

**REPORT of the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE**  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
(August, 2020)

Kevin J. Christiano, Chair  
Sociology  
University of Notre Dame [Indiana, U.S.A.]

Peter F. Beyer  
Classics and Religious Studies  
University of Ottawa [Ontario, Canada]

Inger Furseth  
Sociology and Human Geography  
University of Oslo [Norway]

The selection committee for the **Lifetime Achievement Award for Contributions to the Sociology of Religion** of the Association for the Sociology of Religion (Kevin Christiano [Chair], Peter Beyer, and Inger Furseth) met online via a Zoom connection on July 8, 2020, to discuss the *eleven* active nominations for this recognition.

After a full and vigorous discussion, the committee reached consensus that the recipient of the Award for 2020 should be:

**Professor Eileen Vartan Barker,**  
Professor *Emerita* of Sociology, with Special Reference to the Study of Religion,  
London School of Economics and Political Science,  
University of London (United Kingdom)  
(*Nominated by:* Professor James A. Beckford [University of Warwick (U.K.)], and  
endorsed by fifteen other scholars from around the world)

The Chair notified Professor Barker of her selection directly, and also conveyed this news to her nominator, Professor Beckford.

The Committee offers its sincere thanks to Professor Beyer for faithful and conscientious service during his three-year term, which is now complete. Professor Furseth moves into the Chair's position and Professor Christiano continues for one more year. The President shall appoint a new member to the Committee before the next round of consideration.

## ASR EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT 2020

TO: Officers, Members of Council of the Association for the Sociology of Religion

FROM: Rachel Kraus, Executive Officer

RE: Report on the State of ASR

What I've been working on this past year:

- 1) Opened a Chase Bank checking account that will follow the ASR regardless of the Executive Officer. Future EOs will not need to open individual checking accounts for the ASR. I will spend the remainder of this calendar year moving our recurring bills and assets over to this account.
- 2) Working on our website updating and implementing cosmetic changes. Thanks to Jim Spickard for reviewing the website for needed updates.
- 3) Secured a hotel for our Chicago conference (hopefully).
- 4) Worked with our editors and Publications committee on our next journal publisher. This item continues to be a work in progress. We will need to decide whether we will stay with OUP by December 31, 2020.
- 5) Worked with what would have been our San Francisco hotel regarding the cancellation of our contract for 2019. Our \$10,000 deposit was refunded.
- 6) Began work on a formal contract for our incoming journal editor, Joseph O. Baker. This item continues to be a work in progress, and will be completed during the Fall 2020 academic semester.
- 7) Locating and securing a new "Helms Briscoe" legal service to assist with hotel contracts.

Upcoming Conferences

- 1) 2020 Chicago
  - a. Aug 7 (welcome reception; first council meeting) – Aug. 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting)
  - b. ASA: Aug. 7 – 10; Religion Section day 4 (Aug. 10)
  - c. \$189/night for king or double bed rooms
- 2) 2022 Los Angeles
  - a. ASA: August 6-9; Religion Section day 1 (Aug. 6)
- 3) 2023 Philadelphia; ASA: August 19-23
- 4) 2024 Montreal; ASA: August 10-13
- 5) 2025 San Francisco; ASA: August 9-11
- 6) 2026 New York; ASA: August 8-11

The Association is in excellent financial shape. ASR's assets at the current time are summarized below:

<i>Banking Accounts</i>	<i>Value as of 8/8/2020</i>
ASR's Checking Account at Forum and Chase	\$55,704
ASR's Savings Account at Forum Credit Union	\$1.80
PayPal Account	\$9,251
<b>Total Value of Banking Accounts</b>	<b>\$64,957</b>
<i>American Funds Accounts</i>	<i>Value as of 8/8/2020</i>
American Funds Money Market Fund-A (Fund #59)	\$11,661
American High-Income Trust-A (Fund #21)	\$123,433
The Bond Fund of America-A (Fund #08)	\$126,957
Capital World Growth and Income Fund-A (Fund #33)	\$135,974
SMALLCAP World Fund-A (Fund #35)	\$171,971
Washington Mutual Investors Fund-A (Fund #01)	\$149,165
<b>Total Value of American Funds Portfolio</b>	<b>\$719,161</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$783,818</b>

Regarding our membership: As of August 8, 2020, we have 231 active members. This number is artificially low. Our membership numbers always increase with the conference given our requirement for presenters to be members of the association. I expect our membership numbers to be quite a bit higher this time next year at our Chicago conference.

**PREVIOUS YEARS' BUDGETS AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**

	<b>2018 Philadelphi a</b>	<b>2019 New York</b>	<b>2020 To date</b>	<b>2021 Chicago</b>
<b><i>Contributions, Gifts Total</i></b>	<b>23,897</b>	<b>21,494</b>	<b>11,964</b>	<b>20,000</b>
Memberships	23,897	21,494	11,964	20,000
<b><i>Program Service Revenue Total</i></b>	<b>93,485</b>	<b>101,461</b>	<b>75,487</b>	<b>101,511</b>
<b>Publications Total</b>	<b>71,690</b>	<b>71,621</b>	<b>73,487</b>	<b>71,511</b>
Journal submission fee	743	810	676	700
Oxford Royalties	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Oxford Stipend for Editorial Support	15,135	15,000	15,000	15,000
Brill Royalties	412	412	412	412
EBSCO Royalties	186	185	185	185
Cengage	130	130	130	130
Copyright Clearance	84	84	84	84
<b>Annual Meeting Total</b>	<b>21, 795</b>	<b>29,840</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
Registrations	15,245	21,440	0	21,400
Professional		17,976	0	17,500
Student		3,464	0	3,400
Book Exhibits	1,050	950	0	1,000
Program Ads	200	200	0	200
OUP Co-sponsor Reception	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Brill Co-sponsor Reception	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Louisville Instit. Co-sponsor Reception	2,000	2,000	2000	2,000
Other Reception Sponsors	1,300 (memorial)	3,000 (ASA-Relig) \$500 USC	0	0
Session Sponsors		250 (Religion and Science group)	0	0
<b><i>Investment Income Total (dividends, interest)</i></b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>31,596</b>	<b>21,975</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Total Revenue/Income</b>	<b>134,311</b>	<b>154,551</b>	<b>107,426</b>	<b>146,511</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
<b><i>Grants Total</i></b>			<b>12,500</b>	<b>21,500</b>

	<b>22,124</b>	<b>17,903</b>		
McNamara	500	500	500	500
SoR Article	500	0	0	0
Lifetime Achievement	500	0	0	0
Gallagher	5,266 (23 room nights)	4,403 (20 room nights)	0	6,000
Fichter	14,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Furfey	1,358 (358 from 2-17 payment)	1,000	0	1,000
<b><i>Salary/Stipends Total</i></b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>32,000</b>
Executive Officer	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
EO Course Buyout	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Executive Officer Office Help	500	500	0	0
Soc of Relig Editor	12,500	12,500	12,500	10,500?
Editor Elect			1,000	1,000?
SoR Book Review Editor	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b><i>Other Expenses Total</i></b>	<b>85,611</b>			
<b>Management/Website Total</b>	<b>3,883</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Office Total</b>	<b>4,579</b>	<b>4,094</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>3,794</b>
Constant Contact	540 (45/mo)	540 (45/mo)	360	540
Wordpress	200	200	200	200
American Express Fee	179	179	179	179
Articles of Incorp. Renew	50	50	50	50
Office Expenses and Supplies (BSU)	290 (new PayPal reader)	200	200	200
Consulting Fees	294	300	0	
Taxes	125	125	125	125
Social Media Partnership	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>Travel Total/EO Site Select</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 (virtual tour)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 (virtual tour)</b>
<b>Conference Consultant</b>		0	0	1,000
<b>Conference/Ann Meet Total</b>	<b>76,432</b>	<b>70,603</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63,095</b>
AV	7,025	7,000	0	10,000
AV Shipment	500	352	0	750
Food and Beverage	55,769	45,000	0	35,000
		6,125 President: comped		

Room Costs (Officers, Furfey, Program Chair)	4,081	Pres-E: (\$853 5 nights) EO (1,022 6 nights) Furfey (343 for 2 nights) SoR (6 nights for 01415) PC (5 nights 1639)  FPC (853 for 4 nights)	0	6,500
Registration workers	1,120	600	0	700
Furfey dinner	550	463	0	500
Awards	202	195	200	195
Name tags, ribbons	178	30 for ribbons, points for name tags and holders	0	50
Standard supplies	242	0	0	100
Program Assistant	840	500	0	1,000
Program Printing	752	1,000	0	1,000
Sign Language interpreters		2,762	0	
Meet Travel Reimbursement				
President	858	1,000	0	1,000
President - Elect	498	500	0	500
EO	843	370	0	500
Furfey	595	478	0	500
Lifetime Achievement	727	500	0	500
Journal Editor	494	1736	0	2,000
Program Chair	622	838	0	1,000
Future Program Chair	536	684	0	1,000
Secretary		500	0	500
<b><i>Other Journal Expenses Total</i></b>	<b>16,810</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>21,200</b>
Payment to OUP for member subscriptions	16,265	16,500	16,500	16,200
Editor's Budget	0	0	0	5,000
Reimburse Editor's Expenses (journal related gatherings at annual meeting)	545	500	0	500
<b><i>Depreciation Total</i></b>	<b>630</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
<b><i>Future Hotel Payments</i></b>	<b>19,749</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Park Central NYC	9739	0	0	0

Hotel Nikko SF	10,010			
Chicago		16,000		
Los Angeles				5000
<b>Insurance (Gen liability, D&amp;O)</b>		<b>1,843</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>1,843</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>141,521</b>	<b>162,251</b>	<b>68,716</b>	<b>152,032</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>134,311</b>	<b>154,551</b>	<b>107,426</b>	<b>146,511</b>
<b>Total Income - Expenses</b>	<b>-7,216</b>	<b>-7,700</b>	<b>38,710</b>	<b>-3,521</b>

I am also very grateful to our Council Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. Without their hard work and dedication, the conference and the work of the ASR would not be possible. Thanks so much!

