2018 AMISH MINI-CONFERENCE
at the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center
Friday, June 1, 2018

SESSION 1: DEMOGRAPHY / RESEARCH RESOURCES [8:45-9:45am]
(1) The Demographic Structure of the Amish: Updated Findings from a Near-Census—Cory Anderson* [Truman State University]

(2) A Revisit of Parity Changes among the Amish of Northeast Ohio—Samson Wasao* [independent], Christian Mpody [The Ohio State University], and Joseph Donnermeyer* [The Ohio State University]

(3) Exploring Research Resources at the Ohio Amish Library—Wayne Yoder* [Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center]

DIGITAL POSTER DISPLAY (during break, continued over lunch break)
Amish Reality TV: A Thematic Assessment—Caitlyn Lee* [Truman State University]

SESSION 2: TEACHING ABOUT THE AMISH [10:00-11:15am]
Teaching about the Amish: Insights and Recommendations from the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and a Diversity and Inclusion Framework—Kristin Park* [Westminster College] and Caroline Brock* [The Ohio State University-Wooster]

LUNCH at local restaurant, pay your own way [11:15am-12:20pm]

OPTIONAL TOUR of the Behalt Cyclorama, a 360-degree painting of Anabaptist history [12:30-1:00pm]

SESSION 3: HEALTH [1:15-2:30pm]
(1) Medical and Health Matters among the Amish of Lancaster County in the 1930s—Steven Reschly* [Truman State University]

(2) “We try to stay independent … but we still need them”: Anabaptist Lay Caregivers’ Experiences of Caring for Burn and Wound Injured Patient—Rosanna Hess* [Malone University]

(3) The Impact of Social Influence on Breast Cancer Education among Amish and Mennonite Women—Melissa Thomas* [Ohio University], Doretta Thomas [Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education], and Barbara Miller [Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education]

(4) Plain Farmer Attitudes and Behavior around Healthcare: Professional “Scientific” Views versus Farmer Experience—Caroline Brock* and Rebecca Schewe [Syracuse University]

DIGITAL POSTER DISPLAY (during break, continued during following break)
Suggested Revisions to the McGuigan Attitudes Toward the Amish (ATA) Scale after a Test of External Validity—Lee Decker* [Truman State University]
SESSION 4: SOCIAL [2:45-3:45pm]
(1) Amish Gesellschaft: A Longitudinal Case Study of a Community—Brittany Kowalski*, Rachel Stein, and Corey Colyer [West Virginia University]

(2) What the Amish Are Doing on the Internet in the Library and Why It May (Not) Matter—Cory Anderson*

(3) Wisconsin v. Yoder and Compulsory Education as Defined by Criminal & Civil Law and the Social Construction of Reality—Bryan Byers* [Ball State University] and Paul Becker [University of Dayton]

SESSION 5: THEORY [4:00-5:00pm]
Using the Plain Anabaptist Case to Advance Disciplinary Knowledges
Convener: Cory Anderson
Panel Members: Steven Reschly, Luann Good Gingrich, Jeffrey Longhofer (?), Joseph Donnermeyer

APASA BUSINESS MEETING [5:00-5:45pm]
Members of APASA are invited to stay for a meeting to formally organize the Association and provide vision and structure. Afterwards, all attendees are welcome to an evening get-together over supper.

EVENING [6:00pm-]
The Ohio Amish Kidney Fund has a fundraiser at the Mt. Hope Auction grounds, four miles north of the conference location. The turn-out of supporters is large. The evening includes supper (donation-basis), volleyball tournaments for the youth, and bluegrass-style entertainment. The event is an interesting window into contemporary “popular culture” among the Amish in Holmes County.