An Introduction to This Issue
Jim Wolfe, THS Editor

This issue is devoted mainly to the AHS 2010 Annual Meeting, November 3-7, at the Lodge at Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico on the theme “Meeting at the Crossroads: How then shall we proceed?” AHS President Emma Bailey provides us with a look at keynote speakers and guests and tips on what to see and do in Santa Fe. The heart of the issue is the preliminary program supplied by program chair Steve McGuire. The issue concludes with my farewell editorial on dialogical pluralism plus a pre-registration blank for you to mail in.

Keynote Speakers and Guests

Friday Evening

Storyteller, Sunny Dooley, comes from a community called Chi Chil’ Tah (Where the Oaks Grow). The stories she tells are stories that have been told for generations from her matrilineal clan of the Saltwater People Clan. Having Dine’ as her first language, Miss Dooley interprets her People’s stories in English with all of their rich cultural, traditional, and historical context.

http://www.flagstaffcentral.com/bookfest2001/authors2001/dooley.html

Saturday Lunch

Mark Winne is a food activist who has worked for over 35 years struggling to close the food gap. Having come relatively recently to Santa Fe, NM from Hartford, CT, he works locally with organizations such as Farm to Table and also travels and speaks widely. Mark will speak on food injustice nationally and locally and suggest ways to move toward justice. He is the author of Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty and Food Rebels, Guerrilla Gardeners, and Smart Cookin’ Mamas: Fighting Back in an Age of Industrial Agriculture.

http://www.markwinne.com/

Friday Lunch—Activist Café

On Friday we’ll have activists from the following organizations:
New Mexico Farm to Table http://www.farmtotablenm.org/
The New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger http://endnmhunger.org/
The Volunteer Center of Grant County http://volunteersofgrantcounty.org/
Dreaming New Mexico a Bioneers Collaborative Project http://www.dreamingnewmexico.org/
The Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center http://abqpeaceandjustice.org/
TEWA Women United http://www.tewawomenunited.org/
Cornerstones http://www.cstones.org/
WildEarth Guardians http://www.wildearthguardians.org/

Things to Do and See and Getting around Santa Fe

The most talked about locations in Santa Fe are the historic plaza, Museum Hill, Canyon Rd, and the Railyard. We’ll have trips/walks/tours to several of these places. But if you want to go see the city on your own, the hotel provides a shuttle to the Plaza. In addition there is a local bus system, Santa Fe Trails http://www.santafenm.gov/index.aspx?NID=498 (information for the bus will be available at the meeting for those who want to use the public bus once in Santa Fe) and cab service, Capital City Cab 505-438-0000.

The best websites to learn about Santa Fe are:
http://santafe.org/

From left to right
Corey Dolgon, Mary Chayko and Jim Pennell
Preliminary Program Schedule for Fall Meeting 2010

**WEDNESDAY 6:00-9:00**

**BOARD MEETING** (all are welcome to attend)

**WEDNESDAY 9:00-?**

ROOM 409 Hospitality Suite

**THURSDAY ALL DAY**

Registration Desk

SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING (OPTIONAL):

- One of the Thursday dinner groups
- Thursday 2:45 Tour of Canyon Drive
- Saturday 9:30 Santa Fe Farmer’s Market

**THURSDAY 7:30-8:15**

Constitution Committee  Las Mananitas Hotel Restaurant

Nominations Committee  Las Mananitas Hotel Restaurant

**THURSDAY 8:30-10:00**

**PIONEERS OF PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY: 30 YEARS OF HUMANITY AND SOCIETY**

A discussion of the new book.

Corey Dolgon (Worcester Univ.)
Mary Chayko (College of St. Elizabeth)
Woody Doane (Univ. of Hartford)
Anthony E. Ladd (Loyola Univ. New Orleans)
Jerry Lembeke (Holy Cross Univ.)

**THURSDAY 8:30-10:00**

Tewa Room [AV equipped]

**WORKSHOP: MAKING VIDEO WITH SONY VEGAS 9**

(continued Saturday 8:45-10:15)

Steve McGuire and Dave Tabachnick (Muskingum Univ.)
(See below for further information.)