Many other aspects of the association continue to flourish. *Sociology of Religion* continues to climb in the rankings. Congratulations to Gerardo for his tremendous service as the journal's editor.

This year's committee reports are a testament to each committee's hard work to make their operations more efficient and identify areas in need of improvement. All committees' work has been stellar, especially given the craziness of this year.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Acceptable levels of food and beverage throughout the conference
  - o Morning coffee/tea? No other food/drink except receptions?
- Thoughts about where to cut costs in the budget (Income from OUP will go down after 2021; costs may also go down)? Approve (modified?) budget.
- Go ahead for 2022 LA hotel?
- Go ahead with new legal services to help with our hotel contracts? They are paid by commission from the hotel, not us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Kraus

**2020 ASR President's Report**  
**James Cavendish**  
**August, 2020**

2020 has been an eventful year. Our Program Chair, Brian Starks, and I started out the year eager to receive session proposals and paper abstracts that would contribute to our Annual Meeting, focused on the theme "Communicating Religion's Relevance." Then came the COVID-19 pandemic, which eventually resulted in the cancelation of our 2020 conference, and the extension of the presidency and program theme into next year.

Brian Starks and I have communicated with those who had submitted session proposals and paper abstracts, asking them to consider resubmitting their proposals again in the spring for the 2021 Annual Meeting, which we hope will be held on location in Chicago. We also identified a select number of session proposals that we thought might be ideally suited for a stand-alone, virtual session sometime during the fall, and we invited those session organizers to consider the possibility of a virtual event. In our communication with these session organizers, we stated that "we envision having each of your panelists record on video his/her presentation which ASR would then post on its website. ASR would then send an announcement to our members inviting people to view the panelists' presentation on the website prior to joining a live, synchronous discussion via Zoom." We are awaiting responses from these session organizers.

The Program Committee (i.e., Brian, Rachel, and I) realize that unless the coronavirus is effectively contained before the summer of 2021, we may have to host the 2021 Annual Meeting using a virtual or hybrid modality, much like our universities are doing. We are preparing ourselves for that possibility.

The 2021 Annual Meeting

The program theme for the 2021 Annual Meeting will be the same as what we had planned for the 2020 Meeting – "Communicating Religion's Relevance." The theme challenges us, as sociologists of religion, to more effectively communicate the relevance of religion to our students, our fellow academics, and to the larger public. It challenges us to more effectively articulate our response to the "so what?" question, whether it is asked by our students, our academic colleagues, or by members of the educated public.

This broad theme lends itself to discussion and exploration of a variety of topics and questions, including:

- What role(s) do sociologists of religion play in communicating the relevance of religion to fellow academics and to the broader public?;
- Have various sectors of our society misunderstood, or failed to fully understand, religion and/or its relevance in today's world? Can sociologists of religion remedy these misunderstandings?;
- How do social and political elites, activists, and ordinary citizens, employ religion when communicating about, or working to address, issues of local, national, or international concern, and to what effect?;
- How do various social actors draw upon religion and religious narratives to frame social problems?... to appeal simultaneously to human cognition, emotion, and morality?;
- What are religion's unique features that distinguish it from other social phenomena and help explain its distinct capacity to influence human and social life?;
- How, and under what circumstances, does religion contribute to new forms of identity, community, meaning, self-understanding, expression, moral conviction, and social control? If we, as sociologists of religion, come to new understandings of religion's relevance in these facets of our individual and collective lives, how do we communicate those understandings effectively to others?

This theme, in addition to being broad, is open to creative interpretations, and it is hoped that prospective session and paper proposers will exercise their imaginations when thinking about how they can relate their own scholarship to this theme.

Our priorities, like those of previous Program Committees, will include helping scholars new to ASR get acquainted with our Association and its members, providing mentoring and professional development opportunities for junior scholars and students, and building scholarly discussion across international contexts.

#### Ideas for Reducing ASR's Expenses

Because of the cancellation of this year's annual meeting, ASR's revenues during 2020 will exceed its expenses. This is because hosting a conference almost always costs more money than it generates. In conversations leading up to this year's Council Meeting, Rachel and I discussed the likelihood of ASR's journal revenues declining in future years and what ASR might consider doing to offset these losses in our revenue. Among the things that this Council or future Councils might consider to reduce our costs and ensure our financial viability are the following:

- 1) The possibility of holding our Annual Meeting in a physical location (i.e., a hotel) only every other year, while having a virtual meeting during the other years.
- 2) Planning our meeting's catering menu in such a way that we stay as close to our contracted minimum food and beverage amount.
- 3) Re-evaluating our travel reimbursement policy for ASR officers so that it is more in line with what other professional associations do in this respect.
- 4) Limiting the number of printed conference programs used during the annual meeting.
- 5) Reducing expenses associated with renting audiovisual equipment in the hotels.

I hope that we, as officers and council members, can discuss and make hard decisions about some of these items to help guarantee the financial vitality of the Association in upcoming years.

# **Call for Papers**

## **82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion**

Hotel Location: Intercontinental Chicago Magnificent Mile , Chicago, IL

Date: August 7 (welcome reception) – August 9

Program Chair: Brian Starks, Kennesaw State University

### **Theme: Communicating Religion's Relevance**

Although scholars of religion are keenly aware of the relevance of religion in today's world, too often social elites and academics diminish the importance of religion. Even scholars who are well aware of religion's relevance sometimes do an inadequate job explaining how religion permeates practically every aspect of social life. As sociologists of religion, we understand the relevance of religion to individuals as well as its consequences in the social, cultural, political, and economic dimensions of modern societies.

The 2021 annual meeting's thematic sessions will focus on several key topics:

- What role(s) do sociologists of religion play in communicating the relevance of religion to fellow academics and to the broader public?;
- Have various sectors of our society misunderstood, or failed to fully understand, religion and/or its relevance in today's world? Can sociologists of religion remedy these misunderstandings?;
- How do social and political elites, as well as ordinary citizens, employ religion when communicating about, or working to address, issues of local, national, or international concern, and to what effect?;
- How do various social actors, including social movement leaders, draw upon religion and religious narratives to frame social problems?... to appeal simultaneously to human cognition, emotion, and morality?;
- What are religion's unique features that distinguish it from other social phenomena and help explain its distinct capacity to influence human and social life?;
- How, and under what circumstances, does religion contribute to new forms of identity, community, meaning, self-understanding, expression, moral conviction, and social control? If we, as sociologists of religion, come to new understandings of religion's relevance in these facets of our individual and collective lives, how do we communicate those understandings effectively to others?

Papers and sessions may be thematic or they may focus on any other topic within the sociology of religion. Those that pursue and stimulate new avenues of research and innovative theoretical and methodological approaches are especially encouraged. Specialty sessions, including book salons, teaching and professional development, and salon discussions that focus on a particular question, are also welcome.

#### **DEADLINES:**

- Session proposals: March 31, 2021
- Paper abstract submissions: April 30, 2021
- IMPORTANT NOTE: All session and abstract submissions should be made through the ASR website at [www.sociologyofreligion.com](http://www.sociologyofreligion.com).

Membership in the ASR is required for organizing or convening a session, presenting a paper, serving as a panelist, or holding another role in the program. All are expected to register for the meeting by July 1, 2021. For questions, contact Brian Starks ([bstarks3@kennesaw.edu](mailto:bstarks3@kennesaw.edu)), James Cavendish ([jcavendi@usf.edu](mailto:jcavendi@usf.edu)), or Rachel Kraus ([contact@sociologyofreligion.com](mailto:contact@sociologyofreligion.com)).

Nominations Committee  
2019-20 Annual Report  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
August 2020 Council Meeting  
July 31, 2020

**Committee members:** Joy Charlton, Kevin Dougherty, Paula Nesbitt (Chair).

**Committee process:**

In mid-November the names of the Nomination Committee members were communicated to me (Chair), and we quickly agreed upon a process for moving forward.

1. Names suggested by others were shared and each member individually developed a list of up to 10 potential nominees for President and, similarly, for Council.
2. The individual lists were compiled and the names rank-ordered by the number of times they had appeared on the three lists. Names were reviewed and notations made for membership status and whether a name had been nominated recently (this was not a disqualifier).
3. Committee members individually rank ordered the compiled list for their top six preferences for Presidential nominees and for Council nominees. The other names served as a working list for situations when a potential nominee declined. Committee members were contacted about their preference for a replacement.
4. The Chair began contacting potential nominees in December 2019. Both slates of nominations were completed in early March 2020. The lengthy process was exacerbated by delayed response times (December and January winter breaks varying by institution, varying travel schedules, and time needed to think over the commitment). One nominee position accounted for much of the delay.
5. All potential nominees were asked to agree or affirm in writing the following:

Over the past two years, ASR has taken a few steps to help ensure that nominees are aware of the scope and expectations of their office so that they can make an informed decision about their commitment. Specifically, we are asking that

1. You review and agree to fulfill the duties of the position, which can be found under "Duties of Officers," <https://www.sociologyofreligion.com/about/duties-of-officers/>
2. You agree that you anticipate having the time available to fulfill these duties, and that during your term you will be able to attend the two Council meetings held just before and just after the ASR annual meeting. You also

affirm that you will read and respond to emails throughout the year, related to your responsibilities.

