
Amish Studies Mini-Conference

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

July 27-28



July 27

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 Misiunaite [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 Rebecca Schewe [Syracuse University]