outsourcing" of Church Charity'
  • Jennifer E. Messchaert-Smith, George Mason University

Theories of Religious Commitment, Competition and Coordination [ASREC]
  Convener: Kevin Dougherty, Baylor University

'The "Prophet" Function: An Economic Theory of Spiritual Capitals'
  • Colleen Berndt and Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University

'Religion, Accumulation, Trade and War'
  • Resit Ergener, Bogazici University - Turkey

  • Qingjin Zhang, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences - China

'A Pious and Profitable Mystery'
  • Gary Richardson, University of California - Irvine

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

Weber Revisited: The "Work Ethic" in Islamic and European Societies [ASREC]
  Convener: Robert Subrick, George Mason University

'The Relationship between New Economy and Religious Communities in Turkey'
  • Husnu E. Bodur, University of KSU - Turkey
'The Impact of Islam on Economic Growth: Evidence from Cross Country Regressions'
  - Nadwa Mossaad, University of Maryland - Baltimore County

'Economics, Religion and the Decline of Europe'
  - Niall Ferguson, Harvard University

'Treasures in Heaven? The Relationship between Religion, Belief and Earnings in Germany'
  - Guido Heineck, Austrian Institute for Family Studies

**Socio-economic Perspectives on Religious Behavior [ASREC]**
Convener: Peter Boettke, George Mason University

'Sexual Misconduct of Roman Catholic Priests: A Rational Choice Perspective'
  - Christine M. Brickman, Catholic University of America

'Religious Extremism: The Good, the Bad, and the Deadly'
  - Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University
  - Eli Berman, University of California - San Diego

'Study of Missionary Activity around the World'
  - Feler Bose, George Mason University

**F-4 Paper Sessions, 3:00pm - 4:30pm**

**Fertile Faithful Families? Patterns of Family Size and Religiosity [ASREC]**
Convener: Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois - Chicago

'Religion and Changes in Family-size Norms in Developed Countries'
  - Alicia Adsera, University of Illinois - Chicago

'Household Catholic education and Children Performance: A Spanish Example'
  - Pablo Branas-Garza, University of Granada
'The Relationship between Religion and Fertility: Evidence for Austria'
  • Guido Heineck, University of Nuremberg, Germany

Saturday, November 5

Sat-1 Paper Sessions, 8:30am - 10:00am

Piety, Prosperity, and Pluralism [ASREC]
Convener: Daniel M. Hungerman, Notre Dame

'Why Hasn't Economic Growth Killed Religion?'
  • Michael McBride, University of California - Irvine

'Religious Beliefs, Longevity, and the Costs of Fundraising'
  • Zsolt Besci, Southern Illinois University

'Does Religion Matter in Women's Status in a Multicultural Context? The Case of Islam'
  • Yaghoob Foroutan, Australia National University

The American Religion Data Archive: Recent and forth coming developments
[ASREC/SSSR]
Convener: Paul Froese, Baylor University

'The Design and Development of New Online Software Tools'
  • Chris Bader, Baylor University

'The ARDA Learning Modules: Developing New Online Course Assignments and Tutorials'
  • Chris Scheitle, Pennsylvania State University

'American Religious Families: Reviewing Denominational Data and Heritage Online'
  • Heather Kindell, Pennsylvania State University
'New Sources of Religion Data: Recent and Forthcoming Additions to the ARDA'
  • Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

**Sat-2 Paper Sessions, 10:15am - 11:45am**

**The Relationship between Economic and Religious Conservatism in the U.S.** [ASREC]
Convener: Charles North, Baylor University

'Unholy Alliance or a Match Made in Heaven? Welfare State Outcomes, the Economics of Religion, and the Logic of Conservative Political Coalitions'
  • Jeff Cavanaugh, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign

'The Political Economy of Beliefs: Why Fiscal and Social Conservatives/Liberals come Hand-in-Hand'
  • Daniel Chen, University of Chicago

