Introduction to the Economics of Religion

A graduate student workshop – taught by leaders in the field and held in conjunction with the meetings of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture.

February 28 – March 2, 2019
Boston, MA (Omni Hotel and Resort)
Application Deadline: December 1st, 2018

The economics of religion is a young and growing field that sheds light on the role of religion in numerous areas of economics including; economic history, development, conflict, political economy, institutions, collective action, identity, philanthropy and social capital, population trends and family dynamics, crime, health, beliefs, and more. But getting started can be hard.

This workshop will introduce a select group of graduate students to the economics of religion through a combination of formal instruction, conference sessions, advice, interaction, and feedback. The instructional lectures will summarize key concepts and results; the ASREC conference sessions will cover recent research in the field; Q&A sessions will provide practical advice and resources; meals, receptions, and other social events which will help participants build relationships with both students and established scholars. The workshop builds on the success we have had with past ASREC conferences and advanced graduate workshops.

Faculty leaders will include Dr. Laurence Iannaccone and Dr. Jared Rubin (Chapman U.), Dr. Jean-Paul Carvalho and Dr. Michael McBride (UC Irvine), and other ASREC scholars.

Applications should include a CV and a brief letter with your name, university affiliation, email, name of a faculty reference, and your reasons for applying. Chapman’s Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society (IRES) and the John Templeton Foundation will cover the cost of economy flights, hotel, meals, and conference registration. Send applications to ires@chapman.edu by December 1st, 2018.

See www.ASREC.org for more about ASREC, the March 2019 conference, and the program for last year’s workshop.