



Marginal or Mainstream?

Anabaptists, Mennonites and Modernity in European Society



Bethel College
North Newton, Kansas
June 25-26, 2010

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

JUNE 25, 2010

8:30-8:45

Plenary Session
Welcome and Introduction

Krehbiel Auditorium

8:45-10:00

Keynote Address: *The Cost of Context: Anabaptist/Mennonite History in the Early Modern European Past and in the Future*
Thomas Brady, Professor of the Graduate School, University of California, Berkeley

10:00-10:30

Coffee Break

BCMC Sanctuary

10:30-12:00

Concurrent Session One A:
Kaufman House (KIPCOR offices)

Concurrent Session One B:
Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary

Contemporary Applications of Anabaptist Theology

Creating and Responding to German Developments in the Long Nineteenth Century

Chair: Duane Friesen

Chair: Lois Barrett

Anabaptist Sacramentalism and Its Contemporary Appropriation, Brian Brewer, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

A Rural Middle Class: Mennonite Peasant Merchants in the Palatinate, Rhine-Hesse and the Northern Upper Rhine Valley (1780-1880), Frank Konersman, University of Bielefeld

Mennonite Confessions of Faith: At the Margins or at the Center of Modern Expression?, Karl Koop, Canadian Mennonite University

Changing Definitions of Treason and Religious Freedom for Mennonites in Prussia, 1780-1880, Mark Jantzen, Bethel College

A 'Marginal' Religious European Community: The Twentieth-Century Italian Mennonite Church, Andrea Borella, University of Turin

New Ways or Old Paths? Thoughts and Tips on Childrearing from Anna Brons (1892), Marion Kobelt-Groch, University of Hamburg

12:00-1:00

Lunch

Schultz Student Center

1:00-2:00

**Concurrent Session Two A:
Kaufman House (KIPCOR offices)**

**Concurrent Session Two B:
Bethel College Mennonite
Church Sanctuary**

**Never Rural, Always Urban -
Congregational Microhistories**
Chair: John Thiesen

Issues in Dutch Mennonite History
Chair: John Sharp

*Isaac von den Block, Painter and
Mennonite at Gdansk in the Early
Seventeenth Century*, Rainer Kobe,
University of Trier

*Church Discipline and State
Infrastructure*, Troy Osborne, Bluffton
University

*From the Margins to the Center:
Four Centuries of Mennonites in
Krefeld*, Christoph Wiebe, Krefeld

*Mennonites, Capitalism and
Modernity: Weber Revisited*, Mary S.
Sprunger, Eastern Mennonite University

2:00-3:00

Coffee Break

BCMC Sanctuary

3:00-6:00

Kauffman Museum Parking Lot

Bus tour of Russian Mennonite immigration to Central Kansas –
Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church and Immigrant House,
Goessel, and Peter Paul Loewen Adobe House, Hillsboro

6:00-7:30

Breadbasket's German Buffet amidst the exhibits at Kauffman
Museum (museum entrance fee included in meal ticket price)

7:30-8:30

**After Dinner Lecture: *Light in the West: The International
Educational Mission of Bethel College***, Keith Sprunger,
Bethel College

9:00-10:30

Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
Session Three: Mennonites and the Dutch Enlightenment
Chair: Keith Sprunger

Doopsgezinden, Nonresistance, and the Radical Impulse in the Early Modern Dutch Republic, Michael Driedger, Brock University

Dutch Mennonites and Enlightenment Natural Knowledge, Ernie Hamm, York University

The Dutch Enlightenment Revisited: Mennonites and Politics in Late Eighteenth-Century Friesland, Yme Kuiper, University of Groningen

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10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

BCMC Sanctuary

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11:00-12:30

Bethel College Mennonite Church Sanctuary
Session Four: Mennonite Interactions with Russian Society
Chair: John Roth

Mennonite Privileges and Russian Modernization: Communities on a Path Leading from Separateness to Legal and Social Unification (18th and 19th Centuries), Nataliya Venger, Dnipropetrovsk University

P.A. Stolypin and the Mennonite-Evangelical Alliance: Government's Perceptions of the Anabaptist Threat in Late Imperial Russia 1905-1914, Andrey Ivanov, Yale University

Mennonites as Catalytic Agents in the Free Church History in Russia, Johannes Dyck, Bibelseminar Bonn

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Session Five: Mennonites and Modernization

in Central Asia

Chair: James Juhnke

Mennonites in Central Asia: Investment into Modernization of Economics and Culture (ca. 1880 to 1940), Dilaram Inoyatova, National University of Uzbekistan

Mennonites in Khiva: A Modernizing Community, Walter Ratliff, Associated Press, Washington DC

2:30-3:00

Coffee Break

BCMC Sanctuary

3:00-4:30

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Session Six: Mennonites and the Third Reich

Chair: Rachel Waltner Goossen

Reception of the 'Two Kingdoms Doctrine' as a Key to Understanding Protestant Responses to National Socialism in Germany, Jeremy Koop, York University

Mennonites and National Socialism: Historiography and Open Questions, John D. Thiesen, Bethel College

Mennonites and the SS: Ethnic German Resettlement Policy in Province Poznan and the Reichsgau Wartheland, James Regier, University of Notre Dame

4:30-5:00

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Initial Conclusions: Mark Jantzen

6:00

Dinner

Schultz Student Center