**THURSDAY 8:30-10:00**

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Facilitator: Rebecca Hensley
(Southeastern Louisiana University)

Personal Responsibility in an Unequal Society

- Brian Barry (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- Theory and Sociological Citizenship:
  - Teaching Undergraduates about the Role of Sociological
  - Theorizing in Sociological Thinking
  - Ray Muller (East Stroudsburg State Univ. of Pennsylvania)

**THURSDAY 10:15-11:00**

Tewa Room/Ballroom

**REFRESHMENTS AROUND TABLES**

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Gina Petonito (Univ. of Miami, Ohio)

**THE AHS CONSTITUTION**

Kathryn Gaianguest (Univ. Maine)
Greta Pennell (Univ. of Indianapolis)

**APPRECIATING AHS FOLKS**

Michael Weinstein (Univ. of Hawaii)

**BOOKS BY PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE**

(Open To All)

**THURSDAY 11:00-12:45**

Meet in Hotel Lobby

**EARLY VAN TO THE SANTA FE PLAZA**

**THURSDAY 11:15-12:45**

Board Room [AV equipped]

**ACT LOCALLY**

Facilitator: Korene Schmitz

NGATHA International: Effective Fundraising and
Community Organization

Korene Schmitz, Abigail Beranek, and
Rebecca Freilinger (St. Cloud State Univ.)

Wheeler Arts Community: 10 Years of Public Sociology and
Action

Tim Maher (Univ. of Indianapolis)

Standing at the Crossroads: Jewish Progressive Activism
and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Shalom Endleman (Quinnipiac Univ.) and
Joyce Mandell (Worcester State College)

**THURSDAY 11:15-12:45**

El Tovar Room

**STUDENT SELF, SEX**

Facilitators: Codie Wedge and Lisa Sanders
(Western Michigan Univ.)

"These Nerds Are a Threat to Our Way of Life": Nerd
Identity Construction, Practices, and Management in U.S.
University Students

Aly Poggi (Elon University)

Youth and Sex in the Bible Belt

Rebecca Hensley (Southeastern Louisiana Univ.)

Revealing Secrets about Sexual Abuse in the Classroom:
Process and Consequences

Jerome Rabow (UCLA)

HIV Related Knowledge and AIDS Stigma Among College
Students in Yemen

Abdallah M. Badahdah (Univ. of North Dakota)
THURSDAY 11:15-12:45  Tewa Room [AV equipped]

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCES  Facilitator: Estelle Record-Stanley  
(Clinical Sociologists of Boston)

Human Services and Social Justice: Student Reflections on Their Community Service Experience  
Kenneth Branco (Stonehill College)
Confessions of a Former Welfare Case-Worker  
(with documentary video excerpts)  
Richard Sahn (Pennsylvania College of Technology)

THURSDAY 11:45-2:10  Meet in Hotel Lobby

LATER VAN TO THE SANTA FE PLAZA

THURSDAY 1:00-2:30  Board Room [AV equipped]

LOCAL PRAXIS  Facilitator: Chad Kimmel

Searching for Meaning in Money: Experiments with Currency, Prices, and Wages  
Kevin J. Delaney (Temple Univ.)

Everyone is an Asset: Strengthening Community and Supporting Social Justice through Time Banking  
Chad M. Kimmel (Shippensburg Univ.)

Problematizing the Socially Conscious Consumer as Political Activist: Challenging Free Market Capitalism through Alternative Trade  
Julie Steinkopf Rice (New Mexico State Univ.)

THURSDAY 1:00-2:30  El Tovar Room

AWAKENING  Facilitator: Ray Muller  
(East Stroudsburg State Univ.)

Emerging Adults Doin’ the Best They Can for Meaning, Morality and Purpose  
John Mihelich (Univ. of Idaho)

Toward a Collective Awakening: Buddhist Contributions to Social Change  
Janine Schiper and Karla Hackstaff  
(Northern Arizona Univ.)

The Student Has Become the Teacher: The Faculty-in-Residence Experience as Critical Pedagogy and Humanist Sociology  
Shawn Bingham (Univ. of South Florida)

Recent Research on Mirror Neurons  
Tom Arcaro (Elon Univ.)

THURSDAY 1:00-2:30  Tewa Room [AV equipped]

STUDENT IGNITION  Facilitator and Discussant: Alan Spector  
(Purdue Univ. Calumet)

The Call of Sociology  
Michael Fraleigh (Bryant Univ.)

