

THE AMISH AND PLAIN ANABAPTIST STUDIES ASSOCIATION

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1. APASA: OUR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

As a non-profit organization, APASA has by-laws that document our formal purposes, and our growing consortium of staff and members are implementing these purposes in diverse ways. Our by-laws describe a people who aim to:

1. Create greater awareness of Amish and plain Anabaptist research, teaching, and service work in academic, applied, and public contexts;
2. Advance theoretical, analytical, and applied knowledge by providing venues for discussion of research, teaching, and service;
3. Provide outlets for the dissemination of knowledge, resources, and scholarship;
4. Offer mentorship to service providers and scholars new to the Amish and plain Anabaptists;
5. Promote partnerships between and among scholars and service providers;
6. Cultivate respect for the dignity of plain Anabaptist individuals and their collective peoplehood through our work, not causing undue grievances, nor exploiting the culture for ideological, material, institutional, or personal gain.

2. SUPPORT YOUR WORK WITH AN APASA MEMBERSHIP

We welcome those who share our goals into APASA membership. Membership runs on an annual cycle and supports your work in many ways.

Join APASA for 2021 by visiting <http://amish-studies.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.

3. ROLLING SUBMISSIONS WELCOME: *JOURNAL OF AMISH & PLAIN ANABAPTIST STUDIES*

Published twice a year, the *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies* is run by a diverse group of 18 international scholars from a variety of disciplines and inclusive of several plain Anabaptist adherents. We welcome submissions on a rolling basis and offer the following publication categories:

- Research articles, notes, and briefs
- Service provider reports
- Symposiums and review essays
- Book reviews
- Research from plain people
- Letters to the editor

Why publish with JAPAS? *JAPAS* is a rigorously edited journal that demands authors demonstrate a deep understanding of the study population. With an experienced editorial staff dedicated to conceptual precision, a publication in *JAPAS* is one of the best ways to validate your nuanced understanding of a plain Anabaptist group or subject. *JAPAS* reaches a broad audience of scholars, service providers, and plain Anabaptist adherents and is indexed in several key research databases.

All manuscripts may be submitted through the *JAPAS* submission system at <https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/amishstudies/>

4. THE FIFTH ANNUAL APASA CONFERENCE (2021): ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS THROUGH APRIL 30

*Hotel Millersburg
Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio*

Friday, July 16, 1pm to Saturday, July 17, 5pm, 2021

Overview: The ongoing growth of the plain people—the Amish, Hutterites, German Baptists, Apostolic Christians, Swiss Mennonites, Low German Mennonites, and others—means that more people are encountering these religious groups in the public sphere. Those who specifically study or work with the plain people must continue advancing our bodies of knowledge through critical evaluation of old knowledge and introduction of new ideas. The goals of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies Association (APASA) conferences are to disseminate advances in research and practice, spark new ideas through conversation, and broaden professional networks.

Invitation: The conference planning committee extends a welcome to professors and scholars in the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities; service providers, including those in health care, education, social work, agricultural extension, law, planning, and others; and affiliates of plain Anabaptists religious groups to both attend and share your research, projects, and perspectives. Such an eclectic mix offers a unique opportunity to compare insights and learn from one another. Thought-provoking conversations, presentations, and panels, all within a collegial context, are characteristic of APASA conferences, and this year will be no exception.

Contingency Plans: In the event public health concerns remain by May 17, 2021—two months prior to the conference—we will announce contingency plans for a remote conference. We encourage those interested in the conference to tentatively plan to attend in person but delay making travel and lodging reservations until after May 17 or ensure reservations are refundable.

Submit a Proposal: The conference committee will continually review and offer decisions on submissions until Friday, April 30, 11:59pm, or when the program is filled, whichever comes first. Both remote-based and in-person submissions are accepted at this time.

Submissions may include presentations (20 minutes) and organized sessions, panels or workshops (80 minutes), posters, and program/vendor booths. For more details or to submit a proposal, visit the conference website (<http://amishstudies.org>)

5. CALL: SPECIAL ISSUE OF *JAPAS* *Agriculture, Environment, and the Plain People*

Do you work with the plain people (Amish, Mennonites, Hutterites, and others) on topics related to agriculture and the environment?

Do you conduct agriculture and environmental research focused on the plain people?

The *Journal of Amish & Plain Anabaptist Studies* is interested in receiving submissions for a special issue focusing on agriculture and the environment, to be published autumn 2021.

Areas of interest include:

- Agricultural practice
- Extension/outreach projects
- Agricultural safety and health
- Environmental impacts and conservation
- Nature studies
- History of agriculture
- Agricultural economics
- Views of science
- Other related topics

See <http://amishstudies.org/SubmitPaper.html> for details about publication types and submissions. Completed submissions are **due Friday, July 30, 2021**.

