Amish Studies Mini-Conference

at the 2017 Rural Sociological Society annual conference in Columbus, OH

July 27-28

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Field Trip: Holmes County, the world’s largest Amish community
Stops include several world-renowned Amish agricultural sites, a cyclorama painting of Amish history, and lunch at an Amish homestead.

July 28

Amish Mini-Conference Sessions
Research about one of America’s fastest growing, most exclusively rural populations
Session 1: Prejudice and Community Perceptions
Session 2: Health and Community
Session 3: The Amish Population
Session 4: Agriculture, Business, and Education
AMISH MINI-CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND POSTERS

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

POSTERS
(1) Examining Attitudinal Bias towards Old Order Amish
   William McGuigan [Pennsylvania State University, Shenango]

(2) Body Image and Life Satisfaction in Amish Women
   Denise Davidson [Loyola University], Kelly Hughes [Auburn University], Elizabeth Hilvert [Loyola University],
   Ieva Misiumaite [Loyola University], and Alan Shuldiner [University of Maryland]

SESSION 1: Advances in Amish Studies / Prejudice and Community Perceptions
(1) Amish Demographics: The Strategies behind the Amish Population Profile
   Edsel Burdge [The Young Center, Elizabethtown College]

(2) Literacy and language change in Pennsylvania Dutch
   Steven Keiser [Marquette University]

(3) Evaluating Culture and Discovering Boundaries: Non-Amish Perceptions of and Experiences with the Old
    Order Amish
   Kristin Park [Westminster College]

(4) The Old Order Amish and Prejudice: Attitudes, Contact, and Discriminatory Treatment
   Bryan Byers [Ball State University] & William McGuigan [Pennsylvania State University, Shenango]

SESSION 2: Health and Community
(1) Old Order Amish Women and Medical Crises in Depression-Era Lancaster County, PA
   Katherine Jellison [Ohio University]

(2) Folk Healthcare Models and Practices in an Anabaptist Subgroup
   Janelle Zimmerman [Millersville University]

(3) Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behaviors Surrounding Breast Cancer among Amish Women: A 10-Year Review
   Melissa Thomas [Ohio Health Research & Innovation Institute], David Drees [Ohio Health Research & Innovation Institute],
   Doretta Thomas [Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education], and Barb Miller [Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education]

(4) Making Healthcare Amish: Amish Responses to Genetic Disorders in Ohio and Pennsylvania
   Sarah Miller-Fellows [Case Western University]

SESSION 3: The Amish Population Research Group
(1) The Demographic Structure of the Amish: Initial Findings from a Near-Census
   Cory Anderson [Truman State University], Joseph Donnermeyer [Ohio State University], Samson Wasao [independent],
   Corey Colyer [West Virginia University], and Rachel Stein [West Virginia University]

(2) A Revisit of Parity Changes Among the Amish of Northeast Ohio
   Samson Wasao, Cory Anderson, and Joseph Donnermeyer

(3) Solidarity and Commitment across Amish Affiliations
   Rachel Stein and Corey Colyer

(4) Modeling Future Amish Settlement Sites in GIS
   Rachel Bacon [Pennsylvania State University], Cory Anderson, and Joseph Donnermeyer

SESSION 4: Agriculture, Business, and Education
(1) Advantages and Disadvantages of Amish Education
   Mark Dewalt [Winthrop University] and Deb Mink [Indiana University Southeast]

(2) The Still-Changing Occupational Structure of Amish Males: A Nationwide Profile
   Joseph Donnermeyer and Cory Anderson

(3) Lancaster County Amish Women’s Entrepreneurship: Minding their Own Businesses
   Beth Graybill [Millersville University]

(4) Plain Farmer Dairy Herd Health Management as a Component of Sustainability
   Caroline Brock [University of Missouri-Columbia] and Rebeeca Schewe [Syracuse University]