

CALL FOR PAPERS

ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

76th Annual Meeting: RELIGION AS A SOCIAL FORCE

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Over the past three decades, a number of scholars have underscored the apparent role of religious institutions, practices, beliefs, and values in shaping social institutions and human behavior. This strand of work has been collectively labeled the “strong program” in the sociology of religion. Theorists and researchers working within this program have explored the role of religion with regard to a wide array of domains, including social movements and politics, social stratification, immigration, health and well-being, and many others. Notable contributions have come from scholars whose main specialization is the sociology of religion, and from others who are known for their scholarship in other areas, but who have come to recognize the relevance of religion for their own work. Others have critiqued the “strong program” on a number of important grounds. The 2014 ASR meeting will explore what can be learned by viewing religion and spirituality as independent influences in social life, as well as the potential pitfalls of doing so, along with the many other approaches that flourish within the highly pluralistic sociology of religion.

Papers and discussion sessions on all topics within the sociology of religion are welcome, but especially those related to the meeting theme, including, but not limited to the following:

- Religion and demographic processes; Religion and globalization; Religion and politics; Religion and social movements; Religion and education; Spirituality and religion; Religion and socioeconomic inequality; Religion, spirituality, and health/well-being; Religion, race, and ethnicity; Religion, gender, and sexualities; Religion and immigration; Non-western religion and social change; Religion, terrorism, and violence; Religion and pro-social attitudes and behavior; Religion in adolescence and emerging adulthood; Religion, marriage, and family life; Religion, biology, and the body; Religion, crime, and deviance; Religion, spirituality, and emotions.

DEADLINES: Session Proposals are due by **March 31, 2014** (submit to Jeremy_Uecker@baylor.edu)

Paper Proposals and abstracts are due by **April 30, 2014** (submit through the Member Portal at www.sociologyofreligion.com)

Meeting registration is due by **July 1, 2014** (submit through the Member Portal at www.sociologyofreligion.com)