

CONTINUITY & CHANGE



50 YEARS of AMISH SOCIETY



THE YOUNG CENTER
FOR ANABAPTIST AND
PIETIST STUDIES

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

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JUNE
9-11
2016



AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

www.etown.edu/amish2016

The conference will highlight the dynamic tension between the power of preserving tradition and the need to negotiate change in Amish culture over the past 50 years. Presenters will address change in various aspects of Amish life, including population growth, cultural diversity, legal decisions, health care, involvement in business and attention from American media. They will also examine continuity within Amish culture in the areas of family life, leadership, transportation, dress and language. Additionally, the conference will explore the expanding range of scholarship about the Amish.

Steven Nolt will give the keynote address, focusing on pivotal developments in Amish society and its relationship with wider social forces since the mid-20th century. Plenary speakers Karen Johnson-Weiner, Holmes Morton and Mark Loudon will discuss Amish women's lives, translational medicine, and the use of Pennsylvania Dutch, and Donald Kraybill will discuss the future of the Amish way of life in his summary address. The conference also includes interactive seminar sessions led by Janneken Smucker, Martha King, Jim Cates, Dirk Eitzen and David McConnell and Marilyn Loveless. More than 60 speakers will present papers, participate in panel sessions and share poster displays.

Photographs by Don Burke

THURSDAY TOURS

Three chartered bus tours of Lancaster County are available to conference attendees for an additional fee. Reservations are limited to 25 people per tour. The tours depart from the college at 8 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. and include lunch in an Amish home.

Agriculture

Participants visit Amish farms and see new agricultural ventures developed by Amish farmers.

Business Enterprises

Participants visit Amish businesses and talk with the proprietors about their involvement in the business world of Lancaster County and beyond.

Health Care

Participants visit facilities that provide medical treatment for Amish patients.



ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Optional Tours (by reservation)
 11 a.m. Registration begins
 1 p.m. Conference opens
 1:30 to 5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I and II
 6:45 p.m. Keynote Address—Steven Nolt
“Amish Society: Continuity and Dynamism in a Hyper-Modern World”
 8:15 p.m. Reception and book signings

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

- 8:30 to 10 a.m. Concurrent Session III
 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session—D. Holmes Morton
“Plain People, Genomics and the Art of Translational Medicine”
 1:15 to 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions IV and V
 7:30 p.m. Plenary Session—Karen Johnson-Weiner
“Continuity and Change in the Lives of Amish Women”
 8:45 p.m. Reception

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Session VI
 10 a.m. Plenary Session—Mark Loudon
“Continuity and Change in Pennsylvania Dutch, 1963–2013”
 11:15 a.m. Closing Address—Donald Kraybill
“Worms in the Amish Software: Coping with Risk in a Cyber World”
 12:30 p.m. Conference closes

Please visit www.etown.edu/amish2016 for details and schedule updates.



STEVEN NOLT, professor of history at Goshen College, will begin his new role as the senior scholar at the Young Center this summer. His Amish-related research has focused on settlement formation and history, economic and social change, and the role of technology in Amish life.



D. HOLMES MORTON is cofounder of the Clinic for Special Children, a local pediatric medical center internationally recognized for innovative studies in the discovery and treatment of inherited disorders.



KAREN JOHNSON-WEINER is professor of anthropology at SUNY Postdam. She has been studying patterns of language use and cultural maintenance in Amish and Mennonite communities for nearly 30 years.



MARK LOUDEN is professor of German at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has written extensively on the history and contemporary situation of Pennsylvania Dutch and its speakers.



DONALD KRAYBILL, senior fellow at the Young Center, is internationally recognized for his scholarship on Anabaptist groups and is the author or editor of 29 books and dozens of professional articles.

Name (as it should appear on name tag): _____
 Job title (for attendee list): _____
 Organization name (for attendee list): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

CONFERENCE FEE

Full Conference Rates (Full rates include all refreshments and meals.)

- Registration by May 1: \$225 Full-time student, registration by May 1: \$130
 Registration after May 1: \$250 Full-time student, registration after May 1: \$150

Daily Rates (Daily rates include all refreshments and meals except breakfast.)

- Thursday, June 9: \$95 Full-time student: Thursday, June 9: \$50
 Friday, June 10: \$130 Full-time student: Friday, June 10: \$70
 Saturday, June 11: \$75 Full-time student: Saturday, June 11: \$40

Conference attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Members of Plain communities may register at the student rate.

OPTIONAL TOUR (Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Each tour includes a box breakfast and lunch in an Amish home.

Tour spaces are limited; please check the conference website for availability before registering.

- Agriculture: \$60 OR Business Enterprises: \$60 OR Health Care: \$60

HOUSING

Limited housing is available on campus. Rates are per person and include one set of towels and one set of linens.

Residence Hall room (2 twin beds per room; common bathroom)

- Single occupancy: \$65 per night Double occupancy: \$55 per night

Name of roommate: _____

If you choose to share a room and do not list a roommate, one of the same gender will be assigned.

Apartment (2 bedrooms with 2 twin beds in each room; 1 bathroom; and a living room)

- Entire bedroom: \$90 per night Share a bedroom: \$60 per night

Names of apartment mates: _____

If you do not list apartment mates, persons of the same gender will be assigned.

Nights you wish to stay:

- Wednesday, June 8 Thursday, June 9 Friday, June 10

See the conference website, www.etown.edu/amish2016, for off-campus lodging in the Elizabethtown area.

SPECIAL NEEDS (please specify): _____

Conference fee: \$ _____	PAYMENT BY: <input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to Elizabethtown College (enclosed)
Optional tour: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
On-campus housing (nightly rate x number of nights): \$ _____	_____ Credit card number _____
TOTAL: \$ _____	_____ Expiration date _____ CVV (3-digit code on back of card)
REGISTRATION OPTIONS:	_____ Cardholder's name _____
Register online at www.etown.edu/amish2016 ;	_____ Cardholder's billing address and zip code _____
fax this form to 717-361-1443 (credit card payment only); mail this form with payment to Amish Conference 2016, Young Center, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2298. You will receive confirmation of your registration.	_____ Cardholder's signature _____

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for scholars, researchers, health care professionals, extension educators, government officials and others who study or serve members of the Amish or other Plain communities.

The conference offers a forum for

- » exploring the dynamic forces of change and preservation in Amish life
- » understanding continuities and innovations in economic activity among the Amish
- » reviewing significant developments in Amish population growth, migration and family life
- » networking with colleagues
- » enhancing service to Plain communities in culturally sensitive ways
- » discovering and sharing resources for understanding Amish culture

