

"Fall Fridays" Virtual Program

Please join us for a series of virtual events this fall organized by SSSR President, Laura Olson. Attendance is free, but you must register for each event in order to participate. Recordings of each session will be available after the events.

Friday, October 23

10:00 am Eastern Time (GMT – 4:00)

Religion and Spirituality in a Frightening World: A Conversation with Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers

[Jeffrey S. Myers](#) is the Rabbi of Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh. A teacher, scholar, and accomplished musician, he is ordained as both a rabbi and a cantor (hazzan) in the Conservative Jewish tradition. Ever since a gunman murdered 11 people during Shabbat morning services at his congregation, he has been an embodiment of how faith, love, and inclusion can defeat hate. SSSR President Laura Olson will speak with Rabbi Hazzan Myers about how religion helps individuals, groups, and societies confront terrifying circumstances.

Register for this event:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TO2BfBIRSWGraiua0A5DZg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event via Zoom.

Friday, October 30

2:30 pm Eastern Time (GMT – 4:00)

Religion, Race, and the Struggle for Justice: A Conversation with Rev. Dr. Nichole R. Phillips

A Joint Presentation of the SSSR and the Religious Research Association

[Nichole R. Phillips](#) is Associate Professor in the Practice of Sociology of Religion

and Culture, and Director of Black Church Studies, at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Her scholarship treats religion, critical race, gender, and cultural memory studies. She is the author of *Patriotism Black and White: The Color of American Exceptionalism* (Baylor University Press 2018). RRA President Patricia Wittberg and SSSR President Laura Olson will speak with Dr. Phillips about how religion might help the United States confront and repair its long history of racial injustice.

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Friday, November 6

2:30 pm Eastern Time (GMT – 4:00)

Religion and the 2020 U.S Presidential Election: A Panel Discussion

On the first Friday after the 2020 U.S. presidential election, SSSR President Laura Olson will convene a panel of three expert analysts to discuss the ways in which religion affected the election's outcome and how it might shape the political road ahead. Panelists include [Michele Margolis](#), Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania; [Gerardo Martí](#), L. Richardson King Professor of Sociology at Davidson College; and [Besheer Mohamed](#), Senior Researcher at the Pew Research Center.

Register for this event:

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Friday, November 13

2:30 pm Eastern Time (GMT – 4:00)

SSSR Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

All SSSR members are invited to join us for our annual business meeting and awards presentations. The Distinguished Book Award will be presented by Michael Emerson of the University of Illinois at Chicago; the Distinguished Article Award will be presented by Amy Slagle of the University of Southern Mississippi; and the Student Paper Award will be presented by Christopher Scheitle of West Virginia University.

Register in for this event:

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