2022 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Section on the Sociology of Religion

Introduction
Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section’s vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2021 to August 2022 and a fiscal year from January 2022 to December 2022. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Sociology of Religion Section Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, August 6, 2022
JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM PDT

1.) Chair’s opening remarks/appreciations

2.) Approval of minutes from 2021 business meeting (see Appendix A)

3.) Moment of silence for Grant Shoffstall (see Appendix B for his obituary)

4.) Secretary-Treasurer report (Damon Mayrl)
   a. Membership
   b. Finances

5.) Award Presentations
   i. Simranjit Khalsa will announce the Student Paper Award Winner as Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California, “Inclusive and Included? Practices of Civic Inclusivity of American Muslims in Los Angeles” (and give Valentina a plaque); and then announce Student Paper Award Honorable Mention as Anthony Albanese, Penn State University, “Perceived Threat and Reactive Identification: Right-Wing Secularization in Germany, 1999-2017” (and give Anthony a certificate)
ii. Grace Yukich will announce the **Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship Award Co-Winners** as Elizabeth Becker, University of Heidelberg; and David Eagle, Duke University (and give David a plaque; Elizabeth will not be in attendance); and then announce the **Korie Little Edwards Research Grant Award Co-Winners** as Debadatta Chakraborty, University of Massachusetts—Amherst; and Saugher Nojan, San José State University (no plaques or certificates for the research grant winners)

iii. Ruth Braunstein will announce the **Early Career Award Winner** as Daniel Winchester, Purdue University (and give Daniel a plaque)

iv. Sorcha Brophy will announce the **Distinguished Article Award Winner** as Landon Schnabel, Cornell University, “Opiate of the Masses? Inequality, Religion, and Political Ideology in the United States” (2021, *Social Forces*, 99(3)) (and give Landon a plaque); and then announce the **Distinguished Article Award Honorable Mention** Patricia Homan and Amy Burdette (Florida State University), “When Religion Hurts: Structural Sexism and Health in Religious Congregations.” (2021, *American Sociological Review*, 86(2)) (and give Patricia both certificates as Amy will not be in attendance)

v. Tricia Bruce (on behalf of Gary Adler) will announce the **Distinguished Book Award Winner** as Mark Massoud, University of California—Santa Cruz, *Shari’a, Inshallah: Finding God in Somali Legal Politics* (2021, *Cambridge University Press*) (and give Mark a plaque)

vi. Jonathan Coley will announce the **Student Travel Award Winners** as Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California; Miray Philips, University of Minnesota; Ruiqian Li, Baylor University; Debadatta Chakraborty, University of Massachusetts—Amherst; Tessa Dorothy Huttenlocher, University of Pennsylvania; Qixin Pan, University of Kansas; Renan William dos Santos, University of São Paulo, Brazil; Steven James Foertsch, Baylor University; and Taylor Paige Winfield, Princeton University (no plaques or certificates for the travel award winners)

6.) New section chair, Tricia Bruce

7.) **Adjournment**—End meeting at 3:30 PM and invite/remind everyone to attend our joint reception with the Association for the Religion (ASR) from 7:30-9:30 PM at the Sheraton Grand, Deck.
Moment of silence for Grant Shofstall.

Damon gives the membership and finance report:

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**  
By Tim Clydesdale

1.) **Membership**  
We have 432 section members as of July 11, 2021. There were 449 in July 2021, 399 in July 2020, and 474 in December 2019, giving the section a net loss of 42 members since 2019. Given the pandemic and attendant disruption, this decline is not unreasonable and hopefully we will see a rebound in 2023 if the meeting is in-person and Covid transmission rates are low.

2.) **Finances**  
Our financial position is very good, due in particular to the continuing generosity of the Louisville Institute and Villanova University.

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Following the Report, the Section Awards were presented:

- Student award presented by Simranjit Khalsa to Valentina Cantori, honorable mention to Anthony Albanese.
- Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship Award presented by Grace Yukich to David Eagle and Elisabeth Becker.
- Early Career Award presented by Ruth Braunstein to Dan Winchester.
- Distinguished Article Award presented by Sorcha Brophy to Landon Schnabel, honorable mention to Patricia Homan and Amy Burdette.
- Distinguished Book Award presented by Tricia Bruce to Mark Massoud.
- Student Travel Grant Awards presented by Jonathan Coley to Valentina Cantori, Miray Phillips, Ruiqian Li, Debadatta Chakraborty, Tessa Dorothy Huttenlochner, Qixin Pan, Renan William dos Santos, Steven James Foertsch, and Taylor Paige Winfield.
- Korie Little Edwards Research Awards presented by Grace Yukich to Debadatta Chakraborty and Saugher Nojan.