3. You agree to keep your ASR membership current throughout your term of office.
4. You agree that you have recently read and agree to abide by the ASA code of ethics <http://www.asanet.org/code-ethics> (Article 2 of the ASR Constitution and bylaws, <https://www.sociologyofreligion.com/about/constitution-and-by-laws/>).
5. You affirm that you know of no personal issue or impediment to serving as an officer for ASR that could compromise the integrity of ASR.

All nominees stated that they agreed and/or affirmed via email communications. No questions or concerns were raised.

6. All nominees provided biographical statements, and both Presidential nominees also submitted vision statements. These were sent along with the nominee slate to EO Rachel Kraus.

The slate consisted of the following nominees. Those elected are marked with an asterisk (\*).

<b>President</b>		<b>Council</b>	
Christel Manning		Afe Adogame	
Gerardo Marti	*	Tricia C. Bruce	*
		Maureen Day	
		Suzanne	
		Macaluso	
		Damon Mayrl	*
		Grace Yukich	*

7. All nominees were notified of the results immediately following the election.

On behalf of our committee, I want to express appreciation to Council for all the nominees, who were very willing to serve the Association in this capacity. Despite full research and teaching schedules, their enthusiasm for ASR and their willingness to be part of its leadership, if elected, was very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Nesbitt, Chair

Editor's Report August 2019– August 2020  
Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review

August 1, 2020

Prepared by: Gerardo Martí (Davidson College)

I. Editor, Book Review Editor, Associate Editors, and Editorial Board (Institution/Date term ends)

Editor in Chief:

Gerardo Martí (Davidson College/December 2020)

Editor Elect:

Joseph O. Baker (East Tennessee State University/December 2023)

Book Review Editor:

Grace Yukich (Quinnipiac University/December 2020)

Jaime Kucinkas (Hamilton College/December 2023)

Associate Editors (Outgoing):

Kevin Dougherty (Baylor University/December 2020)

Penny Edgell (University of Minnesota/December 2020)

Daniel A. Winchester (Purdue University/December 2020)

Associate Editors (Incoming):

Ruth Braunstein (University of Connecticut/December 2023)

Grace Yukich (Quinnipiac University/December 2023)

Andrew Whitehead (Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis//December 2023)

Editorial Board Members:

Gary Adler (Pennsylvania State University/December 2022)

Nancy Ammerman (Boston University/December 2020)

John Bartkowski, University of Texas at San Antonio (December 2020)

Alex Bierman (University of Calgary/December 2020)

Joseph Blankholm (University of California, Santa Barbara/December 2021)

Philip Brenner (University of Massachusetts, Boston/December 2021)

Kelsey Burke (University of Nebraska, Lincoln/December 2022)

Ryan M. Calder (Johns Hopkins University/December 2023)

Nanlai Cao (Remin University of China/December 2022)

James Cavendish (University of South Florida/August 2021)

Katie Corcoran (West Virginia University/December 2023)

Michael Emerson (Rice University/December 2020)

Brad R. Fulton (Indiana University/December 2023)

Conrad Hackett (Pew Research Center/December 2023)

Jonathan Hill (Calvin College/December 2020)

John Hoffmann (Brigham Young University/December 2021)

Courtney Irby (Illinois Wesleyan University/December 2023)

Amy Jonason (Furman University/December 2021)

Isabella Kasselstrand (California State University, Bakersfield/December 2023)  
Rachel Kraus (Ball State University/December 2023)  
Nicolette Manglos-Weber (Boston University/December 2021)  
Brandon Martinez (Providence College/December 2023)  
Damon Mayrl (Colby College/December 2023)  
Dawne Moon (Marquette University/December 2021)  
Olaf Müller (University of Münster/December 2021)  
Agata S. Nalborczyk (University of Warsaw/December 2021)  
Samuel L. Perry (University of Oklahoma/December 2021)  
Richard Petts (Ball State University/December 2021)  
Richard N. Pitt (Vanderbilt University/December 2021)  
Daniel V.A. Olson (Purdue University/December 2021)  
Rachel Rinaldo, (University of Colorado/December 2020)  
Philip Schwadel (University of Nebraska, Lincoln/December 2021)  
Darren E. Sherkat (Southern Illinois University/December 2021)  
Jörg Stolz (University of Lausanne/December 2023)  
Iddo Tavory (New York University/December 2022)  
Jenny Trinitapoli (University of Chicago/December 2020)  
Jeremy Uecker (Baylor University/December 2020)  
R. Stephen Warner (University of Illinois, Chicago/December 2020)

Editorial Transition: As I complete my second term as Editor in Chief, I am grateful for the work of the ASR Board and Publications Committee for their thoughtfulness in transitioning my role. As outgoing Editor, I have been strongly committed to a smooth transition and to continue building on the considerable gains of the journal over my tenure. I had recommended a schedule for transition, and we have been able to follow it (placed here for future reference):

Fall 2019: Announce Editor-Elect for 2020 (which occurred at an ASR evening reception in NYC)  
January - March 2020: Editor-Elect Establish Editorial Team (accomplished)  
April – December 2020: Orientation, Training, and Apprenticeship of Editor-Elect with Outgoing Editor (occurring now)  
January 2021 – December 2023: New Editor Term of Service with Outgoing Editor serving as a one-year Consulting Editor

Having worked together for nearly a year now, I am so thankful that Joseph O. Baker not only recruited an outstanding editorial team but also has done considerable work in learning the technical aspects of Manuscript Central, already begun managing new submissions, and now exercising his own leadership in adjudicating original manuscripts. I have taken time to share materials and go over all editorial processes in considerable detail, and Joseph has obtained direct training from OUP as needed. As we work together, I am impressed with Joseph's conscientious work and his efficiency and speed. His creativity is already evident in the Call for Papers for a Special Issue in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (Religion in the Age of Social Distancing) and his co-authorship of two stimulating Editors' Notes. We are very fortunate to have his skills and dedication. Officially, he will become Editor in Chief in January 2021. I will move to a new one-year position created by ASR as Consulting Editor, which assures my accessibility into the first year of Joseph's service to the journal.

Associate Editors and Transitions: The outgoing Associate Editors—Penny, Kevin, and Dan—always have been truly outstanding in their readiness to work quickly, in their thoroughness and care of their judgments, and in their thoughtful feedback on the broader issues in managing the journal. Penny and Kevin have buttressed decision-making and provided immediate access to a deep well of expertise

pertaining to all aspects (content, methodology, theory, and more) of the Sociology of Religion. Dan helped to innovate a new editorial role in his many efforts for promotion and dissemination of published research. Dan transitioned his role to Andrew Whitehead in early 2020. For example, Andrew works directly with OUP on the rotation of “free” articles, managing the @SORJournal Twitter account, promoting calls for papers, hosting the Sociology of Religion Podcast, assisting authors with disseminating their published work, and other initiatives as may be appropriate to his role. I continue to hope that future editors will dedicate an associate editor who will make dissemination and promotion of our publications a high priority. In addition to Andrew, Penny and Kevin have largely moved on from their roles as the journal welcomes Ruth Braunstein and Grace Yukich as incoming Associate Editors (note that Grace had served for many years as our Book Review Editor).

Book Review Editor: Grace Yukich has provided outstanding service to the journal through her role as Book Review Editor. In addition to “regular” reviews, Grace developed our “featured book reviews” which are longer and more substantive. The featured essay differs from a typical book review in two ways: 1) they are slightly longer (2000-2500 words), and 2) rather than following the typical summary/evaluation format that focuses solely on the book’s content, the essay reflects on the state of related theory and research and how the book contributes to those areas of knowledge (e.g. more like a review essay in *Contemporary Sociology*, but focused on a single book rather than several). I continue to be extremely happy with their depth, and I hope they remain part of our regular offerings in the journal—and perhaps even expand in number. Jaime Kucinkas entered the role in early 2020, has already been soliciting and publishing reviews, and continues the pattern of excellence established so far. Thanks to Grace for her being so great at transitioning the role and to Jaime for starting her term with excellence.

Editorial Board: Once again, more than any other qualities, the willingness to respond quickly and provide detailed reviews and recommendations for other reviewers are most appreciated from Editorial Board members. Our board members continue to be responsive and helpful. Throughout my tenure, I sought to recruit board members who already demonstrated excellence in reviewing for the journal: timely in responding to invitations, timely in turning in reviews, and substantive in their reviews with evidence of detail, rigor, and careful reading of manuscripts. I also sought to recruit scholars that diversify institutional representation and compliment the expertise of the existing board. I also attempt to balance quantitative and qualitative methodological expertise, to include a broad range of research specialties, to consider diversity in the length of tenure in their scholarship, and to consider other issues like gender balance and geographic breadth. I consistently drew on scholars well beyond my own circle of relationships. I found that international scholars who would provide timely, thorough, rigorous, and sociologically-relevant reviews were challenging to locate or to obtain their commitment. I also made an effort to stagger invitations of new members to more evenly spread the terms of board members. This year, Joseph will take more of the lead in considering which members to recruit, and I am happy to assist as needed.

ASR Executive Officer: Rachel Kraus, deserves great appreciation for her gracious and responsive work in relation to the varied and important issues related to my editorship. The role of Executive Officer involves largely unseen service to the journal, and Rachel’s work has always been very much appreciated.

Publisher Relationships: Communication between myself, Joseph, and OUP has been very good. They are sufficiently attentive to the needs of the journal, and they have worked hard to maintain confidence in the production process. I am grateful to Michael Blong, Sarah Cooper, Jill Dwiggin, and Trish Thomas for their ongoing support.

