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Announcements

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.

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 Letters are not peer reviewed and are published at the Journal's discretion.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>

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/> or mailed to the editor.

NEW *JAPAS* ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The APASA Scholarship Committee announces an article of the year award. The prize is given to an outstanding article published in a given year in *JAPAS*. The first award will be announced for the 2020 volume of *JAPAS* (volume 8, issues 1 and 2). The award includes a free one year membership to APASA, a waiver for attending the annual APASA conference, a letter of critical review from the committee, and a token of acknowledgement. All articles are eligible except those lead-authored by the *JAPAS* editor and assistant editor.

Members of the Scholarship Committee, as well as ad hoc reviewers as needed, evaluate articles. Criteria for an award include: (1) Innovation: the topic/content is original and/or addresses a gap in the literature; (2) Background: The article is properly contextualized, either theoretically or practically; (3) Methodology: The study progresses from the research question(s) to finding(s) and/or result(s); (4) Data sources: The article is empirical/data-driven and/or reliant on primary sources; and (5) Interdisciplinary: Even if well situated in a particular discipline, the article carries implications for a diverse audience.

NEW APASA CAFÉ SPEAKER SERIES

The APASA Scholarship Committee announces the launch of a new webinar/teleconference series: APASA Café. Beginning May 2021, talks are held on fourth Fridays of most months at 12pm EST. All are invited to the first and second talks (May/June); members will receive a web link through our email listserv. Those who do not receive emails can request a phone dial-in number by contacting APASA, 7010 SR 241, Millersburg, OH 44654. The first talk will be May 28 at 12pm:

Parental Wealth and Children's Decisions to Join the Amish Church: New Empirical Results and Implications for Theories of Religious Institutions

Dr. James Choy,
Bureau of Economic Analysis

Families and religious communities are two of the most important institutions that shape our societies,

creating patterns of advantage and disadvantage, flourishing and dysfunction, that persist across generations. How do these institutions interact to generate these patterns? In this talk, I will discuss some standard theories of religion from economics and other disciplines, and the implications of these theories for the intergenerational transmission of both material wealth and cultural identity. I will then present my own research on the intergenerational transmission of both material wealth and cultural identity among the Amish. I show, among other things, that children of richer Amish parents are more likely to remain in the Amish church. My results challenge standard theories of religion. I will argue more generally that the study of the Amish can inform broader debates about the function of religious institutions.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL APASA CONFERENCE (2021)

*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.

Submit a Proposal

The conference committee will continually review and offer decisions on submissions until Monday, May 31, 11:59pm, or when the program is filled, whichever comes first.

Submissions may include presentations (20 minutes) for sessions, fully organized sessions, panels or workshops (80 minutes), posters, and program/vendor booths.

Session topics are determined based on submissions, although attendees can also apply to a feature topic. This year's feature topics are: (1) public policy, (2) gender, (3) health and well-being, (4) dress and appearance, and (5) cultural competency / practice-oriented strategies

For more details or to submit a proposal, visit the conference website (<http://amishstudies.org>)

Registration: Opens June 1, 2021

APASA Regular Member: \$65

APASA Student/Need-Based Member: \$40

Non-members may attend the conference by joining APASA. Current annual rates are \$30 for regular membership and \$15 for student/need-based membership. Registration will open after May 17. While there is no registration deadline, space is tentatively limited to 60 people. Register online or send personal information with payment to: the address below.

The Holmes County, OH, Area

The conference is located within the sizeable Holmes County Amish community. The greater Holmes County area provides many opportunities for research and leisure.

For Service Providers

“What can I expect to get out of attending the APASA Conference?”

(1) Gain awareness of important trends among the plain people, which can inform the nature of your service work

(2) Meet others who work with the Amish and Mennonites in a variety of services (e.g., social work, agriculture, conservation, education, tourism, health, and governance) as well as scholars with new perspectives and data that can inform your outreach work.

(3) Join discussions about service-specific topics from a variety of panels.

(4) Learn more about the Amish and plain Anabaptist faith and culture.

Continuing education credit hours

We welcome professionals who are seeking continuing education credit. Check with your employer to ensure that this event qualifies for credit. We can furnish a certificate of attendance for those present during the entire conference or for the required hours needed.

Lodging

APASA has a reduced rate for lodging at the beautiful, historic Hotel Millersburg in downtown Millersburg. 35. W. Jackson St, Millersburg, OH 44654. 330-674-1457

Hotel Millersburg is listed on the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic Places and is located in the Millersburg National Historic district.

For rates and details, call the hotel or visit the conference website.

Contact

For questions about the APASA conference, contact Cory Anderson at editor@amishstudies.org or write to APASA, 7010 State Route 241, Millersburg, OH 44654.