Teaching Teachers to Create Equality  
Abigail Reiter (George Mason Univ.)

Teaching the Sociology of Race through the Lens of Sports  
Kathleen J. Fitzgerald (Loyola Univ. New Orleans)

THURSDAY 2:45-4:15  Meet at Lobby

TOUR of CANYON DRIVE  Alicia Edwards

Canyon Drive is the premier art gallery district in Santa Fe. Experience part of what makes contemporary Santa Fe, Santa Fe and see what draws people from around the globe to this town.

THURSDAY 2:45-4:15  Board Room [AV equipped]

....THIS LAND (SHOULD BE) OUR LAND...  Facilitator: Anthony Ladd

Reactionaries, Pantomimes and Moral Soldier: Narratives in Conflict Surrounding the Recovery of the Mexican Gray Wolf  
Damien Contessa (University of South Florida)

Climate Change, Stewardship, and Community Relocation: Kivalina’s Story  
Catherine Turcotte, Seabury  
(Univ. of New Hampshire)

Commenting on Catastrophe  
Greta Pennell (Univ. of Indianapolis)

Pandora’s Well: Corruption, Deregulation, Fossil Fuels, and the BP Oil Disaster in the Gulf  
Anthony E. Ladd (Loyola Univ. New Orleans)

THURSDAY 2:45-4:15  El Tovar Room

MEDIATED  Facilitator: Brenda Chaney  
(Ohio State Univ.)

Second Life for Teaching, Learning and Beyond  
Gina Petonito (Univ. of Miami, Ohio)

Globalization and Imagining a Cosmopolitan Media  
Jason Smith (George Mason Univ.)

Digital Natives, Digital Divide and Social Inequality  
Marcoux Faia (Rivier College)

The Impact of Western Ideals of Feminine Beauty on Development of Eating Disorders in Non-Western Women  
Miranda Reiter (Utah State Univ.)
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**TRANSNATIONAL TRANSITIONS**  Facilitator: Catherine Turcotte Seabury  
(Univ. of New Hampshire)

Creating Knowledge and Promoting Justice for the Oromo in Exile  
Asafa Jalata (Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville)

Energy, Socio-Organizational Complexity, and the Network Structure of Trade in the Modern World-System  
James Rice (New Mexico State Univ.)

Sustained Community As Roots of Resistance: The Union Village Struggle Against the Alutrint Smelter  
Heidi Ballard (Otterbein College)

Rebuilding Haiti after the Earthquake: On Whose Terms and to Whose Benefit?  
Chris Dale (New England College)

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**FRIDAY 10:30-12:00**  El Tovar Room

**THE BONDS WE SHARE: PEOPLE AND OTHER ANIMALS**  
Organizer: Cheryl Joseph

Helping Animals through Academia: Possibilities in Universities  
Kathie Jenni (Univ. of Redlands)

Men and Their Relationships with Animals  
Christina Risley-Curtiss (Univ. of Arizona)

Presence of a Companion Animal in the Classroom and the Impact on Test Anxiety in College Students  
Cheryl Joseph  
(Notre Dame de Namur Univ. Belmont)

Animal Rights Activists as Terrorists: The Animal Enterprise Terrorists Act and Special Interest Groups  
Brenda Chaney (Ohio State Univ.)

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**FRIDAY 10:30-12:00**  Tewa Room  [AV equipped]

**CONCEIVING RACE**  Facilitator and Discussant: Alan Spector  
(Purdue Univ. Calumet)

Are you a "Real" Indian? -- An Institutional Response Regarding Lumbee Identity  
Ottis Murray (Univ. of North Carolina-Pembroke)

Employing a Student-Centered Learning Strategy to Explore the Hidden Emotional Cost of Being White  
Timothy Levonyan Radloff  
(State Univ. of New York-Fredonia)

At the Racial Crossroads: What Sociology Courses on Race and Ethnicity Reveal about Race and Ethnic Relations in the Posts Racial Age  
Mark Patrick George (Valdosta State Univ.)