Tricia symbolically accepts the section chairship, reminds people to attend the reception and mentoring events.

Meeting adjourns 3:32PM.

**Council Meeting**  
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decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Sociology of Religion Section Council Meeting Agenda
Saturday, August 6, 2022
LACC, Floor, Level 2, 301
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM PDT

1.) Chair’s Opening/Welcome/Thanks

2.) Approval of 2021 August Council Minutes (see Appendix A)

3.) Discussion Items
   a. Report on membership and finances, Secretary/Treasurer (Damon Mayrl)
   b. Attend our sessions (see Appendix B)!
   c. Collaboration with Association for the Sociology of Religion
      i. Reception
      ii. Panels
         1. Raising the visibility of our field (Kraig organized)
         2. State bureaucracies and religious freedom (Damon organized)
      iii. Mentoring sessions (see Appendix C)
   d. Awards and grants (see Appendix D)
   e. Selection of committee members
   f. ASA Connect
   g. Web/social media presence
   h. Other topics?

4.) Incoming Chair, Tricia Bruce

5.) Adjournment
Adjourn meeting at 7:30 AM
ASA Religion Section Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 6, 2022, 7AM
Present: Tricia Bruce, Gerardo Marti, Kelsy Burke, Rebecca Kim, Tia Pratt, Damon Mayrl, Jeff Guhin, Grace Yukich, Miray Phillips, Rachel Ellis

Tricia calls meeting to order at 7:13 and reads a note of thanks from Kraig in absentia.

Grace moves to approve minutes, Gerardo seconds, minutes are unanimously approved.

Damon presents membership and finance report.

Open discussion among Council. Discussion touches on Section collaborations with ASR and ways we might improve or reimagine them; Section awards and whether they should be acknowledged with plaques or certificate; and ways to diversify leadership pool.

Discussion of ASA Connect. Tricia, Grace, Damon will be the committee membership, and other Council members are encouraged to join. Further discussion of new system, and general discussion of communications strategy.

Discussion items from the floor led to discussion of ways to drum up more nominations for awards.

“Kraig” introduces Tricia as incoming chair. Tricia thanks Council for their time.

Meeting adjourns 7:43AM.

Awards
Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.


Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship Award: David Eagle (Duke) and Elisabeth Becker (Heidelberg)

Early Career Award: Daniel Winchester (Purdue)

Honorable mention: Patricia Homan and Amy Burdette (Florida State), “When Religion Hurts: Structural Sexism and Health in Religious Congregations”

Distinguished Book Award: Mark Massoud (UCSC), Shari’a Inshallah: Finding God in Somali Legal Politics

2022 Finances
Provide a narrative on how the 2022 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2022. Please account for any substantive differences.
Our budget finances are generally sound, although we have a modest structural deficit attributable to student travel awards and the Korie Little Edwards research grants. Council has elected to prioritize spending section reserves on these awards/grants over other activities, as we work to find a final and sustainable plan for funding them going forward. Apart from this, our budget balances.

The Previous Year
Describe Section activities during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Provide an overview of the Section’s communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

The main way in which our section communicated with members last year was through frequent emails from the chair. These emails generally featured members’ publication as well as announcements about jobs, post-docs, fellowships, grants, and webinars.

Describe the Section’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

Our section is very committed to diversity and inclusion. To that end, we proposed to amend our bylaws to make our diversity and inclusion committee a standing committee (see below), which our membership passed.

Sociology of Religion

Ballot Question

Do you approve the Bylaws Amendments as presented?
Yes – I approve the amendments
No – I do not approve the amendments

Amendment establishes the Diversity and Inclusion Committee as a standing committee.

Description of amendment, rationale, amendment language, and link to current bylaws available here: [ELECTION VENDOR TO INSERT LINK TO PDF]

If approved, effective date of the proposed amendment: September 1, 2022

Text to be included in linked PDF:

Amendment Description and Rationale
Amendment establishes the Diversity and Inclusion Committee as a standing committee. Currently, it is an ad hoc committee.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is central to the mission of the Sociology of Religion Section, and therefore needs to be a standing committee. This committee will identify measurable objectives to
present to section council each year, along with strategies to achieve those objectives (for instance, supporting sociologists of religion who engage in anti-racism and critical race research through the Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship Award and the Korie Little Research Grant Award.