Relatedly, in the interest of finding ways to maintain and possibly build our Impact Factor, I will again try to accelerate the production schedule by about one weeks in 2020, making the appearance of articles a

weeks earlier than before. The acceleration of SOR's production schedule began in 2018 with good result. Effectively, the Autumn issue should release well before our annual ASR meetings and the Winter issue should be released while students and faculty are still in classes, which means they may be able to refer to the journal for writing they accomplish in the final weeks of the calendar year. My reasoning is that earlier availability of issues in the year gives more time for attention to be drawn to articles in the journal, hopefully resulting in more citations earlier. This also helps compensate for unexpected delays in publishing issues, which is not anticipated but only stated as a possible contingency.

## II. Manuscript Flow

The journal continues to be highly selective in accepting manuscripts. In 2019-2020 there was a slight increase in overall submissions from the previous year, which is in line with general expectations. Also, generally speaking I have tried to restrain the number of second "Revise and Resubmits." I have also worked avoid excessive backlog of "Advance Access" articles.

The overall selectivity of the journal remains very high, with an acceptance rate of **12.8%**. I view this slight increase in acceptance rate from 9.5% last year (12.4% previous year, 16.6%, previous to that, 11.7% and 8.3% further back) as within "normal" range. Although some say that low acceptance rates could discourage potential authors from submitting, this has not seemed to occur over my tenure as Editor.

- 192 manuscripts in total (new and revised submissions) were processed on or after August 1, 2019. The total for the previous year was 179). This is well within the "expected" range of submissions during my tenure.
- 161 original (new) manuscripts with a submission date on or after August 1, 2019—an increase of 11 from the previous year.
  - o Focusing on the 150 that have editorial decisions, 127 were rejected (77.9%), 20 were given "major revision" status (12.3%), and 3 were given "minor revision" status (1.8%). One manuscript, Paula Nesbitt's Presidential Address, was accepted outright this year.
- 31 revised manuscripts with a submission date on or after August 1, 2019—an increase of 2 from the previous year.
  - o Focusing on the 29 revised manuscripts that have decisions: 18 were accepted (56.2%), two were given "major revision" status—that is, a second "major revision" (6.2%), 6 were given "minor revision" status (18.8%), and 3 were rejected (9.4%).
- Of all manuscripts that received an editorial decision on or after August 1, 2019, **12.8% (19/149) were accepted** (this includes the Furfey Lecture and Presidential Address), slightly up from 9.5% last year. Again, this is well within "normal" range over my tenure as Editor.

## III. Time from Submission to Editorial Decision

Every year, I write how I have given my responsibilities with the journal top priority, and I devote nearly daily time to editorship of the journal. I believe it is not possible to process manuscripts faster. In addition, I continue to find that any significant lag times are due to waiting for reviewers to respond to invitations and to turn in their evaluation of manuscripts. These times are unlikely to grow shorter, rather they might increase—at least slightly. I continue to reach out to scholars who are not part of usual circles, and I continue to expand the reviewer database with scholars whose expertise would benefit the journal. I

have also been a bit more patient in waiting for scholars to respond to invitations (they now receive 3 separate emails for any manuscript invitation) and for evaluations (up to 4 weeks past the overdue date).

Overall, I am pleased to report that decision times continue to be very fast, and the great majority of decisions on all manuscripts are made within three months. In very few unusual cases, the wait times for decisions have been longer; however, it is difficult to fully assess how much this is balanced by the rapid rejection of inappropriate submissions (i.e., *desk rejections*) and how much these decisions “throw off” the averages. By whatever angle I assess it, the evidence suggests that the time between submission and decision has remained remarkably efficient throughout my tenure. Also, anecdotal evidence suggests that active scholars have been motivated to submit to the journal in part due to their understanding that the management of manuscripts is highly efficient. Indeed, I consider the efficient times from submission to editorial decision a significant and continuing achievement of my editorship – especially since I still typically assign four reviewers per original manuscript, and the quality of the reviewers assigned is typically very high. In my observation, Joseph is continuing this efficiency in processing manuscripts.

- Among new submissions, all editorial decisions were sent back to authors within 4 to 12 weeks of the submission date.
  - o Rejected manuscripts (aside from inappropriate submissions which are rejected very quickly) averaged 29 days from submission date to editorial decision date.
  - o “Major revision” decisions averaged 52 days from submission date to decision.
  - o “Minor revision” decisions averaged 38 days.
- Among revised submissions,
  - o “Accepted” decisions average 9 days (same as last year) from submission to decision. This number, however, conceals a bifurcated distribution with few in-between times; more specifically, the broad number averages longer times (50 days) and very short times (3 days). Still, even with longer times, many manuscripts receive very quick decisions based on minor revisions or offers of conditional acceptance.
  - o “Minor revision” (a 2<sup>nd</sup> R&R or “conditional acceptance”) decisions average lag is 33 days.
  - o There were no “Major revision” decisions (a 2<sup>nd</sup> R&R) this year.
  - o The only “Reject” decision lag was 50 days (compared to an average lag of 48 days last year).
- The time from acceptance to publication online in Advance Access is about 8 – 12 weeks; with occasional glitches that can be up to 4 months. The lag from Advance Access to print varied greatly from roughly 6 - 12 months, and this decreased significantly to 3 - 6 months. Decisions were made without regard to potential lag from acceptance to publication. As long as wait times to print are less than 12 months, I believe this is acceptable and may indeed be advantageous in allowing citations for articles before they appear in print – which directly benefits our Impact Factor. Also, I have received no complaints from authors regarding lag time to full publication.

#### IV. Impact Factor

Summary of Impact: The impact factor went up again this past year from 1.576 to 2.611, ranking SOR as a “top 20” journal in Sociology. This is an astounding rise and again continues SOR meeting or surpassing the “1.0” level on the impact factor rating for an eighth consecutive year. (To provide a familiar point of comparison, JSSR dropped very slightly 1.133 vs 1.270 and RRR also dropped very slightly .981 vs .889 during this same period.) Also, the 5-year Impact Factor is now 2.357, a significant increase. The impact factor of SOR remains highly favorable in relation to our comparison journals.

**SOR ranks 19 out of 150 in Impact Factor in the Sociology journals category of the ISI rankings.** (In comparison, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* ranks 90 and *Review of Religious Research* 107.)

Because of how Impact Factors are calculated, it is entirely possible that the 2-year factor will remain high next year, and that the 5-year factor will increase. However, it is not possible to know if this relatively high level is sustainable longer-term. Everyone should be cautioned that the Impact Factor cannot be predicted or controlled. **No editor can control the Impact Factor, and ASR leadership should be advised not to see a potential lowering of the Impact Factor in future years as a “failure” on the part of journal leadership.** A “dip” could happen, even when editorial practices have been consistent. Like previous editors, I know that our incoming Editorial Team is committed to implement processes that can contribute to the increase in visibility and impact. For example, I strongly endorsed the electronic distribution of TOC and Advance Access Articles to all ASR Members because the sooner others are aware of newly published scholarship, the sooner they will be cited. I believe that Editor’s Notes that are short and timely also contribute to exposure of our journal contents, bringing readers to the journal.

In terms of comparable journals, I again note that JSSR in the past has outpaced SOR, and I would not be surprised if JSSR’s Impact Factor would rise compared to SOR in the coming years. It is my belief that the interdisciplinary nature of JSSR brings the journal a larger variety of readers compared to SOR, drawing the potential for additional citations. In brief, should JSSR rise higher than SOR, it is not a failing of the journal leadership but instead a return to a pattern that had been there before the term of my own editorship. The Impact Factor has been sensitive to the efficiency of manuscript processing, and, as long as JSSR leadership stays on track, it will likely continue. In the meantime, I am confident that SOR leadership will do what it can to push the favorability toward citations using a variety of means.

I am especially appreciative of OUP’s marketing team for working to allow and promote “Free Articles” as well as widely promote recent publications through the Twitter feeds, as well as inviting authors to submit blog posts to their widely read site that draw more attention to their article and, consequently, to our journal. Associate Editor Dan Winchester has been diligent in keeping up a steady flow of attention through social media, and Andrew Whitehead continues this effort. I remind you that this role was created in 2017 to disseminate newly published work of the journal. As anticipated, we see the benefits to the Impact Factor.

Other initiatives to promote visibility (and citation) this past year include:

- Frequent rotation of “Free Articles” of recent publications from the journal on our OUP home page
- Working with OUP’s marketing to promote the journal and specific articles through their many electronic venues, in addition to “Advance Access” and banner features
- Special features of papers and collections of papers through OUP’s twitter and blog pages.
- Calls for Papers for Special Topics
- Regularly publishing a Twitter feed (which started May 2016) of recently published articles @SORJournal
- Regular production of the Sociology of Religion Podcast (which started October 2017), featuring interviews with authors of recently published articles.
- Associate Editor Dan Winchester/Andrew Whitehead working with authors directly to promote their work broadly in partnership with OUP.

