

**Religion and Media Interest Group
AEJMC 2010 conference schedule**

WEDNESDAY

8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Refereed Paper Research Session: **Religious Media Content and Criticism**

Moderating/Presiding: **Michael Ray Smith**, Campbell

"Progressive Culture?" The Portrayal of Women in Contemporary
Christian Magazines

Kimberly Davis, Maryland

An "Interactive and Hermeneutic" Exploration of American Public
Media's Speaking of Faith Program

Dennis Jeffers, Central Michigan

Media Representation of Shiite Muslim Mourning Rituals

Aisah Mohammed and **Yusuf Kalyango**, Ohio

Watching Movies in the Name of the Lord: Thoughts on Analyzing
Christian Film Criticism

James Trammell, High Point

An Inquiry into the Alleged Plagiarism of a Former NBA All-Star

William Alnor, California State, East Bay

Discussant: **Michael Ray Smith**, Campbell

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment Studies and Religion and Media Interest Groups

Teaching Panel Session: **Entertainment Television Theologies**

Moderating/Presiding: **James Y. Trammell**, High Point

Panelists:

Madeleine Esch, Salve Regina University

Guy Golan

Anthony Hatcher, Elon University

11:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Off-site Tour: **A Visit to Colorado Springs**

The Religion and Media Interest Group will visit Colorado Springs, which for the past two decades been recognized as a center for evangelical Christian organizations. Come

join us as we head down I-25 to Colorado's second-largest city. In the 1980s, Colorado's economy was suffering. The price of oil had collapsed, and real estate prices were depressed. Seeing opportunity, dozens of pastors came to the city and many succeeded in opening churches and non-church religious organizations. Probably the best-known Christian organization based in Colorado Springs is Focus on the Family, founded by Dr. James Dobson. His multimedia ministry includes radio, television, film and video, magazines and books. The ministry centers on strengthening the traditional family but has also become involved in politics. RMIG will visit Focus on the Family and Compassion International, a Christian child advocacy ministry that operates in 25 countries. Vans depart from the hotel at 12:15 p.m. Box lunches will be available on the bus. We'll return to Denver in time for the 6:30 p.m. keynote speaker. Register for this session when you register for the AEJMC conference. *If you didn't do that and still want to go, e-mail Paola Banchemo at afpb@uaa.alaska.edu.*

THURSDAY

8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Religion and Media Interest Group

Refereed Paper Research Session: **The Power of Religion in Media Uses**

Moderating/Presiding: **Rick Moore**, Boise State

Popular Music Genre and Accessibility of Listeners' Self-Concept of Religiosity

Mark Shevy, Northern Michigan

The Effects of Media Use on Religious People's Perceptions of Politics and Science

Billy Collins, Zhenge Zhang, and Amanda Sturgill, Baylor

The Role of the Church in the Political Process: The Saddleback Civil Forum of 2008

Andrew Carlson, Ohio

"One of the Most Crying Needs of the Present Time": The Call for A Christian Daily Newspaper

Ronald Rodgers, Florida

Discussant: **Rick Moore**, Boise State

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Religion and Media and Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk Interest Groups

PF&R Panel Session: **Environmentalism and Religiosity: Exploring the Connections**

Moderating/Presiding: **Paola Banchemo**, Alaska-Anchorage

Panelists: **Tracylee Clark**, California State, Channel Islands
Bernardo Heisler Motta, Bridgewater
Mark Neuzil, St. Thomas
Connie Roser-Renouf, George Mason

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Refereed Paper Research Session: **Religion on the Internet**

Moderating/Presiding: **Debra Mason**, Missouri

Do Denominations Talk With Us or At Us? A Content Analysis
of U.S. Denominational Websites*

John Wirtz, Philip Poe and Prisca Ngondo, Texas Tech
Searching for Connectedness, Belonging, and Economic Security: New Media
and Islamic Identity in the Lives of Central Asian Youth

Hans Ibold, Indiana
Virtual Angels, Temples, and Religious Worship: A Journey with the Mormons
in Second Life

David Scott, Utah Valley
Contemporary Christian Radio Web Sites: A Uses and Gratifications Study**
Joshua Bentley, Oklahoma State

Discussant: **Debra Mason**, Missouri

* Top Faculty Paper
** Top Student Paper

FRIDAY

8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Religion and Media and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Interest Groups

Teaching Panel Session: **Sex, Media and Religion**

Moderating/Presiding: **Dane S. Claussen**, Point Park

Panelists:
Dane S. Claussen, Point Park
Tien-Tsung Lee, Kansas
Cecile Holmes, University of South Carolina
Jason M. Shepard, California State University

Gary Hicks, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Cultural and Critical Studies Division and Religion and Media Interest Group

Teaching Panel Session: **Brainstorming: Teaching Students to Think Critically and Creatively**

Moderating/Presiding: **Erika Engstrom**, Nevada Las Vegas

Panelists:

Brainstorming Questions and the Bulletproof Story: Helping Students Craft Questions Before, During, and After the Interview **Paola Banchemo**, Alaska-Anchorage

Extracting the Stone of Madness: Brainstorming, Critical Media Literacy and Mindfulness **Ralph Believeau**, Oklahoma

Brainstorming the Big Picture: Thinking Concretely About the Relationships between Mass Media and Society **Peggy Bowers**, Clemson

Social Reporting: Harnessing The Power of Curiosity And Helping Students Generate Culturally Relevant Research Ideas **Susan Brockus**, California State Chico

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Religion and Media Interest Group

Business Session: **Members' Meeting**

Moderating/Presiding: **Paola Banchemo**, Alaska-Anchorage

SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Religion and Media Interest Group and Newspaper Division

PF&R Panel Session: **Losing My Religion Page: The New Normal for Faith Coverage**

Moderating/Presiding: **Mitch McKenney**, Kent State

Panelists:

Paul Asay, associate editor, *Plugged In Online*, Colorado Springs, CO

Electa Draper, religion reporter, *Denver Post*

Debra Mason, Missouri, executive director, Religion Newswriters Association

Leo Brunnick, CEO and founder, *Patheos.com*, Englewood, CO