**Proposed Amended Text**
Following to be inserted in Committee section:

There shall be a Diversity and Inclusion Committee consisting of a chair (or co-chairs) and at least two other members. Each person on the committee will serve a one-year term. Members on the committee the prior year can be reappointed the next year, with no limits on the number of years--consecutive or otherwise--people can serve. The Section Chair will work with Section Council and current members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to invite new members or reappoint current members. Those serving on the Committee must be members of the Sociology of Religion Section. The composition of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee will be finalized no later than September 1 for the coming year.

**Full Current Bylaws**
[https://www.asanet.org/file/4268](https://www.asanet.org/file/4268)

In addition, our diversity and inclusion committee solicited applications and made awards for the Korie Little Edwards Research Grant and Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship (see below).

Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

Below is the list our section’s sessions and events for the 2022 annual meeting in Los Angeles. We had sessions/roundtables on diverse substantive topics that are important to our membership as well as events that provided opportunities for networking and mentoring.

**ASA Religion Section Sessions**

**1111 - Religion’s Bureaucratic Tension—A Force for Displacement, A Sanctuary for the Displaced**

**Sat, August 6, 8:00 to 9:30am, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 301A**
**Session Submission Type:** Paper Session (90 min)
**Description**
The role of “religion” in public life has transformed in recent decades. Sociologists have examined how religious groups have responded to modernizing forces in dynamic ways, whether by reimagining the past or by providing spaces to help people cope with change. In particular, religion plays a key role in mediating the impact of challenges facing displaced populations as disparate as immigrants, refugees, the unemployed, and the unhoused, among others. What kinds of displacement are most salient in religious contexts and communities? As a bureaucracy, how does religion both perpetuate and exacerbate displacement? How does religion provide practices for mitigating displacement?

**Sub Unit**
Section on Sociology of Religion / Religion’s Bureaucratic Tension—A Force for Displacement, A Sanctuary for the Displaced

**Session Organizers**
Edward Orozco Flores, University of California-Merced
Christine Soriea Sheikh, Metropolitan State University-Denver

Presider
Christine Soriea Sheikh, Metropolitan State University-Denver

Individual Presentations
How German Muslims and Christians use Religion to Criticize Capitalism - Christian Konstantin Sperneac-Wolfer, Institute for Social Research Frankfurt
Stigmatized? Muslim American Advocates Crafting Public Images of Islam in the U.S. - Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California

1310 - Religion and COVID-19

Sat, August 6, 10:00 to 11:30am, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 153C
Session Submission Type: Invited Session (60 minute)
Description
This session will explore how the COVID-19 has affected religious organizations and communities, and how religious beliefs and practices have also impacted the course of the pandemic.
Sub Unit
Section on Sociology of Religion / Religion and COVID-19

Session Organizers
Amy M. Burdette, Florida State University
Rachel A. Rinaldo, University of Colorado-Boulder
Presider
Anna Holleman, Duke University
Panelists
Jerry Z. Park, Baylor University
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University
Erin F. Johnston, Duke University
John H. Evans, University of California-San Diego

1774 - Table 1: Religion and Comparative Historical
In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (90 min)
Description
This roundtable brings together a variety of papers related to religion and comparative or historical methods or topics.
Sub Unit
Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables

Session Organizer
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University
Table Presider
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University
Individual Presentations
A Social History of Christofascism - Steven Foertsch, Baylor University; Christopher Pieper, Baylor University
Does Ideational Diffusion Explain the Spread of Witch Persecution in Early Modern Europe? - Kerice Doten-Snitker, Chapman University; Yuan Hsiao, University of Washington; Steven Pfaff, University of Washington


1774 - Table 2. Religion and Race
In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (90 min)
Description
This roundtable brings together a variety of papers on religion and race.

Sub Unit
Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables

Session Organizer
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University

Table Presider
Stephanie M. House-Niamke, West Virginia University

Individual Presentations
From Incarceration to Imancipation: Blackamerican Muslim Conversion and Reentry - Laila Noureldin, University of Chicago
Whitewashing in the Field of Pagan Studies - Michelle Mueller, California Institute of Integral Studies

1774 - Table 3. Religion, Emotion, Identity, and Morals
In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (90 min)
Description
This roundtable brings together papers on a variety of topics related to religion, emotion, identity, and morals.