More detail:

Sociology of Religion:

The 2019 (latest) impact factor is 2.611

2009 = .56  
2010 = .91  
2011 = .86  
2012 = 1.08  
2013 = 1.667  
2014 = 1.00  
2015 = 1.217  
2016 = 1.370  
2017 = 1.556  
2018 = 1.576

Comparison with JSSR:

The 2019 (latest) impact factor is 1.133

2009 = .92  
2010 = 1.34  
2011 = 1.34  
2012 = 1.39  
2013 = 1.15  
2014 = .958  
2015 = 1.231  
2016 = 1.09  
2017 = 1.097  
2018 = 1.270

Comparison with RRR:

The 2019 (latest) impact factor is .889

2009 = .29  
2010 = .47  
2011 = .45  
2012 = .34  
2013 = .50  
2014 = .406  
2015 = .414  
2016 = .585  
2017 = .776  
2017 = .981

V. Final Considerations

Editorial Transition: It has been the practice of the journal to have the first year of the new editor overlap a last “transition” year by the Editor – which means that 2020 is an “apprentice year” involving both the outgoing editor remaining “on the clock” while the new, incoming editor “learns the ropes.” The practice of apprenticeship of the last two editors (at least) has been essential for the incoming editor to understand the technical workings of Manuscript Central, the publishing relationships with OUP, the recruiting of a new editorial team (Associate Editors, Book Review Editor, and new Editorial Board Members), and the ability to adjust and anticipate the many less obvious tasks and issues that arise in leading the journal. I

believe, and I hope Joseph would agree, this process has worked well, and I am confident that the leadership of the journal is in very, very good hands.

Impact factor and the number of articles per issue: We typically publish 18-20 articles per year, a figure that does not include Featured Book Reviews, Book Reviews, or ASR Announcements. The number is not only due to our long-established custom but also the flow of manuscripts and our annual page budgets from OUP. I have been successful at avoiding excessive lag times from acceptance to publication in a paginated issue (Advance Access averages about 8 weeks; paginated issue averages about 6 months). The caution regarding adding more articles per issue is to avoid placing excessive burden on the Impact Factor (since each article adds to the need to have articles cited at a higher number). I caution any future editors to limit additional articles without some consideration of the effect on the Impact Factor. In other words, more articles (or even if they are shorter articles) will not benefit the journal unless there is some sense that additional articles will be adequately cited in a timely manner.

OUP production lags: We have had very few production lags. Production processes have improved greatly over the last couple of years.

Quality of Publications: I continue to be generally pleased with the quality of the journal, and I am glad to see the mix of topics, methodologies, and author seniority in submissions.

CITE CITE CITE: Everyone associated with the journal is encouraged to actively CITE journal articles published in the previous year in their own journal articles. My motto: CITE EARLY, CITE OFTEN.

My Gratitude: I've received so much assistance and grace throughout my term as Editor. Thank you to colleagues, friends, and mentors who contributed in so many and so various ways to the continued success of the journal.

The McNamara Student Paper Award Committee consisted of myself, Suzanne Macaluso, and Rachael Shillitoe. The three of us considered a very strong field of 16 papers on a variety of topics and utilizing different methods and theoretical perspectives. Ultimately, we settled on Michael Rotolo's paper "Moral Religiosities: How Morality Structures Religious Understandings During the Transition to Adulthood." The winner has been contacted and expressed excitement at his success, and the full body of the ASR has been notified of this year's winner. I was pleased with the ability of our young scholars to rise to the occasion even during these trying times, and I hope it shows the resiliency of our field.

-Todd Nicholas Fuist, Illinois Wesleyan University, Chair of the Committee

## Membership Committee Report

There is much less to report this year from the membership committee! Last year, the membership committee put much of its time into reaching out to non-members who were within driving distance (less than four hours) of the meeting site. We reached out to institutions and individuals who may have been more open to our respective invitations; for example, as I went to graduate school at a Jesuit institution and teach at a Franciscan institution, I identified these affiliations in my letter to faculty in theology or sociology departments at Franciscan and Jesuit universities within a four-hour drive of New York. We also make an intentional effort at the welcome breakfast to talk to new members.

Given the on-site cancelation, both of these duties were moot. I reached out to Jim Cavendish to see if out committee's efforts might be mobilized in some other way, but none was identified.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Day

## ASR Fichter Committee Report, 2020

Committee members included: (1) Sabrina Daniels, Chair, Creighton University; (2) Tia Noelle Pratt, Martin de Porres Foundation; and (3) Tanice Foltz, Indiana University Northwest.

We received 13 submissions requesting a total of \$51,462.70. Our process to determine funding involved creating what we each considered the three most relevant categories (such as theoretical contribution to the literature, research design, feasibility, inclusion & diversity, and innovation). Each committee member evaluated all 13 candidates on each of their three chosen relevant categories, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest number of points, for a total of 9 categories ranked for each submission. We then had a Zoom meeting in which we holistically discussed how best to distribute the limited funding given our rankings. There was significant agreement among all three committee members that the top four ranked submissions merited funding and disagreement within the committee after the top four. We thus came to consensus that we should fund the four submissions that received the highest points in our individual rankings. The top ranked submission was funded for the full amount requested. The next three received were granted a smaller amount than they requested to allow us to support all three projects. The winners were contacted on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the website for the Fichter award says that only winners would be contacted, we decided to also email those who did not receive funding on June 1<sup>st</sup> so they would know with certainty that they were not funded.

### 2020 Winners - Totaling \$12,000

(In the order that we selected them)

1. Sabrina Alimahomed-Wilson - "Matrix of Gendered Islamophobia: Muslim Women's Resistance and Social Justice Activism" - \$1,470
2. Nazanin Shahrokni - "Gender, Mobility and Islam in the Age of Globalization: A Comparative Analysis of Women-Only Taxi Initiatives in Dubai and Kuala Lumpur" - \$4,530
3. Jonathan Coley - "Pathways to Leadership in Pro-LGBTQ Faith Organizations in the United States" - \$3,000
4. Popy Begum - "God Does Not Judge: Mapping the Characteristics, Experiences and Service Needs of Muslim and Hindu Sex Workers on Garstin Bastion Road, New Delhi" - \$3,000

**Action Item:** The Committee would like to request a consideration of a different timeline for the Fichter award decisions. Both Tanice (the chair last year) and I (the chair this year) see this as a significant problem in our years on this committee. It is challenging to receive applications on May 1 and announce winners by June 1. The month of May is hectic with final exams, final grades, commencement events, and moving into summer classes and other commitments. I also wonder if it would be helpful for people to know they are getting the funding *before* the summer, which is a common time for those on the academic calendar to do research travel and other things that these funds are supporting. We discussed maybe having February 1 as a deadline to receive submissions and the committee announces their decision by April 1.

The committee would also like to report that the Action Item from last year of creating a portal for Fichter submissions instead of having them emailed to the chair went smoothly. It did take extra time after the May 1 deadline to receive the applications from the webmaster, but we assume this was just growing pains from a new system and process.

## **Distinguished *Sociology of Religion* Journal Article Award**

**2020**

### **Committee:**

Chair: Scott Desmond, Indianapolis University  
Purdue University – Columbus  
Adair Lummis, Hartford Seminary  
Christopher Bader, Chapman University

### **Committee Purpose and Procedure:**

The 2020 ASR Distinguished *Sociology of Religion* Journal Article Award committee (Scott Desmond, Adair Lummis, and Christopher Bader) selected the most outstanding article published in *Sociology of Religion* last year. All articles published in volume 80 (2019) of *Sociology of Religion* were eligible for the award (book reviews were not considered). There were 21 articles considered for the award.

The committee used the established criteria for evaluating the articles (from the ASR website, “The committee will evaluate the quality of scholarship exhibited in the article, which may include (but is not limited to) theoretical, empirical, and methodological considerations. Additional consideration will be given to the significance of the article’s contribution to the sociological study of religion and to broader societal understandings of religion”). Committee members ranked their top ten articles. Although there was some variation in the rankings, there was a clear winner (ranked first by two of the committee members and second by the third member). The executive officer, Rachel Kraus, was notified that the Distinguished Article Award should go to:

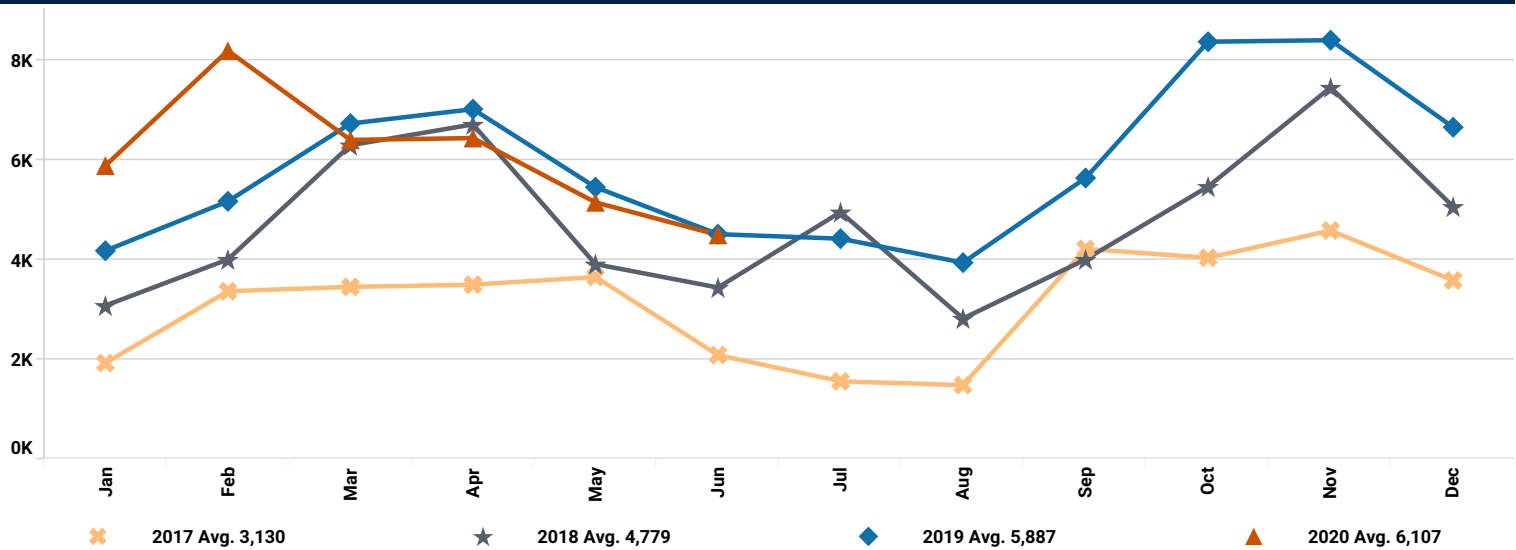
**Philip Schwadel and Christopher R. H. Garneau**  
“Sectarian Religion and Political Tolerance in the United States”  
*Sociology of Religion*, 80(2): 168-193