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**FRIDAY 12:00 -2:00**  Kachina Ballroom

**THE ACTIVIST CAFÉ**  Facilitators: Emma Bailey, Alicia Edwards, Steve McGuire

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**FRIDAY 2:15-3:45**  Kachina Ballroom

**The AHS 2010 Business Meeting**  
(all are welcome!)

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**FRIDAY 4:00-4:45**  El Tovar Room

**TAKING BACK EMILE**

Social and Economic Justice And the Search for a Progressive Durkheim  
Stephen Adair (Central Connecticut State Univ.)

Durkheim was not a Functionalist  
Rick Eckstein (Villanova Univ.)

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**FRIDAY 4:00-4:45**  Tewa Room  [AV equipped]

**JAMMIN' WITH THE NOBEL LAUREATES**  
Organizer: Wick Griswold

Multimedia Extravaganza Analyzing the University of Hartford 2010 Peacejam Conference/Service Learning Events  
Austy Wilde (Univ. of Hartford)

Chrissa Dean (Peacejam/AmeriCorps)

Camilla Marquez (Peacejam/AmeriCorps)

Colleen Greenlach Lepre (Branford High School)

Wick Griswold (Univ. of Hartford)

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**FRIDAY 4:00-4:45**  Board Room  [AV equipped]

**DISCUSSION FORUM**  Facilitator: Woody Doane  
(Univ. of Hartford)

**HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS: WHERE DO WE (HUMANISTS) GO FROM HERE?**

This session is designed as an open discussion where—after brief introduction—all attendees will be invited to share experiences insights and ideas for the future.

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**FRIDAY 4:45-5:45**  Benitez Cabaret Room

**RECEPTION AND THE 2010 AHS BOOK AWARD**
FRIDAY 5:45-6:45  PLENARY  Benitez Cabaret Room
Sunny Dooley is a native Dine’ (Navajo) Storyteller from a community called Chi Chil’ Tah (Where the Oaks Grow). The stories she tells her stories have been told for generations from her matrilineal clan of the Saltwater People Clan. Having Dine’ as her first language, Ms. Dooley interprets her People’s stories in English with all of their rich cultural, traditional, and historical context.

FRIDAY 6:45
On your own to eat at the hotel or in Santa Fe

FRIDAY 9:00-?  Room 409  Hospitality Suite

FRIDAY 10:00
Movie: *Generations in the Big Ugly*
David Tabachnick and Martin Ethington (Muskingum Univ.)

SATURDAY 7:30-8:15
Women's Breakfast  Las Mananitas Hotel Restaurant

SATURDAY 8:00-9:15  Las Mananitas Hotel Restaurant
BREAKFAST WITH MARK RUDD:
Activist Organizing in Albuquerque
Facilitator: Heidi Ballard (Otterbein College)

SATURDAY 8:45-10:15  El Tovar Room
YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR MOTHERS
Facilitator: Marcoux Faia (Rivier College)

Door to the Promised Land: Has the School Choice Movement Fulfilled its Goals of Equity in Access and Opportunity
Terri Akey (Education Northwest)

Challenges in Benefits of College Education for Minority Single Mothers
Roxana Moayedi (Trinity Univ.)

20 Years of Non-Academic but Humanist Sociology: Proceeding Against Institutionalized Inequality in Early Childhood Education
Estelle Record-Stanley (Clinical Sociologistsof Boston)

Meeting the Needs of Children of Incarcerated Mothers
Sylvia I. Mignon (College of Public and Community Service, Univ. Mass. Boston)

SATURDAY 8:45-10:15  Board Room [AV equipped]
VOICES OF PAIN VOICES OF HOPE
Facilitator: Abdallah M. Badahdah (Univ. of North Dakota)
A video on teaching race relations
Presenter: Jerome Rabow (UCLA)

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Steve McGuire and Dave Tabachnick (Muskingum Univ.)
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SATURDAY 9:30-10:30  Las Mananitas Hotel Restaurant
Author Meets Critics: *Hanoi Jane: War, Sex, Fantasies of Betrayal*
Organizer: Corey Dolgon (Worcester Univ.)
Author: Jerry Lembcke (Holy Cross Univ.)
Critics: Mark Rudd (Albuquerque Activist)
Cynthia Pelak (New Mexico State Univ.)

