The AMISH and PLAIN ANABAPTIST STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Newsletter
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1. ANNUAL APASA MEMBERSHIP CYCLE OPEN

APASA membership runs on an annual cycle. Join APASA for 2021 by visiting http://www.amishstudies.org/JoinAPASA.html

The two-step process includes (1) sending payment for dues, and (2) filling out the membership form.

Benefits include the members-only listserv (with 231 posts of new content—news, publications, events, etc.—in 2020 alone), the ability to participate in our annual conference and publish in JAPAS, association support and promotion of members’ work, and other benefits.

2. NEW APASA SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEES

APASA has two new committees to help serve its members and contribute to the growth of our professional organization.

The scholarship committee promotes and helps index JAPAS content and creates awareness of members’ scholarship. They also have several other projects in the early stages of development that will help APASA support plain Anabaptist scholarship.

Scholarship committee members include Natalie Jolly as chair (University of Washington), Layla Kassem (NIH), Renee Laux (Case Western Reserve University), Martin Lutz (Humboldt University of Berlin), and Andrea Waksmunski (Case Western Reserve University).

The communications committee oversees our listservs and membership rosters, manages communications and the website, spreads word about APASA and the annual conference, and hosts our service provider conference calls.

Communications committee members include Helen Farrar as secretary (University of Oklahoma), Jeremy Fryman (Marion Technical College), Vickie Muir (University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center), and Fred Witzig (Apostolic Christian Church research services).

Thank you all for your service!

The APASA Board of Directors includes: Cory & Jennifer Anderson, Executive Directors (Pennsylvania State University); Kristin Park, Secretary (Westminster College); and Steven Reschly (Truman State University).

3. JAPAS BOARD UPDATE

The Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies is run by a diverse group of 18 international scholars from a variety of disciplines. Editorial board members solicit articles, seek peer reviewers, and promote the journal.

Board members serve four-year terms with renewals. We have five members whose terms were up for renewal, and we are pleased to have Michael Sauder, Vlatka Škender, Christopher Petrovich, and Natalie Jolly renew. Jeanette Harder’s term has also finished and she has chosen not to renew. Thank you, Jeanette, for your service and valuable input. Susan Trollinger (University of Dayton) has stepped into the vacant board position. Welcome Susan!

A complete list of board members, including highlights of their scholarship, is available at http://www.amishstudies.org/EditorialStaff.html
4. JAPAS META-DATA FOR ENDNOTE, ZOTERO, AND OTHER REFERENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies* now makes article-specific metadata available. You can download an RIS file which can be imported into EndNote, Zotero, or other reference management software. For metadata files, see article title pages at: https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/amishstudies/

Want reference files for entire issues or all volumes of JAPAS? Bulk download content at: http://amishstudies.org/ReadJournal.html

5. NEW JAPAS PUBLICATION CATEGORY: LETTERS

The *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies* now welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should address JAPAS content or salient issues in Amish and plain Anabaptist studies. Letters are not peer reviewed and are published at the Journal’s discretion. Letters should be short and contain minimal references.

Our diverse range of publication types includes original research articles, research notes, service provider reports, briefs, symposiums, review essays, book reviews, and research from plain people. Download our full submission guidelines for details: http://amishstudies.org/SubmitPaper.html

6. CALL FOR JAPAS COVER IMAGES

*The Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies* is a semiannual academic journal seeking novel perspectives in photography, art, and visual media for its issue covers. Professional and lay artists and photographers are invited to submit work that represents advances in visualizing the plain people—Amish, Mennonites, Hutterites, German Baptists, Apostolic Christians, and others—and their material culture.


*JAPAS* represents the highest quality in intellectual contributions to plain Anabaptist research. New issue announcements posted on our email subscriber lists showcase the issue cover and reach an international audience of over 3,000 scholars, service providers, and plain people; additional promotion reaches even more, including plain people without email.

Submissions are reviewed regularly. Accepted work will include an artist-authored description inside the cover that discusses the perceptual advances offered by the cover art, as well as a bio and professional website (if applicable).

As a scholarly, non-profit journal, our staff of volunteers work to advance new knowledge and perspectives. And as with other scholarly journals, we cannot offer compensation to authors and artists. To have your work considered, submit an inquiry to Dr. Cory Anderson, editor (editor@amishstudies.org). See amishstudies.org for more details about JAPAS.

7. RECAP OF JAPAS VOLUME 8 (2020)

Articles available for free electronically (see amishstudies.org); print back issues are $15 each plus $3 shipping

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