

ASREC 2006 PROGRAM: October 19-21, 2006 - Portland Oregon

Thursday, October 19

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

The Market for Megachurches [ASREC]

Convener: Anthony Gill, University of Washington

'The Business of Megachurches'

- Scott Thumma, Hartford Institute for Religion Research

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

- Marc von der Ruhr, St. Norbert College
- Joseph P. Daniels, Marquette University

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

- Nancy Martin, University of Arizona

'Economic Models of Megachurch Growth'

- Kail Padgett, George Mason University

The Macro Impact of Religious Competition and Regulation [Asrec]

Convener: Steven J. Pfaff, University of Washington

'Aid, Protestants and Growth'

- William Clark, University of Michigan

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

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

'Religion and Suicide: Is Durkheim Right?'

- Eli Berman, University of California, San Diego

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

The Evolution of Religious Markets [ASREC]

Convener: Carolyn Warner, Arizona State University

'Why do European Governments Favour Religion?'

- Pablo Branas-Garza, Angel Solano, University of Granada

'Immigrants' Religions in the Italian Religious Market'

- Giuseppe Luca Trombetta, Università di Bologna

'Politics without Compromise: Immigrant Terrorism'

- Russell Hardin, New York University

The Economics of Doctrine [ASREC]

Convener: Robert Mochrie, Heriot-Watt University

'Cursed Be He That Lends: Interest Bans in Early Christianity'

- Jared Rubin, Stanford University

'The Gender Gap in Religiosity: Social or Biological Phenomenon?'

- David Voas, University of Manchester

'The Religions of Social Responsibility'

- Meir Statman, Santa Clara University

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, October 20

8:00am - 3:00pm: Registration

9:00am - 11:45am: Book Exhibit

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

Religious Communities, Economics, and Politics [ASREC]

Convener: Paul Olson, Briar Cliff University

'Church Institutions and Electoral Continuity in Hungary'

- Jason Wittenberg, University of California, Berkeley

'Establishing Religious Freedom in the British American Colonies'

- Anthony Gill, University of Washington

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

- Colleen Berndt, San Jose State University

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

- P.V. Viswanath, Pace University

Spiritual Capital in the Creation of Human Capital [ASREC]

Convener: Ethel Jones, Auburn University

'Religion and Educational Attainment: A Cross National Study'

- Seth Norton, Wheaton College

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

- Geoff Pugh, Staffordshire University
- Shqiponje Telhaj, London School of Economics

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

- Carmel Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago

'The Effect of Religiosity on Unpartnered Births'

- Shoshana Grossband, San Diego State University

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

Religion and Socio-Economic Status [ASREC]

Convener: Colleen Berndt, San Jose State University

'The Earnings of American Jewish Men'

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

'Socioeconomic Rankings of Religious Groups'

- Ariela Keysar, Barry Kosmin, Trinity College

'Upward Wealth Mobility: Exploring the Roman Catholic Advantage'

- Lisa Keister, Duke University

'Religion and Human Capital in Ghana'

- Niels-Hugo Blunch, Washington and Lee University

Religious Markets and the State [ASREC]

Convener: Robert Stonebraker, Winthrop University

'The Political Economy of Church and State'

- Carl R. Gwin, Pepperdine University
- Charles M. North, Baylor University

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

- Robert Mochrie, John Sawkins, Heriot-Watt University

'Religious Markets, Regulation, and Competition within Islam'

- Carolyn M. Warner, Arizona State University

12:00pm - 1:00pm: New Books Reception

12:00pm - 1:00pm: MSSA Business Meeting

1:00pm - 4:00pm: *Trip - Portland City Tour*

1:15pm - 5:00pm: Book Exhibit

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

"Godless" Religions [ASREC]

Convener: Alberto Groisman, Arizona State University

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

- Curtis Melvin, Mercatus Center, George Mason University

'Religion, Science, and Magic'

- Daniel Lurker, George Mason University

'Soviet Communism as a Religion?'

