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 Burdige [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]