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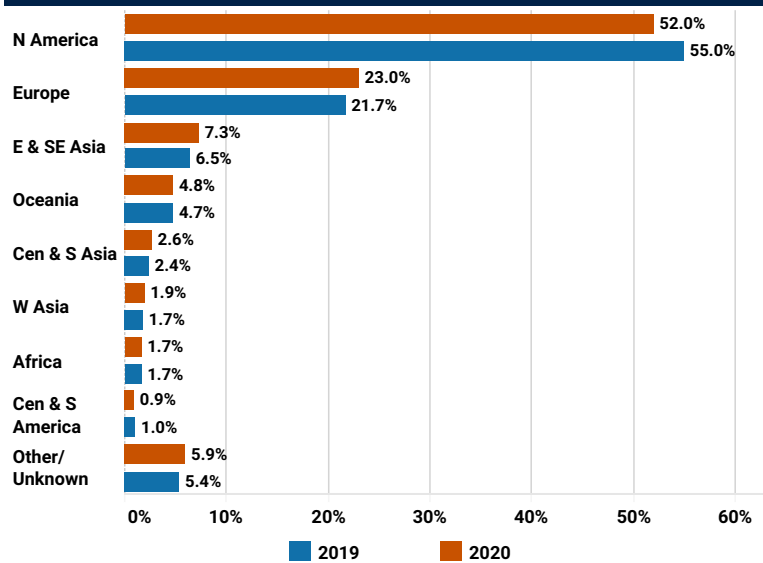
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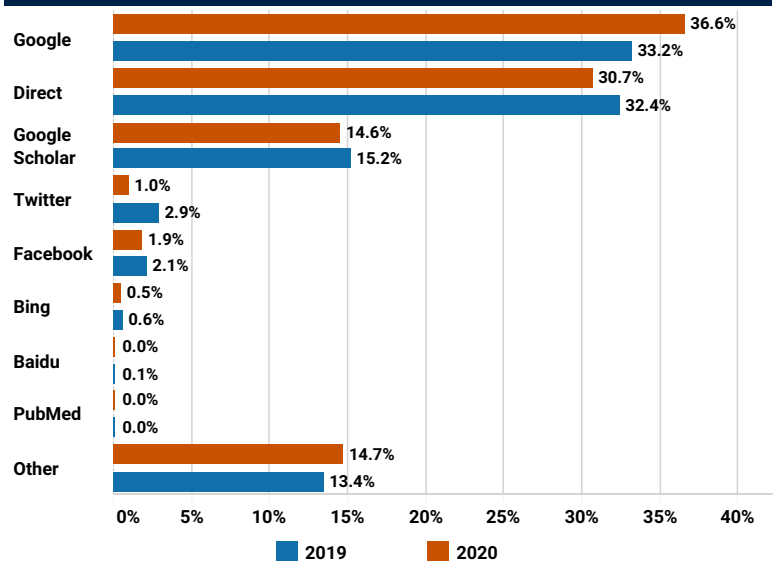
## Visits with Content Engagement by Region 2019 vs 2020

Where in the world are users located?



## Visits with Content Engagement by Referrer 2019 vs 2020

What websites do users come from when visiting content on the journal site?



## Top 10 Articles by Full-Text Views in the Last 12 Months

Which articles had the most full-text views (HTML + PDF) during the last 12 months?

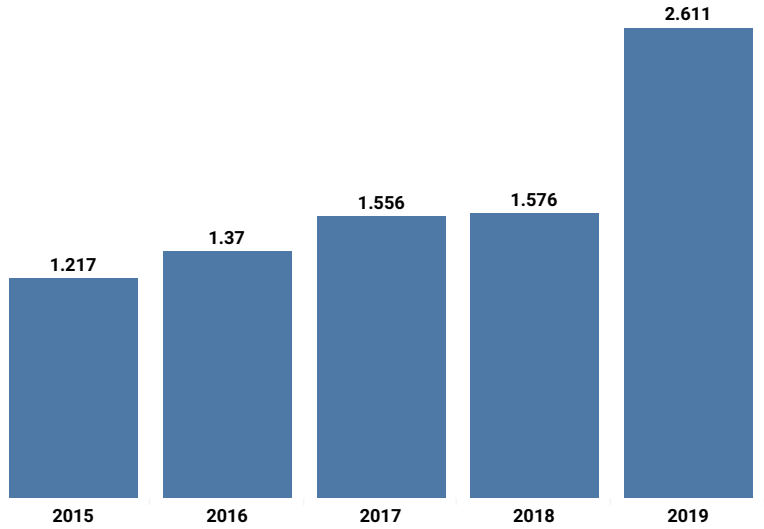
Title	First Listed Author	Article Details	Views
Make America Christian Again: Christian Nationalism and Voting for Donald Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election	Andrew L Whitehead	Vol:79, Iss:2, Pub Date:2018-01-25	14,106
?Give us a Sign of Your Presence?: Paranormal Investigation as a Spiritual Practice	Marc A. Eaton	Vol:76, Iss:4, Pub Date:2015-07-30	6,174
Finding Religion in Everyday Life	Nancy T. Ammerman	Vol:75, Iss:2, Pub Date:2014-03-12	5,359
Religion and Crime: A Systematic Review and Assessment of Next Steps	Amy Adamczyk	Vol:78, Iss:2, Pub Date:2017-03-24	4,124
Socioeconomic Status and Beliefs about God's Influence in Everyday Life	Scott Schieman	Vol:71, Iss:1, Pub Date:2010-02-10	3,310
?I'm Gay and I'm Catholic?: Negotiating Two Complex Identities at a Catholic University	Robbee Wedow	Vol:78, Iss:3, Pub Date:2017-06-28	2,467
The Unexpected Orthodoxy of Donald J. Trump: White Evangelical Support for the 45th President of the United States	Gerardo Marti	Vol:80, Iss:1, Pub Date:2018-12-20	1,694
Why Aren't We Paying Attention? Religion and Politics in Everyday Life	Jennifer Glass	Vol:80, Iss:1, Pub Date:2018-11-03	1,660
Atheists on the Santiago Way: Examining Motivations to Go On Pilgrimage	Miguel Farias	Vol:80, Iss:1, Pub Date:2018-06-12	986
Christian America in Black and White: Racial Identity, Religious-National Group Boundaries, and Explanations for Racial Inequality	Samuel L Perry	Vol:80, Iss:3, Pub Date:2018-12-08	841

Top 10 Articles by All-Time Altmetric Score  
Which articles have received the most attention?

Title	First Listed Author	Article Details	Altmetric Score
Make America Christian Again: Christian Nationalism and Voting for Donald Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election	Andrew L. Whitehead	Vol:79, Iss:2, Pub Date:2018-01-25	614
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A (More) Perfect Union? Religion, Politics, and Competing Stories of America	Ruth Braunstein	Vol:79, Iss:2, Pub Date:2018-04-12	77
God on the Fly? The Professional Mandates of Airport Chaplains	Wendy Cadge	Vol:78, Iss:4, Pub Date:2017-07-05	73
?Give us a Sign of Your Presence?: Paranormal Investigation as a Spiritual Practice	Marc A. Eaton	Vol:76, Iss:4, Pub Date:2015-07-30	70
The Immigrant Effect: Short-Term Mission Travel as Transnational Civic Remittance	Gary J. Adler	Vol:79, Iss:3, Pub Date:2018-02-17	67
Does Economic Insecurity Predict Religiosity? Evidence from the European Social Survey 2002?2014	Ingrid Storm	Vol:78, Iss:2, Pub Date:2017-03-23	67
Scientists and Spirituality	Elaine Howard Ecklund	Vol:72, Iss:3, Pub Date:2011-02-16	64
Workplace-Bridging Religious Capital: Connecting Congregations to Work Outcomes	Jerry Z. Park	Vol:75, Iss:2, Pub Date:2014-04-11	59
Does State Repression Suppress the Protest Participation of Religious People?	Yun Lu	Vol:80, Iss:2, Pub Date:2018-08-08	51

Impact Factor Trend

How has the Impact Factor changed over the last 5 years?



Impact Factor Breakdown 2018 vs 2019 Impact Factor

How is the Impact Factor calculated?

