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THE SEVENTH ANNUAL APASA CONFERENCE (2023)

*The Wilderness Center
Wilmot, Ohio*

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1pm to Thurs., Aug. 3, 5pm.

APASA conferences disseminate advances in research and service work, spark new ideas through conversation, and broaden networks. Thought-provoking presentations, panels, and discussions, all within a collegial context, are characteristic of our conferences. Attendees include scholars, plain people, service providers, and local residents, both those with experience in plain Anabaptist topics and those just wanting to learn more.

Registration and Lodging

Visit the APASA website for registration information or write/call (info below). \$115 per person (\$50 per family member add on, e.g. spouse, parent, or adult child), \$60 for students, the underemployed, and others with financial need.

APASA has discounted rooms for the night of August 2-3 (\$173.25 including tax) reserved at The Inn at Amish Door, located in Wilmot just two miles from the Wilderness Center. Call 330-359-7996 and request reservation under our organization's name. APASA can provide transportation between Amish Door and Wilderness Center if needed. The Ramada in Strasburg (9 miles away) is a second nearby lodging option: 330-878-1400.

Submit a Presentation Proposal

The conference committee will review and offer decisions on submissions until Friday, June 30, 11:59pm, or when the program is filled. Submissions may include research or project presentations (20 minutes) and organized sessions. Submit proposals at the APASA website.

Contact

<http://www.amishstudies.org> / 330-473-4773 / APASA, P.O. Box 37, Mt. Hope, OH 44660.

JAPAS ARTICLE OF THE YEAR FOR 2023

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 2022 (Vol 10). The committee is pleased to announce **Trudy Metzger** as the winner for the article “**Sexual Abuse among Conservative Anabaptists: Culture-Specific Dynamics that Increase Risk of Victimization and Silencing of Victims.**” Read the article at <https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/amishstudies/vol10/iss1/5>

We also extend an honorable mention to Krista Evans for her article “Common Ground: An Examination of Rural Planning and the Growing Amish Presence in Missouri.”

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 sponsors the webinar/teleconference series, APASA Café. Talks are generally held the 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. Access recordings of lecture portions at <http://amishstudies.org/> or 814-322-9352, extension 15; full recordings that include Q&A are available to APASA members on the website.

APASA Café Winter-Spring 2023 Topics Available by Recording

January 27, 2023: Panel discussion about *JAPAS* 10(1) with issue authors.

March 3, 2023: “Virtually Amish: Preserving Community at the Internet’s Margins”—Lindsay Ems.

March 31, 2023: “Logic and Tradition: Amish Theology in Recent Literature”—Christopher Petrovich.

May 5, 2023: “Pennsylvania Dutch: A Living Language”—Rose Fisher.

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.

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
- author-retention of content copyright
- print- and online-publication versions
- content promotion to thousands of potential readers

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

At the time of submission, include the following:

1. ***An anonymous copy of your submission.*** File types should be .doc, .docx, or .rtf. Pieces should open with a title and original abstract that does not duplicate article text. Remove all identifying information from the title page, headers / footers, and the file data/information. If an author is self-cited more than three times or refers to self-citations in first person, anonymize these citations for the submission.
2. ***A title page in a separate file.*** Include the following information: article title, author(s), author positions and affiliations, abstract, key words, word count inclusive of all content, and acknowledgements (if any). If any conflicts of interest exist or similar publications (e.g. using the same data) are under review or published in another venue, please disclose these on the title page.
3. ***A short cover letter.*** Explain briefly what you are submitting, why you are submitting to *JAPAS*, and any other comments.

Types of Publications Accepted

Original research articles fully develop a topic with a sufficient literature review, theoretical per-

spective, and methodology. Regular articles range from 5,000 to 10,000 words inclusive of tables, figures, endnotes, and references, although longer articles will be considered. Peer reviewed.

Research notes are articles that do not develop a theoretical perspective, have a limited methodology, are shorter than regular articles, or have a limited impact on Amish and plain Anabaptist studies. Peer reviewed.

Service provider reports are peer-reviewed articles that discuss a practical project or program working with the plain people. The intention of these reports is to inform readers about the activity, to reflect on successes and challenges, and to document any new milestones achieved through this activity. Service provider reports may focus on legal challenges, mental and physical health, education, community involvement, safety, public participation, planning, and other non-commercial engagement with plain people. Peer reviewed.

Essays and editorials present information or an argument. It does not require a developed literature review or presentation of original data. The purpose is to bring insights into journal issue contents, such as an editor's introduction to a special issue, or to some issue of interest to readers. Editorials are authored by editors or at the invitation of the editor. Essays may be submitted unsolicited. Not peer reviewed.

Resources include content of use to researchers, such as translations of content published in languages other than English, annotated bibliographies, collections of original data such as interview transcripts, or similar material. Peer reviewed as a resource (not blinded). Contact editor before submitting.

Symposiums are a forum for a series of short papers debating a topic or monograph of significance. While usually organized by the editorial staff, symposium proposals are welcome.

Book reviews provide an overview with a critical perspective of a new book. Most reviews are for single books, although longer **review essays** that compare and contrast a body of books or debates are also accepted. Review essays are longer than

book reviews and devote more time to weighing the contributions rather than strictly summarizing. Literature may span a much longer and broader interval than a standard book review. Review essays do not have original data. Publishers seeking to have a book reviewed should contact the editor. Reviewers are assigned by the editorial staff. While books reviewed are ordinarily academic books, others about plain Anabaptists of interest to scholars may also be reviewed.

Research from plain people: The journal welcomes the empirical research of members from plain Anabaptist communities, who are invited to submit manuscripts for special consideration. Research from plain people need not be framed strictly according to academic research styles, but can be written in a more familiar style. Peer reviewed.

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.