SATURDAY 9:30-11:30  Meet in Hotel Lobby
VISIT SANTA FE FARMER’S MARKET  Alicia Edwards
The market that began with a handful of farmers in the late 1960s is now by far New Mexico’s largest farmers’ market and one of the most widely recognized markets in the United States and beyond. The Santa Fe Farmers Market represents over 100 active vendors and features hundreds of different agricultural products. To further meet Santa Fe’s demand for fresh, local produce, the Market began operating year-round in 2002, and with more and more farmers using extended growing techniques, the “off season” becomes more successful every year.
(http://www.santafefarmersmarket.com/about/)

SATURDAY 10:15-11:00  Tewa Room/Ballroom [AV equipped]
REFRESHMENTS AROUND TABLES
AHS ON WIKIPEDIA  Chet Ballard (Valdosta Univ.)
Michael Weinstein (Univ. of Hawaii)

GENDERED ATHEISM  Tom Arcaro (Elon Univ.)
BOOKS BY PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE  (Open To All)
**SATURDAY 11:00-12:30**

**Board Room** [AV equipped]

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Organizer: Lisa Marie Peloquin

Veganism Identity and Consumption: Negotiating Theory with Practice  
Jessica Greenebaum  
(Central Connecticut State Univ.)

The Challenges of Implementing Sustainable Food Production and Consumption: A Case Study  
Jim Pennell, Lindsay Leonhard, Cristie Cole, and Vivian (We) Xie (Univ. of Indianapolis)

Hungry Minds and Bodies: Fasting in the Contemporary Undergraduate Classroom  
Lisa Marie Peloquin (Elon Univ.)

Small Farms and Healthy Systems: Challenging Agriculture Policy  
Jeff Torlina (Utah Valley Univ.)

**SATURDAY 11:00-12:30**

**El Tovar Room**

**TORN HUMANS**

Facilitator: Kenneth Branco  
(Stonehill College)

Why They Stay: and Why They Go: Chairs of Graduate Departments in Sociology  
Kathleen A. Tiemann (Univ. of North Dakota)  
Thomas L. Van Valey (Western Michigan Univ.)

Continuing Legacy: A New Generations Experience of the American Vietnam War  
Sarah Smits (St. Anselm College)

¿Transnationalism From Below?  
Mexico-U.S. Migration, Family Life, Community, and Work  
Brian Rich (Transylvania Univ.)

Disaster Response and Issues of Triage for Social Service Responders  
Jay Sweifach (Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva Univ.)

**SATURDAY 11:00-12:30**

**Tewa Room** [AV equipped]

**FAMILIES STRUGGLING ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MARGINS**

Organizer: Timothy Black

Alternative Schools for Pregnant and Mothering Students: Separate and Unequal?  
Mary Patrice Erdmans (Central Connecticut State Univ.)

Adolescent Motherhood amidst Life Worlds of Chaos: Social Mechanisms and Personal Trajectories  
Timothy Black (Univ. of Hartford)

Can't Knock of the Hustle: The Social and Economic Struggles Of Marginalize Fathers in Connecticut  
Sky Keyes and Matthew Sagacity Walker (Univ. of Hartford)

**SATURDAY 12:30-2:30**

**Kachina Ballroom**

**PLENARY LUNCH WITH MARK WINNE**

Mark’s writings have appeared in the Boston Globe, The Nation, In These Times, Sierra Magazine, and numerous other periodicals. From 1979 to 2003, Mark was the Executive Director of the Hartford Food System, where he organized community self-help food projects assisting the city’s lower income and elderly residents. Two of Mark’s recent publications (books) are Food Rebels, Guerrilla Gardeners, and Smart Cookin’ Mamas: Fighting Back in an Age of Industrial Agriculture and Closing the Food Gap.

**SATURDAY 2:45-4:15**

**El Tovar Room**

**THE RIGHTS OF HUMANS**

Facilitator: Jim Gallagher  
(Univ. of Maine)

Disability – The Stepchild of the Human Rights Movement, or How Come We’re All Running from the Cripples?  
Jean Lynch (Miami Univ. Ohio)

More than Veiled Victims: Afghan Women and Human Rights Activism, 1960-2010  
Chris Dale (New England College)

Migration and the Erosion of Human Rights: The Role of SB1070  
Joanna Hadjicostandi (Behavioral Science, Univ. Texas, Permian Basin)

FDR’s Second Bill Of Rights -- Neglected Philosophical Issues  
Dennis W. MacDonald (St. Anselm College)  
Gerald A. Ginocchio (Wofford College)

**SATURDAY 2:45-4:15**

**Board Room** [AV equipped]

**SHAPING NEIGHBORHOODS**

Facilitator: Sarah Smits  
(St. Anselm College)

New Urbanism and Pocket Neighborhoods: Directions for Research in Architecture  
Julie Didelot (Bowling Green State Univ.)