Sub Unit
Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables

Session Organizer
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University

Table Presider
Timothy L. O’Brien, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Individual Presentations
Contesting Despair: Faith Communities Respond to the Overdose Crisis - Emily B. Campbell, College of the Holy Cross
In Power we Trust: Do (Ir)religious Groups Use their Online Communications to Exert Power over Others - Nikolitsa Grigoropoulou, University of Bremen
Religious Identities and Perceptions of Scientists’ Moral Values: Evidence from a United States Survey - Timothy L. O’Brien, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Shiri Noy, Denison University
Why Some People Convert, While Others Do Not? Conflicting Feeling Rules and Interaction Rituals in Evangelizing - Qixin Pan

1774 - Table 4. Religion, Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage
In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (90 min)
Description
This roundtable brings together a variety of papers on religion, gender, sexuality, and marriage.
Sub Unit
Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables

Session Organizer
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University

Table Presider
Lee Thorpe Jr, West Virginia University

Individual Presentations
Education, Work, and Politics: How Religiosity and National Context Shape Perspectives of Women’s Spheres - Esther Chan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Di Di, Santa Clara University
Employment, gender and religion among Syrian refugees in Canada: health, the hijab, and religiosity. - Ian Van Haren, McGill University
The Limits of Congregational Support for Working Women - Oneya Fennell Okuwobi, Rice University; Denise Daniels, Wheaton College
Change and Organizational Constraints: Religion and Same Sex Marriage in Sikh Dharma - Simranjit Khalsa, University of Memphis
“Spiritual turn or new religion?”: The Case Study of a French Association of Christian-Muslim Families’ - Francesco Cerchiaro, KU Leuven

1774 - Table 5. Religious Organizations
In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (90 min)
Description
This roundtable brings together papers on a variety of different topics related to religious organizations.

Sub Unit
Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables

Session Organizer
Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University

Table Presider
Annette M. Mackay, West Virginia University

Individual Presentations
Expanding the Horizontal Call: A Typology of Social Influences on the Call to Ministry - Erin F. Johnston, Duke University; David E. Eagle, Duke University
Expanding While Shrinking: Organizational Change in a Buddhist Community - Rebecca S.K. Li, The College of New Jersey
God’s Time: Temporality in the Organization of Calls to Missions in the Southern Baptist Convention - Andrew Chalfoun, University of California Los Angeles
Religious Organizations and Challenges in Gentrifying Neighborhoods: Praxis and Activism - Annette M. Mackay, West Virginia University

1774 - Table 6. Religion, Politics, and Activism
In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4
Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (90 min)
Description
This roundtable brings together papers on religion, politics, and activism.
**Sara Guthrie, West Virginia University**

**Individual Presentations**

- **Permeability of Politics: Exploring Political Discourse within a Closed Religious Community Using Machine Learning** - Sara Guthrie, West Virginia University
- **Transnational faith-based climate activism and its “acclimatization” challenges in Brazilian Protestantism** - Renan William dos Santos, The University of São Paulo / Brazil
- **Who Are Politically Liberal white evangelical Protestants?** - Jesse Lee DeDeyne, Baylor University

**1774 - Table 7. Religious Exceptionalism, Persecution, Change, and Secularization**

**In Event: 1774 - Sociology of Religion Roundtables**

Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4

**Session Submission Type:** Refereed Roundtable (90 min)

**Description**

This roundtable brings together a variety of papers on the topic of religious exceptionalism, persecution, change, and secularization.

**Sub Unit**

**Section on Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Religion Roundtables**

**Session Organizer**

Katie E. Corcoran, West Virginia University

**Table Presider**

Butheina Hamdah

**Individual Presentations**

- **American Muslims, Exceptionalism, and Civil Religion: An Elaboration** - Butheina Hamdah
- **Go and Make Disciples in Cities, Suburbs, and Rural Areas: Religious Traditions and Communities, 1972-2016** - Brian J. Miller, Wheaton College
- **Is the West Exceptional in Experiencing Religious Decline? Worldwide Trends and Generational Patterns in Religiosity, 1981-2020** - Louisa Roberts, University of South Dakota

**1874 - Sociology of Religion Business Meeting**

Sat, August 6, 3:00 to 3:30pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 4

**Session Submission Type:** Business Meeting

**1911 - Religion and Racial Justice**

Sat, August 6, 4:00 to 5:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 301A

**Session Submission Type:** Paper Session (90 min)

**Description**

This session focuses on religious responses to racial injustices, particularly in the United States. How have religious groups and institutions responded to contemporary and historical patterns of racial injustice and how have religious communities mobilized social movements to address these issues? We also explore how recent movements for racial justice, such as Black Lives Matter, have shaped, and been shaped by, religious practices, beliefs, and congregational life.