Please reach out with questions. We look forward to working with you. Inquiries and letters of intent to submit should be sent to Dr. Cory Anderson, *JAPAS* editor: editor@amishstudies.org.

Prospective authors are also encouraged to present their research at the agriculture/environment session of the Amish & Plain Anabaptist Studies Association conference, July 16-17th. Visit amishstudies.org for conference details.

For this special issue, Dr. Caroline Brock, University of Missouri, will serve as guest co-editor with regular editors Cory Anderson and Steven Reschly. Brock has done much to advance Amish agricultural research with her recent publications in *J. of Rural Studies*, *Society & Natural Resources*, *Sustainability*, *J. of Dairy Science*, *JAPAS*, and other venues.

6. 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>

7. APASA MEMBER NOTABLES

APASA members have been productive! Our APASA members' listserv has recently announced these new publications by APASA members. Posts included additional descriptions and links Here's some highlights of recent APASA member publications:

- Anderson, Cory and Lindsey Potts. 2020. "The Amish Health Culture and Culturally Sensitive Health Services: An Exhaustive Narrative Review." *Social Science & Medicine* 265:113466.
- Anderson, Cory and Lee Decker. 2020. "Evaluation and Revision of an Instrument Measuring Attitudes toward the Amish." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 14(2):195-211.
- Burklow, Caitlin M., M. Susan Jones, Dorcas T. Allen, Sarah E. Cherry, Tiffany J. Jackson, Kimberly L. Dethridge and Vivian H. McClellan. 2020. "A Nurse-Led Population-Based Health Education Project to Improve Infant Care Knowledge for an Old Order Mennonite Community." *Nursing for Women's Health* 24(6):446-52.
- Brock, Caroline, J. A. Pempek, Douglas Jackson-Smith, K. Weaver, L. da Costa and G. G. Habing. 2021. "Organic Dairy Producer Experiences and Decisions Related to Disease Prevention and Treatment." *Journal of Dairy Science*. [In press]
- Corcoran, Katie E., Rachel E. Stein, Corey J. Colyer and Brittany M. Kowalski. 2020. "Familial Ties, Location of Occupation, and Congregational Exit in Geographically-Based Congregations: A Case Study of the Amish." *Review of Religious Research*. [In press]
- Cross, John A. 2021. "Old Order Dairy Farmers in Wisconsin." *Geographical Review*. [In press]
- Freudenburg, Maren, Martin Lutz and Martin Radermacher. 2020. "Gospels of Prosperity and Simplicity. Assessing Variation in the Protestant Moral Economy." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 16:Article 8.
- Jantz, Ronald. 2020. "Lived Religion: The Modern World and the Existential Threat to the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite." *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 38:221-42.
- Neriya-Ben Shahar, Rivka. 2020. "Mobile Internet Is Worse Than the Internet; It Can Destroy Our Community": Old Order Amish and Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Women's Responses to Cellphone and Smartphone Use." *The Information Society* 36(1):1-18.
- Scott, Ethan M., Rachel Stein, Miraiides F. Brown, Jennifer Hershberger, Elizabeth M. Scott and Olivia K. Wenger. 2021. "Vaccination Patterns of the Northeast Ohio Amish Revisited." *Vaccine* 39(7):1058-63.
- Stein, Rachel E., Katie E. Corcoran, Brittany M. Kowalski and Corey J. Colyer. 2020. "Congregational Cohesion, Retention, and the Consequences of Size Reduction: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of an Old Order Amish Church." *Sociology of Religion* 81(2):206-29.
- Waksmunski, Andrea R., Yeunjoo E. Song, Tyler G. Kinzy, Reneé A. Laux, Jane Sewell, Denise Fuzzell, Sarada Fuzzell, Sherri Miller, Janey L. Wiggs, Louis R. Pasquale, Jonathan M. Skarie, Jonathan L. Haines and Jessica N. Cooke Bailey. 2021. "The GGLEAM Study: Understanding Glaucoma in the Ohio Amish." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18(4):1551.
- Wasao, Samson, Cory Anderson and Christian Mpydy. 2021. "The Persistently High Fertility of a North American Population: A 25-Year

Restudy of Parity among the Ohio Amish.”
Population Studies. [In press]

8. 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>

9. 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.

Our autumn 2020 issue featured the work of professional photographer, Dina Litovsky, who contributes regularly to National Geographic, The New York Times Magazine, TIME, New Yorker, GQ, and New York Magazine.

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.

10. 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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