Knowing Cities/Knowing a City: 11 Years of Walking Workshops at AHS, 1998-2008  
Brian Sherman (Albany State University, retired)

The Crossroads of Cultural Change: Exposing the Uniformly Heterogeneous  
Joshua J. Eichenbaum  
(John Jay College of Criminal Justice)

Edge Dwellers: Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind  
Linda Mariposa Marangia  
(Metropolitan State College of Denver)
SATURDAY 2:45-4:15  Tewa Room [AV equipped]

ENGAGING ACTIVIST PROGRAMS
Facilitator:
Lisa Marie Peloquin
(Elon University)

Making Activism Work: Problems with the Social Security Administration's Identity Change Program: a Case Study
Sharon Rice Vaughan
(College of Professional Studies, Metropolitan State Univ.)

Feeding Programs: Food for the Body and Spirit
Chet Ballard (Valdosta Univ.)

Community Coalitions and Opioid Overdose Prevention
Deborah Milbauer (Roxbury/Jamaica Plain Substance Use Coalition)

A Wind-Wind Situation: Let's Build a Windfarm to Provide 100% Renewable Energy to our Town!
Chuck Koeber (Wichita State Univ.)

SATURDAY 4:30-5:15  Tewa Room  [AV equipped]

SONGS FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN
Pat Shields (Lac Courte Ojibwe Community College)

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AN INVESTIGATION OF THE END TO WHICH DIALECT AWARENESS IS TAUGHT TO FUTURE EDUCATORS
Rebecca Campbell (Univ. of South Florida)

SATURDAY 4:30-5:15  El Tovar Room

REFUGEES IN A STRANGE WORLD
Early 20th Century Refugee Resettlement in the American West
Tom Krainz (History, Depaul University)

Setting Refugees Up for Failure: Rethinking US Resettlement Policies
Stephanie Fritz (Univ. of Indianapolis)

Discussant: Marianna K. Foulkrod
(Community Program Center, Univ. Indianapolis)

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RECEPTION/PRESIDENTIAL CROSSROADS
Emma Bailey (Western New Mexico Univ.)

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Inauguration, a prime civil religious ceremony, in which ecclesiastical figures from various faiths bolster the civic creed of pluralism: E Pluribus Unum, out of many one.

Today our religious pluralism has broadened and frayed with Islam added to the mix. Islamophobia is rampant as in an extremist Christian pastor threatening to burn the Quran. Kennedy’s plea to “refrain from disdain” is much needed and was reiterated in his own words by President Obama. Some argue that an Islamic center should not be built on the “holy ground” at Ground Zero, based on an archaic civil religious belief that being killed in “war” hallows the ground where blood was shed, a belief that humanists should criticize as readily as they target pernicious ecclesiastical beliefs. With Mayor Bloomberg, I contend that the Islamic center should be allowed because encouraging moderate Islam is the best antidote to its extremist aberrations. Wouldn’t it be good if we had a Muslim prayer offered at the next presidential Inauguration?

One thing that militates against pluralism among religions is misconstruing what religion is. It is not just or mainly doctrine. When we teach religious studies at IUPUI, we recognize seven dimensions in religions, not just the doctrinal dimension but also experiential, ritual, mythological, aesthetic, ethical, and social.

Religions and persons differ in the emphasis they put on various dimensions. Judaism is more a set of practices than of beliefs. Right belief is an early stage on the Eightfold Path to enlightenment in Buddhism. Mindfulness is at its heart. Thich Nhat Hanh says: “Walking, breathing, sitting, eating, and drinking tea in mindfulness are all practices of taking refuge. This is not a matter of belief. It is very grounded in experience (“Living Buddha, Living Christ,” p. 129).” Episcopalians center on prayer and sacraments. It was said of Santayana that he believed “there is no God, and Mary is his mother”; theology left him cold, but he had a warm spot in his heart for Marjan piety.

