

ASREC 2004 PROGRAM: October 22-24, 2004 - Kansas City, Missouri

Economic Consequences of Religious Freedom

'Religion's Role in the Rule of Law'

- Charles North and Carl Gwin, Baylor University

'The Cost of Bigotry: The Educational and Economic Consequences of Restricting Missions'

- Robert Woodberry, University of Texas at Austin

'Religion, Ethnicity, and Social Conflict: An International Assessment'

- Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University

'The Cities of God versus the Countries of Earth: The Restriction of Religious Freedom (RRF) Index'

- Brian Grim, Pennsylvania State University

Religious Markets in Contemporary Europe

'Willow Creek or Hollow Creed?'

- Eric Sengers, Kampen Theological University

'Niches in the Islamic Religious Market and Fundamentalism: Examples from Turkey and other Countries'

- Massimo Introvigne, Center for the Studies on New Religions, Italy

'Religion in Europe: One theme, many variations?'

- David Voas, University of Manchester

Religion and Fertility

'From Empty Pews to Empty Cradles: Fertility Decline among European Catholics'

- Eli Berman, UC San Diego
- Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University
- Guiseppe Ragusa, UC San Diego

'Teen Childbearing and Community Religiosity'

- Linda Loury, Tufts University

'Religion and Fertility in India: The Role of Son Preference and Daughter Aversion'

- Sriya Iyer, Cambridge University
- Vani Borooah, the University of Ulster

'Marital Fertility and Religion: Recent Changes in Spain'

- Alicia Adsera, University of Illinois at Chicago

Applying and Expanding the Economic Theories to Religions in China

'Tourists and Temples: Exploring the Effect of the Tourism Market on the Theravada Monks of Southwest China'

- Thomas Borchert, University of Chicago

'The Marketplace of Conversion: Comparisons in Chinese and Latin American Pentecostalism'

- Candi K. Cann, Harvard University

'The Unintended Consequences of Religious Suppression: Understanding the Growth of Suppressed Religions'

- Yunfeng Lu, City University of Hong Kong

'An Economics of Religious Shortage: Communist China in Transition'

- Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

Economic Consequences of Religious Identity

'How Community Institutions Create Economic Advantage: Jewish Diamond Merchants in New York'

- CBarak Richman, Duke University

'Economic Growth and Religious Production Efficiency'

- Esa Mangeloja, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

'The Entrepreneurial Ethic of the Sikhs: Religious Signaling and the Importance of Social Capital for Trust and Exchange'

- Nathaniel Paxon, George Mason University

Beliefs and Attitudes

'Measuring Religious Differences: The Fundamental Importance of God's Character'

- Christopher Bader and Paul Froese, Baylor University

'Beyond Belief: Atheism, Agnosticism, and Theistic Certainty in the United States'

- Darren Sherkat, Southern Illinois University

'God and the Global Economy: Religion and Attitudes Toward Trade and Immigration'

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

'Risk, Discounting, and Religious Choice: Evidence from Panel Data'

- Brian J. Osoba, West Virginia University

Religion, Deprivation, and Conflict

'Club Goods and Group Identity: Evidence from Islamic Resurgence During the Indonesian Financial Crisis'

- Daniel Chen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

'Rational Martyrs vs. Hard Targets: Evidence on the Tactical Use of Suicide Attacks'

- Eli Berman, UC San Diego/NBER
- David Laitin, Stanford

'Anti-terrorism and Economic Theology: An Exercise in 'Comparative Theology''

- Robert H. Nelson, University of Maryland

Religion and Economic Development: Historical Perspectives

'Christianity and Capitalist Civilization'

- Salim Rashid, University of Illinois

'The Transformation of work ethics in Austria: The imitation of Protestant institutions by a Catholic Country'

- Peter Lewisch, Imadec University

'Economic Rationale of Religious Tolerance: Policies of the Ottoman Sultan vs. the Pope'

- Resit Ergener, Bogazici Univeristy

'A Pious and Profitable Mystery: Purgatory, Cooperation, and the Commercialization of Late Medieval England.'

- Gary Richardson, UC Irvine

Theories of Economic and Religious Behavior

'Proverbial Path'

- Bridget I. Butkevich, George Mason University
- david M. Levy, George Mason University
- Dan Houser, George Mason University
- Sandra Peart, Baldwin Wallace College
- M. Ali Khan, John Hopkins University

'Cosmic Utilitarianism and the Heckscher-Viner Debate: Religion in Classical Economics'

- David Levy, George Mason University
- Sandra Peart, Baldwin-Wallace College

'Some Implications of Belief in the Afterlife and the Allocation of Time to Spirituality'

- Constantino Hevia, The University of Chicago

'Accidental Atheists: Agent-based Model of Religious Regionalism'

- Laurence Iannaccone and Michael McKowsky, George Mason University

Analyzing Catholic Institutions and History

'What Makes a Progressive Religious Leader?: Analyzing Votes from the Second Vatican Council'

- Melissa Wilde, Indiana University
- Kristin Geraty, Shelley Nelson, Emily Bowman, and Grace Yukich

'The Triumph of Christianity in the Roman Empire: An Economic Interpretation'

- Mario Ferrero, University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy

'Franchise Conflict: The Tide of Antipopes in the Aftermath of the Eastern Schism'

- Kristina Terkun, James Madison University

'The Papal Conclave: How do Cardinals Divine the Will of God?'

- J. T. Toman, University of Sydney, Australia

Faith and Philanthropic Activity

'Welfare Spending and Religious Participation: Evidence from the United States'

- Anthony Gill, University of Washington

'Race and Charitable Church Activity'

- Daniel Hungerman, Duke University

'Religious Charities and Government Funding'

- Ayman Reda, Michigan State University

'Religious Affiliation and Philanthropy'

- Thomas Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago

Religious Markets

'Religious Competition and Faithful Remnant: Two Ways that Religious Markets Affect Congregations'

- Daniel Olson, Indiana University South Bend and David Sikknik, University of Notre Dame

'Religious Pluralism and Religious Adherence in U.S. Counties: Assessing the Reassessment'

- Charles North and Melissa Staha, Baylor University

'Exploring the Market of Hindu Religion'

- Ishita Datta Ray and Tuhin K. Das, Jadavpur University

ASREC Keynote Session

Convener: Rodney Stark, President, SSSR

'Looking Forward: A Future for the Economics of Religion'

- Laurence R. Iannaccone, George Mason University

Discussion: Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois at Chicago; Anthony Gill, University of Washington; Roger Finke, Penn State University; and Kimon Sargeant, Templeton Foundation

Evolutionary Approaches to the Study of Religion

'Scars for War: Evaluating Alternative Signaling Explanations for Cross-cultural Variance in Ritual Costs'

- Richard Sosis, Howard Kress, and James Boster, University of Connecticut

'Random Religions: Evaluating Evolutionary theories of religion with a random sample'

- David Sloan Wilson, Binghamton University

'Nature's Medicine: Empirical Constraint and the Evolution of Religious Healing'

- Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University, New Zealand

'The Bioeconomics of Religious and Ethnically-Homogeneous Merchant Groups as Adaptive Units'

- Janet T. Landa, York University, Canada

Religion, Family, and Education

'The Impact of Religious Identification on Differences in Educational Attainment Among American Women 2001'

- Ariela Keysar and Barry Kosmin, Brooklyn College CUNY

'Religious Affiliation and Participation as Determinants of Women's Educational Attainment and Wages'

- Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois at Chicago

'Preserving Religious Identity through Education: Economic Analysis and Evidence from the US'

- Danny Cohen-Zada, Ben-Gurion University