**Sub Unit**

**Section on Sociology of Religion / Religion and Racial Justice**

**Session Organizers**

Omar M. McRoberts, University of Chicago
**Sharon Erickson Nepstad**, University of New Mexico-Albuquerque

**Presider**

**Sharon Erickson Nepstad**, University of New Mexico-Albuquerque

**Individual Presentations**

**Black Religion & Black Politics - Jason E. Shelton**, University of Texas at Arlington

“Take it to the Lord:” Religion and Responses to Racial Discrimination in the Workplace - **Bianca Mabute-Louie**, Rice University; **Rachel Schneider**, Rice University; **Elaine Howard Ecklund**, Rice University; **Denise Daniels**, Wheaton College

**Theological Foundations of Civil Disobedience and Racial Awareness in the Sanctuary Movement - Anna Holleman**, Duke University; **Pamela Zabala Ortiz**, Duke University


**Discussant**

**Omar M. McRoberts**, University of Chicago

**Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion**

Sat, August 6, 7:30 to 9:30pm, Sheraton Grand, Deck

**Session Submission Type**: Reception

**Location**: Sheraton Grand Los Angeles, 711 S. Hope Street

**ASA Religion Section and Association for the Sociology of Religion Joint Sessions**

**Mentoring Sessions for Starting Scholars**

Sunday, August 7, 12:00-1:00 PM, Sheraton Grand, California BE Room

Eight panels will be concurrently held at separate tables, with attendees moving to different tables throughout the hour if they choose to do so. See attached file for specific sessions and panelists. Light food and beverages will be provided (see attachment for lineup).

**Raising the Visibility of the Sociology of Religion**

Monday, August 8, 4:45-6:15 PM, Sheraton Grand, California E Room

**Convener/Discussant**: James Cavendish, University of South Florida

**Panelists**:

Kraig Beyerlein, University of Notre Dame

Korie Edwards, Ohio State University

Brie Loskota, University of Chicago

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania

**State Bureaucracies and the Local Management of Religious Freedom**

Tuesday, August 9, 12:00-1:30PM, LACC, Level 2, 403B

**Session Description**: As one of the cornerstones of the modern human rights regime, religious freedom is both celebrated and litigated both in the United States and overseas. Yet while religious freedom may be defined by courts, in practice its realization depends on the actions of local officials who have considerable discretion over where and how religious groups may practice their faith. This panel considers how local bureaucratic and political actors make decisions governing religious life, in the
process facilitating some religious freedom claims while dismissing and displacing others. The papers on
the panel examine the local management of religion from multiple angles: from the perspective of faith
leaders as well as local officials, in freewheeling political forums as well as controlled institutional
spaces, in the United States as well as abroad, and across denominational and racial lines. Bringing these
diverse local intersections of church and state into conversation, this panel illuminates how bureaucratic
decisions shape how the lofty ideal of religious freedom is realized in practice.

Session Organizer: Damon Mayrl, Colby College
Presider: Jim Spickard, University of Redlands

Individual Presentations:

Policing the Wall: How American Religious Leaders Think About and Perceive Local Government
Infringements on Religious Freedom -- Gary J. Adler, Pennsylvania State University, Damon Mayrl, Colby
College, Jonathan S. Coley, Oklahoma State University, Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount University

Black Religious Leaders and the Fine Line of Political Negotiation -- Korie Edwards, The Ohio State
University

By the Least Restrictive Means? Religious Freedom in a State Women’s Prison -- Rachel Ellis, University
of Maryland

Martínez-Ariño, University of Groningen

Discussant: Jaime Kucinskas, Hamilton College

Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g.
webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include
explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

We promoted a webinar that featured section member Damon Mayrl, “What Is Religious Freedom and
How Do We Study It in Social Sciences?” The webinar was structured around recent articles in Social
Compass on the judicialization and dejudicialization of religious freedom and was an engaging hour on
the future of courts in determining the prospects for religious freedom, and how social scientists can
devise research projects that help investigate that future.
ASA Sociology of Religion Section & Association for the Sociology of Religion  
2022 Mentoring Sessions for Starting Scholars  
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