In “The Case for God” historian Karen Armstrong criticizes the current crop of atheistic writers, such as Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris, for focusing exclusively on the God developed by fundamentalisms and perpetuating their equation of religion with belief. Especially in the pre-modern world, she sees religion primarily as action:

> “From a very early date, people reenacted their myths in stylized ceremonies that worked aesthetically upon participants, and, like any work of art, introduced them to a deeper dimension of existence.

> Without ritual, myths would make no sense and would remain as opaque as a musical score, which is impenetrable to most of us until interpreted instrumentally. Religion was not something that people thought but something they did. You will not be able to drive a car simply by reading the manual nor can you learn to dance, paint, or cook by perusing texts or recipes. Religion is a practical discipline that teaches us to discover new capacities of heart and mind. You will discover doctrines’ truth—or lack of it—only if you translate them into ritual or ethical action (pp. xii-xiii).”

When the rationalism of modernity is enriched by Romanticism, re-enchanted by the pre-modern and nuanced by the post-modern, an odd development occurs. People can browse through the treasure chest of religion with abandon. Science is not countered by the pseudo-science of fundamentalism but rounded out by poetry. Science and religion have different functions. Science describes; religion celebrates. The modern mentality reveals that religion is a social and personal construction, as we humanist sociologists contend, and gives people the individual liberty to concoct their own religions alone or in concert. A recent Pew survey bumped up those with “no religion” in the United States from 8% to 16%. Many may reject religion altogether, but a significant contingent, including many of my friends, characterize themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” These folks with imagination and delight freely pick and choose the best elements from the potpourri of religions to assemble their own.

There are five increasingly positive ways to approach other religions and viewpoints: toleration, respect, cooperation, appreciation, appropriation. To tolerate is to accept despite objectionable aspects that need to be tolerated: others have a right to be who they are. To respect is to recognize as significant but keep at arm’s length: the importance that others see in their views and practices is acknowledged. To cooperate is to disregard differences and work together in areas of agreement: to build a better and more humane world requires building coalitions with others. To appreciate is to find worth: I admire what others have. To appropriate is to add on: I take on for myself the best of what others have to offer.

I embrace “dialogical pluralism,” one of nine counterculture values I studied and imbibed in Berkeley in the late Sixties and early Seventies (see my “Three Congregations” in “The New Religious Consciousness” edited by Charles Y. Glock and Robert N. Bellah: out of print but my chapter is on my website at pages.uindy.edu/~jwolfe/counterculture).

My own approach is to interweave seven religions into a beautiful tapestry rich in many dimensions: resonating with the fulminations of the Hebrew prophets, following Jesus as a non-violent resister to empire, enjoying delightfully quirky zen Buddhist stories, finding excellent insights in the poems of the Tao te Ching, admiring the charitableness of Muslims, experiencing nature’s enchantments as in ancient religions, thinking freely in a modern and skeptical vein, being always open to fresh ideas as I dialogue with others.

My book “A Song of Faith” (available at authorhouse.com or Amazon) concludes with this statement of my own dialogical pluralism (p. 55):

My motto is: Why have one religion when you can have several? From my Jewish faith, I derive a commitment to justice and to “tikkun olam” (repairing the world). From my Christian faith, I add love and forgiveness. From my Buddhist faith, I generate compassion and paying attention. From my Taoist faith, I practice inner peace and flexible strength. From my Muslim faith, I draw kindness and concern for the poor. From my Wiccan faith, I recover closeness to nature and protection for Mother Earth. From my Humanist faith, I venture into freedom of thought and building a human community. I celebrate this religious diversity within myself and among us.

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Our Philosophy: Humanists view people not merely as products of social forces but also as shapers of social life, capable of creating social orders in which everyone's potential can unfold.

Our Purpose: Accordingly, humanist sociologists study life with a value commitment to advance that possibility through scholarship and practice. We intend to be an active support network for sociologists committed to humanist values, as they practice sociology in institutions often hostile to such an approach. To this end, we produce a quarterly journal, *Humanity & Society*, as well as a newsletter, *The Humanist Sociologist*; we organize national meetings and have sessions at regional sociology conferences.