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## Announcements for *JAPAS* 10(1)

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## Announcements

**SAVE THE DATE: APASA 2023  
CONFERENCE IS AUGUST 2-3 (WED/TH)**

**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* represents a highly engaging forum where professionals and plain people alike address new challenges through novel and innovative strategies.

We offer the following free services:

- professional review and editing
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**What makes JAPAS distinctive?**

- *JAPAS* is the original Amish and plain Anabaptist journal. The innovative spirit that brought this publication to life is still evidenced in the precedent-setting imaginativeness of every issue.

- *JAPAS* loves new ideas. Our board members include scholars and service providers, plain people, women and men of all ages, contributors from both sides of the Atlantic, and numerous institutions. They support *JAPAS* because they share a commitment to advancing understanding through diverse perspectives.

- The *JAPAS* 25-member book review panel consists entirely of plain people. This is just one of

many ways the “written about” will “write back” in *JAPAS*.

All manuscripts may be submitted through the *JAPAS* submission system at <https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/amishstudies/> or mailed to the editor at P.O. Box 37, Mt. Hope, OH 44660

### DEADLINE EXTENDED

**“Sociocultural Aspects of Health & Medicine  
among the Plain People”**

**Spring 2023**

The unique culture and genetic background of plain Anabaptist populations—including the Amish, Mennonites, Hutterites, and others—has inspired a large body of research on the health of these populations. Genetic studies, for example, have identified mutations responsible for many common diseases as well as newly identified recessive disorders. Applied and cultural research has addressed ways people shape health practices, notably plain people’s attraction to alternative and complementary treatments. Taken as a whole, plain Anabaptists have offered many opportunities and challenges for health research and practice. Yet, despite this plethora of medical and applied studies, gaps in theory and knowledge remain, especially with regards to plain people’s interactions with the health system, their practice of and views about preventive medicine, and variations in attitudes about health in general.

Responding to this need, *JAPAS* guest editors Dr. Rosanna Hess (Malone University) and Dr. Braxton Mitchell (University of Maryland) invite researchers to submit papers for a *special issue* that will address sociocultural aspects of health and medicine among plain Anabaptist people. This special issue, to be published in Spring 2023, is only the second of its kind in any journal ever devoted to plain Anabaptists and health, the first being 25 years ago. As such, this new compilation represents an important milestone in knowledge development and will be an ideal place to make your work widely accessible.

Areas of interest may include, but are not limited to:

- Attitudes and perceptions of plain people and health care
- Genetic screening/genetic medicine
- Mental health
- Special needs children and adults
- Complementary and alternative medicine
- Vaccinations / immunizations
- Pregnancy-related issues
- History of health and medical care among plain people
- Care for the aged

Please send letters of intent and inquires to Drs. Hess (rhess@malone.edu) and/or Mitchell (bmitchel@som.umaryland.edu). The deadline for manuscript submission is November 30, 2022. Visit the *JAPAS* website to access information about submission types, guidelines, and the submission portal.

### **JAPAS ARTICLE OF THE YEAR FOR 2021**

The APASA Scholarship Committee has established an award for all research content published in the *Journal of the Amish & Plain Anabaptist Studies* for a given year. The award includes an invitation to present at the annual APASA Café-JAPAS Award Lecture, a free year of membership in APASA, and a conference registration fee waiver.

Scholarship committee members have reviewed all articles from 2020 (Vol 9 Issues 1 and 2). After deliberation that noted the quality of *JAPAS* publications, the committee is pleased to announce **Steven Thalheimer** as the winner for the article “**A Little More in the World: Why Amish Parents Choose to Send Their Children to Public Schools.**” Read the article at <https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/amishstudies/vol9/iss1/4>

We also extend an honorable mention to **Nicole Welk-Joerger** for her article “**Performing Amish Agrarianism: Negotiating Tradition in the Maintenance of Pennsylvania Dairy Farms**” (Vol. 9 Issue 2).

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.

### **APASA CAFÉ SPEAKER SERIES**

The APASA Scholarship Committee continues its year-old webinar/teleconference series, APASA Café. Talks are held on fourth Fridays of most months at 12pm Eastern Time. Registration is required and web links or teleconference phone numbers are available on request. Those who do not receive notices on APASA email lists can request a link or phone dial-in number by contacting Andrea Waksmunski at axw360@case.edu or call (814) 262-5078 if you have no email or web access.

### **APASA Café 2022 Schedule**

August 26: “Why Amish Parents Choose to Send Their Children to Public Schools” (Annual *JAPAS* Award Lecture)—Steven Thalheimer (Elkhart Community Schools)

September 30: “On the 50th Anniversary of *Wisconsin v. Yoder*: Assessing the Complexities of this Milestone Amish Schooling Decision”—Panelists David Cheng (Cheng Law, Inc.), William Fischel (Dartmouth Univ.), Emma Rosenberg (New York Univ.), and Mark Strasser (Capital Univ.).

October 28: “Anabaptist Themed Fictional Writings in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland”—Berit Jany (University of Colorado)

November 18: Panel discussion about the spring issue of *JAPAS* 10(1) with issue authors

December 2: “Genetics of Glaucoma Evaluation in the Amish (GGLEAM) Study”—Jessica Cooke-Bailey (Case Western Reserve University)

January 27, 2023: Panel discussion about *JAPAS* 10(2) with issue authors