2019 Impact Factor

Citations in 2019 to items published in  
2017 (43) + 2018 (51)

Number of citable items in  
2017 (16) + 2018 (20)

=  $\frac{94}{36}$  = 2.611

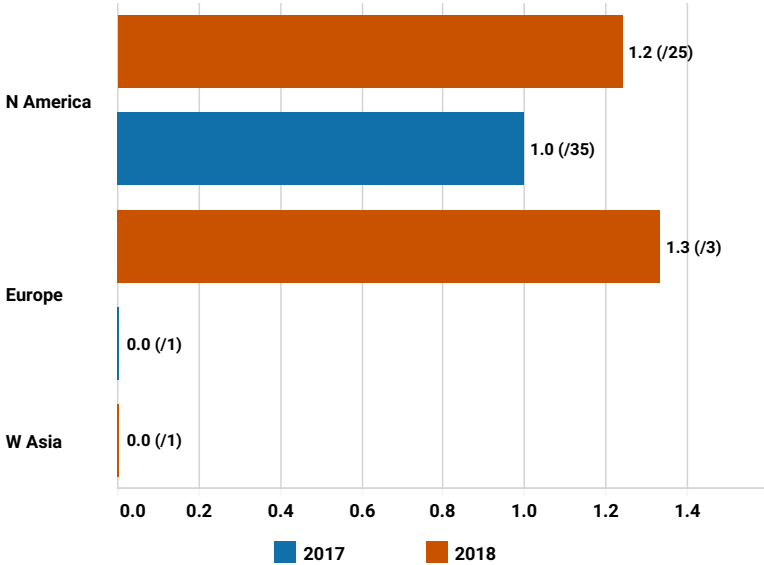
2018 Impact Factor

Citations in 2018 to items published in  
2016 (24) + 2017 (28)

Number of citable items in  
2016 (17) + 2017 (16)

=  $\frac{52}{33}$  = 1.576

Citations by Corresponding Author Region 2017 vs 2018 Impact Factor  
Which regions' citable items attract most citations by mean average? No. items in brackets

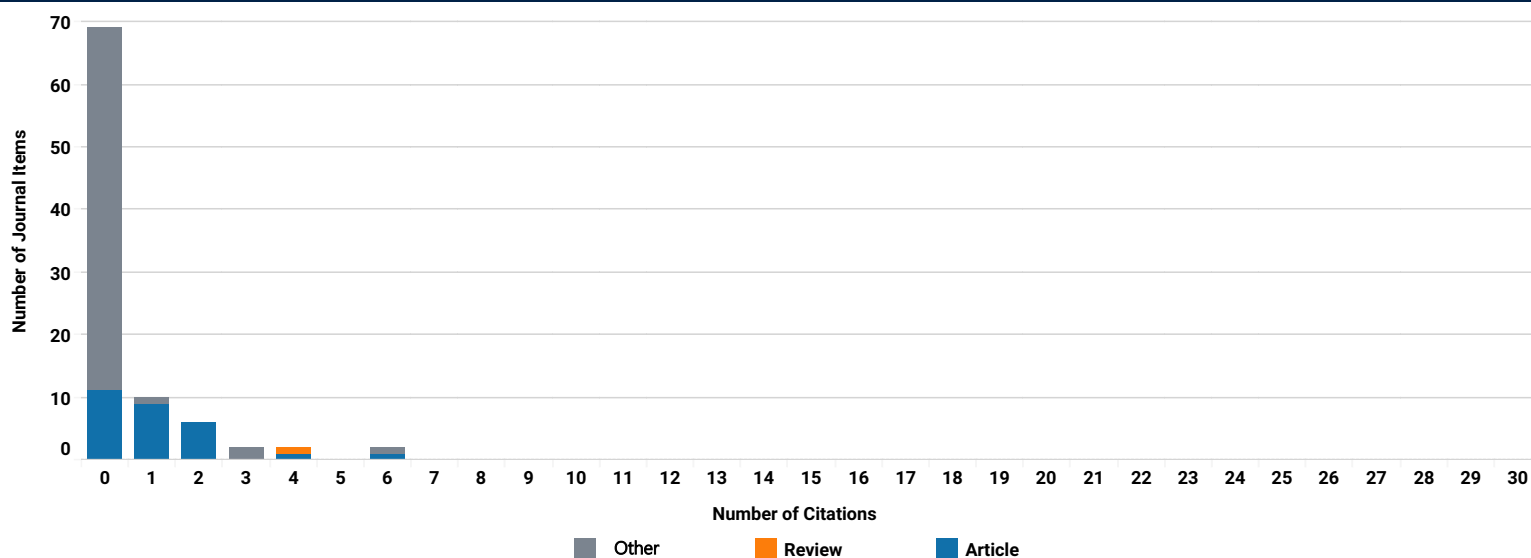


Citations by Document Type 2017 vs 2018 Impact Factor  
Which document types contributed the most to Impact Factor by mean average?

WoS Doc. Type	2017 IF		2018 IF	
	Items	Avg Contribution to IF	Items	Avg Contribution to IF
Article	36	1.0	28	1.1
Biographical-Item	1	0.0	1	3.0
Book Review	64	0.0	56	0.0
Correction	3	0.3	3	0.0
Editorial Material	2	3.0	2	4.5
Review			1	4.0

## Citation Distribution 2018 Impact Factor

How many journal items received x citations contributing to the 2018 Impact Factor? Split by Web of Science document type



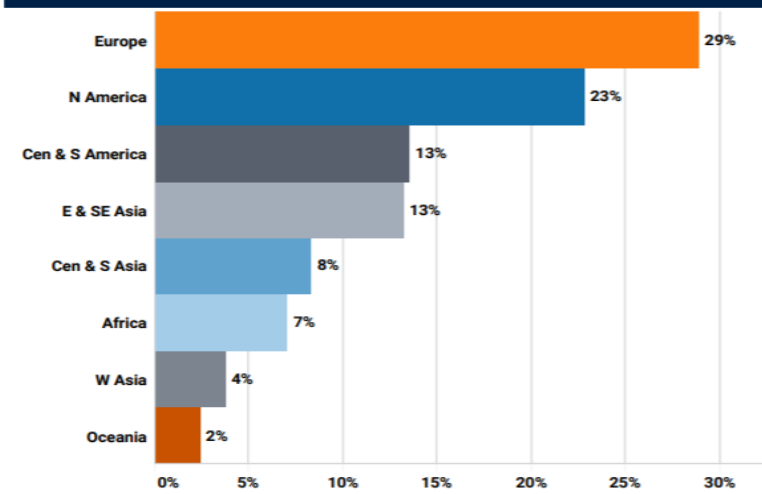
## Institutional Subscriptions by Subscription Type

How are subscription types changing over time?

	2018	2019	2020
Collection (minus Migrated)	1,830	1,794	1,919
Migrated	240	275	279
Conventional Academic	190	179	172
Conventional Corporate	2	2	1
Grand Total	2,262	2,250	2,371

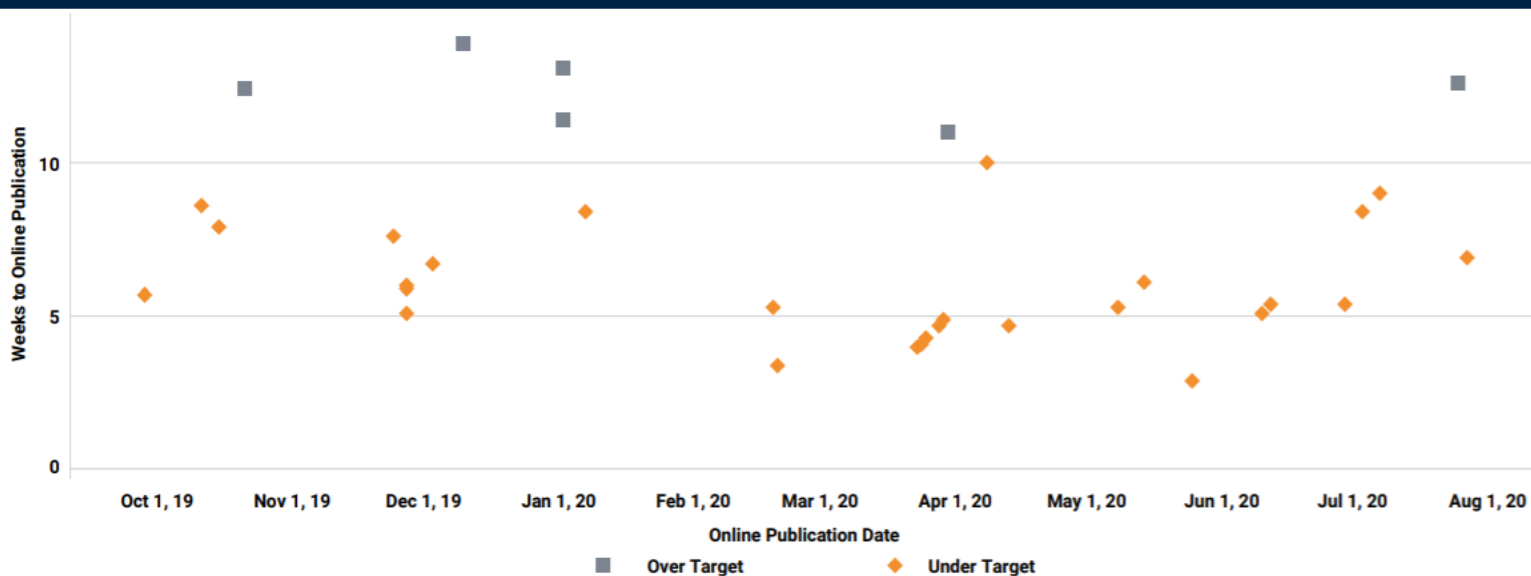
## 2020 Institutional Subscriptions by Region

What is the breakdown of institutional subscriptions by geographic region?



## Online Publication Speeds

How long after receipt into Production has it taken to publish content online in the last 12 months?



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## Average Time to Online Publication

How do mean times from receipt to online publication compare for recent years?

	2018	2019	2020
Mean Weeks to Online Publication	6.9	6.1	6.5

## Copy Flow

How does copy flow in the last 12 months compare to the previous 12 months?