- Paul D. Froese, Baylor University

The Spiritual Capital Research Program: Initial Results [ASREC]

Convener: Zsolt Becsi, Southern Illinois University

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

- Robert Woodberry, University of Texas - Austin

'Spiritual Capital in Urban Communes'

Stephen Vaisey, University of North Carolina

- Elizabeth Williamson, Rutgers

'Comparing Spiritual and Other forms of Social Capital: Lessons from the Immigrant Experience'

- Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
- Sara Curran, University of Washington
- Nayda Jaworsky, Yale
- Peggy Levitt, Wellesley

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

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

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

ASREC Special Session (1) [ASREC]

ASREC Planning Meeting

A discussion of the Associations Future. All Welcome

Saturday, October 21

7:00am - 8:00am: RRX Breakfast and JSSR Editorial Board Meeting

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

Spiritual Capital vs. Religious Capital: A Debate [SSSR/ASREC]

Convener: Brenda Brasher, University of Aberdeen, UK

Panelists:

- Bradford Verter, Bennington College
- Carrie Miles, George Mason University
- Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University
- David Swartz, Boston University

Economics of Religion [ASREC]

Convener: Christine Brickman, Catholic University of America

'Religion and Substance Abuse'

- SangHo Yoon, George Mason University

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

- Andrew J. Nelson, George Mason University

'Financing Religion: Theory and Evidence'

- Feler Bose, George Mason University

New Methods for the Study of Religion [ASREC]

Convener: Daniel Hungerman, University of Notre Dame

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

- Michael Makowsky, George Mason University

'The Deprecation of Religious Capital'

- Jeffrey Smith, Duke University

'A Theory of Schisms'

- William J. Brennan, George Mason University

9:00am - 5:00pm: Book Exhibit

S-2 Paper Session, 10:15am - 11:45am

ASREC Special Session(2) [ASREC]

Convener: Barry Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago

'Tradition and Rationality in Economics'

- Vernon Smith, George Mason University

12:00pm - 1:00pm: TANSTAAFL Luncheon

12:00pm - 1:00pm: RRA Business Meeting

1:00pm - 4:00pm: *Trip - Best of Portland Walking Tour*

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

Economic Interpretations of Religious Laws and Norms [ASREC]

Convener: Carmel Chiswick, University of Illinois at Chicago

'Jesus vs. Hillel. Moral and Social Norms in Heterogeneous Populations'

- Matteo Richiardi, Center for Employment Studies

'An Economic Theory of Religious Interpretation as a Public Good'

- Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University

'Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself: Community Formation and the Church'

- Thomas Jeitschko, Michigan State University
- Seamus O'Connell, Maynooth College
- Rowena Pecchenino, Michigan State University

Causes and Consequences of Religious Commitment [ASREC]

Convener: Geoff Pugh, Staffordshire University

'The Future of Wishy-Washy Religiosity'

- David Voas, University of Manchester

'The Role of Religiosity in Dating Violence: Evidence from Chile'

- Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Vivian Lehrer, Urban Justice Center

'The Church Versus The Mall: What Happens when Religion Faces Increased Secular Competition?'

- Daniel Hungerman, Notre Dame
- Jonathan Gruber, MIT

'Bend it Like Beckham: Identity, Socialization and Assimilation'

- Alberto Bisin, New York University
- Eleonora Patacchini, University of Rome
- Thierry Verdier, PSE (France) and CEPR (Stanford)
- Yves Zenou, The Research Institute of Industrial Economics (Sweden)

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

Studies of 'Strict' Churches [ASREC]

Convener: David Campbell, University of Notre Dame

'Why Strict Churches Need Free-Riders'

- Michael McBride, University of California - Irvine

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

- Carrie A. Miles, George Mason University

'Sects and Socioeconomic Status'

- Sam Reimer, Atlantic Baptist University

'Is Synagogue Membership a Rational Choice?'

- Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College

From Faith to Philanthropy [ASREC]

Convener: Kraig Beyerlein, University of Arizona

'Religious Commitment and Religious Giving'

- Thomas A. Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago

'World Views and Altruistic Economic Behavior'

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

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

- Eelke de Jong, M. Sakwa, Radboud University
- J. B. A. M. Schilderman, Radboud University
- J. A. van der Ven, Radboud University

'Proselytism Games and Humanitarian Aid'

- Michael McGinnis, Indiana University

5:00pm - 6:00pm: SSSR Presidential Plenary

Transforming the World: The New Face of Global Pentecostalism

- Donald E. Miller, University of Southern California

6:00pm - 7:00pm: Reception and Cash Bar

7:00pm - 8:00pm: Annual SSSR Banquet and Awards Ceremony

9:00pm - 11:00pm: ASREC Evening Social