'Religious and Economic Preferences: An Empirical Analysis of State Tax Rates'
  • Ayman Reda, Michigan State University

**Scriptual Interpretation/Economic Approaches to Theological Issues** [ASREC/SSSR]
Convener: Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

'Reading an American Scripture: Interpreting Mormon’s Book'
  • Terryl Givens, University Richmond

'”Christ Overcame Through Scripture”: Scriptures and the Branch Davidians'
  • Jaime Clark-Soles, Southern Methodist University

'Patriarchy or Gender Equality? Reading the New Testament in Light of Becker’s Treatise on the Family and the Concept of Spiritual Capital'
  • Carrie A. Miles, George Mason University

'Deus Economicus'
  • Paul Oslington, University of New South Wales
Sat-3 Paper Sessions, 1:15pm - 2:45pm

Religion, Economics and Culture [ASREC]
Convener: Paul Froese, Baylor University

'Religion and the Political Organization of Muslims in Europe'
• Carolyn M. Warner and Manfred W. Wenner, Arizona State University

'Model of Religious Schism with Application to Islam'
• M. T. Maloney, Clemson University
• Kadir Civan, Fatih University - Turkey
• Mary Frances Maloney, University of Chicago

'Church Texas - What are we Paying for?'
• Bengt O. Haraldsson, Goteborg University

Religious Commitment and Economic Development [ASREC]
Convener: Masao Ogaki, Ohio State University

'The Effects of Religious Affiliation and Participation on High-School completion: Differences by Race and Ethnicity'
• Evelyn L. Lehrer, University of Illinois at Chicago

'Religious Networks and Trust'
• Joseph P. Daniels, Marquette University

'The Role of Religion on Regional Growth Differences'
• Brian Osoba, University of Texas at El Paso

'Religion and Economic Development: Exploring Possible Causal Mechanisms'
• Robert D. Woodberry, University of Texas - Austin
Sat-4 Paper Session, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

ASREC Keynote Session [ASREC]
Convener: Eli Berman

'The Role of Islamic Law in the Economic Evolution of the Middle East'
- Timur Kuran, Professor of Economics and Law and King Faisal Professor of Islamic Thought and Culture, University of Southern California

Sunday, November 6

Sun-1 Paper Sessions, 8:30am - 10:00am

Government's Impact on Religious Education and Charity [ASREC/SSSR]
Convener: Robert Stonebraker, Winthrop University

'Do Tax Incentives Increase Private Charitable Giving to Religious Organizations?'
- Arthur C. Brooks, Syracuse University

'Faith-Based Charity and Crowd out During the Great Depression'
- Daniel M. Hungerman, Duke University
- Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

'The Impact of Government Grants on Private Donations to Nonprofit Religious Organizations'
- Thomas M. Smith, University of Illinois - Chicago

How Religion Affects the Status and Activities of Women and Children [ASREC]
Convener: Carrie A. Miles, George Mason University

'Wrapped around Your Finger: Regulating Private Schools through Vouchers'
- Charles M. North and Deborah M. Oborny, Baylor University
'Patterns of Inheritance of Spiritual Capital'
  • David Voas, University of Manchester, UK

'Work, Money and Leisure: Religion and the Economic Life of American Teens during the First Year after High School'
  • Time Clydesdale, The College of New Jersey

Sun-2 Paper Sessions, 10:15am - 11:45am

Causes and Consequences of Religious Conversion and Intermarriage [ASREC]
Convener: David Mustard, University of Georgia

'A Theory of Conversion to Exclusive Religious and Political Faiths'
  • Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont

'Religious Switching in a Free Market - Lifetime Switching in and out of a Religious Identification'
  • Ariela Keysar and Barry A. Kosmin, Brooklyn College, CUNY

'The Effects of Religious Conversion on Spiritual Capital'
  • Marc von der Ruhr and Tom Reynolds, St. Norbert College