Manuscripts Received Last 12 Months	64
Manuscripts Received 12-24 Months Ago	50
Manuscripts Published Online Last 12 Months	47
Manuscripts Published Online 12-24 Months Ago	47

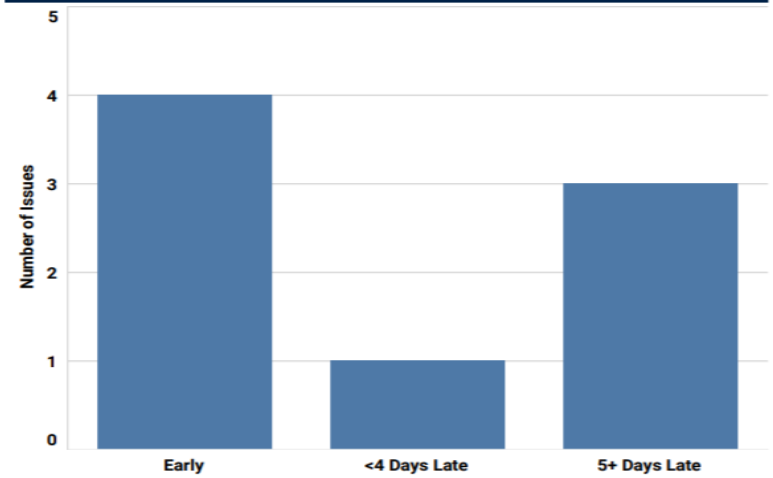
## Author Feedback

How have authors rated the production process on average out of 5 since the start of 2018?

Number of Records	6
Quality	4.5
Speed	4.3
Service	4.0
Communication	4.3

## Issue Timeliness

Have regular issues in 2019 and 2020 volumes published online on schedule?



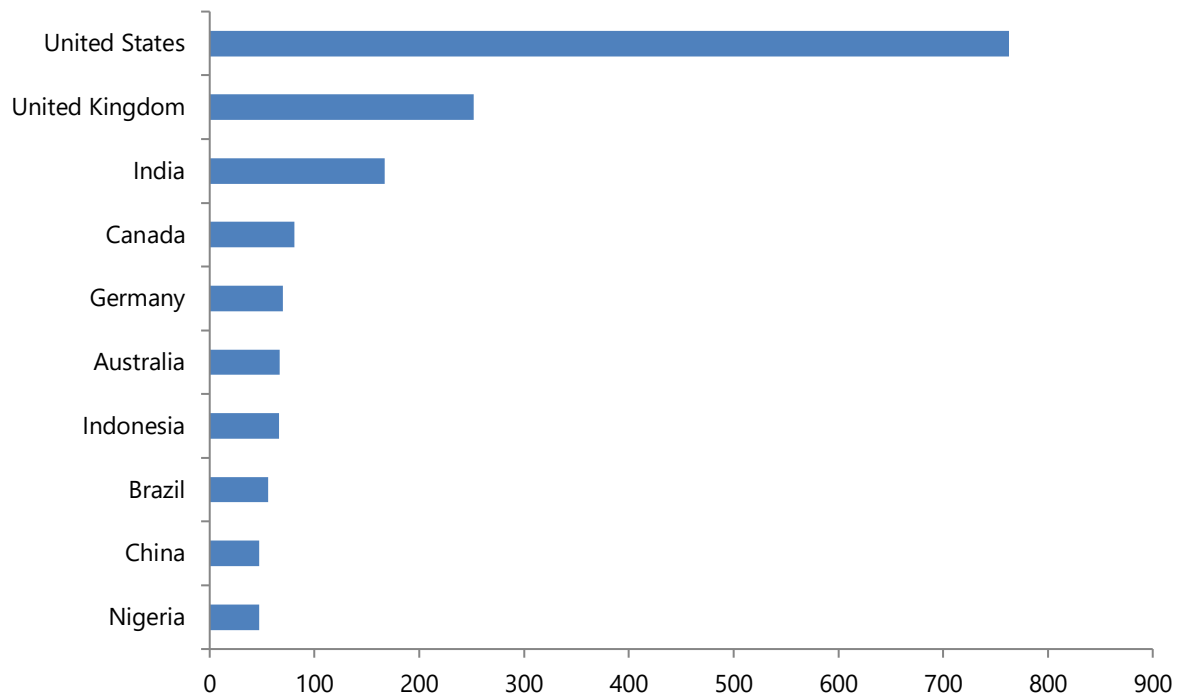
### Email Alerting Services

How many registrants are there for the journal's email alerts?

	Jan. 1, 2019	June 30, 2020	Percent Change
New issue alerts	2,303	2,423	+ 5.21%
Advance article alerts	812	834	+ 2.71%

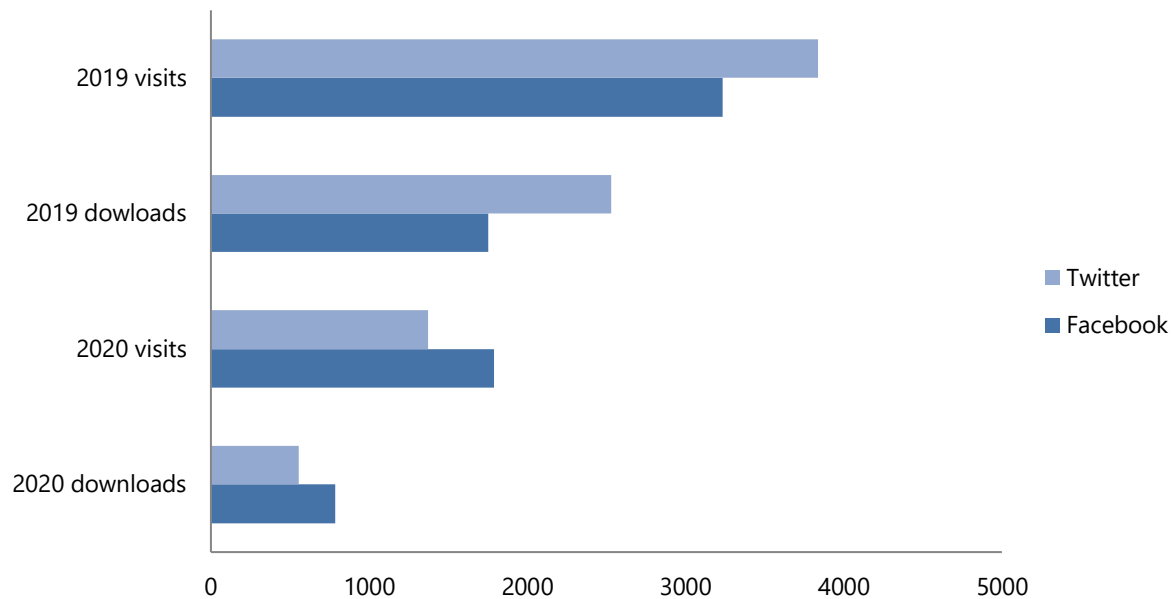
### Email Alerting Services

Where are registrants located globally? (Top 10 countries)



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### Social Media Referrals 2019 –2020 (to date) How many users and downloads come from social media websites?



*Sociology of Religion* has been regularly featured on OUP social media channels throughout 2019 and 2020.

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of tweets from the account OUPReligion (@OUPReligion).

- Top Left Tweet:** Promotes a study from @SORJournal examining differences in motivations and after-effects experienced by religious and atheist pilgrims on the Santiago Way. It includes a link [bit.ly/2GWWuTf](https://bit.ly/2GWWuTf) and a photo of pilgrims. The tweet is dated 12:00 PM · Aug 13, 2019 and has 4 Retweets and 6 Likes.
- Top Right Tweet:** Promotes an article from @SORJournal on the relationship between socioeconomic status and religion. It includes a link to the article abstract and a photo of the journal cover. The tweet is dated 6:00 AM - 7 May 2019 and has 6 Retweets and 4 Likes.
- Bottom Tweet:** Promotes the latest issue of the journal being freely available under the "Free to Access" policy. It includes a link to the journal's homepage and a photo of the journal cover. The tweet is dated 2:30 PM · Oct 29, 2019 and has 5 Retweets and 2 Likes.

### **Podcast Series**

#### **How are podcasts being promoted?**

We continue to update the *SoR* podcast page as new episodes are released.

Banner ads promoting the *SoR* podcast are running on all journal pages, ensuring that readers entering the site via article and secondary pages have visibility. The ads have received 413,108 impressions and 859 clicks to date.

In April 2019, a Google ad promoting the *SOR* podcast received 9,902 impressions and 354 clicks for a click-through rate of 3.48%.



### **Call for Papers**

#### **Religion in the Age of Social Distancing**

We created [a secondary page announcing a call for papers](#) for a special issue on religion in the age of social distancing.

Banner ads promoting the call for papers are running on all journal pages, ensuring that readers entering the site via article and secondary pages have visibility. The ads have received 134,802 impressions and 206 clicks to date.



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### Banner ads

Banner ads promoting the SoR twitter and new content alerts are running on all journal pages, ensuring that readers entering the site via article and secondary pages have visibility.

The twitter ad has received 549,321 impressions and 952 clicks to date.

The content alert ad has received 845,887 impressions and 851 clicks to date.



### Conferences

The below list shows the conferences where OUP promoted the journal since January 2019.

Conference	Date	Type of Promotion
Association for the Sociology of Religion	09-Aug-2019	OUP Staffed Booth
American Sociological Association	10-Aug-2019	OUP Staffed Booth
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	26-Oct-2019	OUP Staffed Booth
American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature	17-Nov-2019	OUP Staffed Booth
American Anthropological Association	20-Nov-2019	OUP Staffed Booth