

AMISH AMERICA

PLAIN TECHNOLOGY IN A CYBER WORLD



JUNE
6-8
2013



AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

www.ETOWN.EDU/AMISH2013



The conference will highlight the challenges and impact of new technology on manufacturing, family life, consumption, medicine and leisure for Amish and other Plain communities in North America. Medical services, health, music, extension services, agriculture, family and gender roles, genetic studies, government relations, linguistics, spirituality, quilts, Amish romance fiction, new settlements, migration and population growth, and teaching of Amish courses will also be featured. A special session will cover the recent beard-cutting case in Ohio in which 16 defendants were found guilty of federal hate crimes.

More than 100 scholars and service providers from the United States and a dozen other countries will speak at the conference. Kevin Kelly, Karen Johnson-Weiner, Alan Shuldiner and Valerie Weaver-Zercher will give the plenary lectures. Other presenters include Joe Donnermeyer, Martha King, Donald B. Kraybill, Jill Korbin, Mark Loudon, Gerald Mast, David McConnell, Steven M. Nolt, Janneken Smucker, Richard Stevick, Susan Trollinger, Martina Vonk and David Weaver-Zercher. In addition to lectures, the conference will include research paper presentations, panel discussions, poster displays and topical seminars.

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Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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THURSDAY TOURS

Two tours of Lancaster County are available to conference attendees for an additional fee. They will leave the college at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6.

Technology in Agriculture and Business

Participants will visit Amish farms and businesses and speak with farmers and business owners.

Health and Medical Services

Participants will visit providers that serve Plain communities and interact with members of those communities.

Both tours will include a meal in an Amish home. Reservations are limited to 25 persons per tour.



ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE

PLENARY SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- 8 a.m. to 3:30 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
- 7 p.m. Plenary Session (followed by reception)
"What the Amish Can Teach (and Learn From) Nerds and Geeks"
 Kevin Kelly

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- 8:30 to 10 a.m. Concurrent Session III
- 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session
"A Tale of Two Kitchens: Gender and Technology in Amish Communities"
 Karen Johnson-Weiner
- 1:30 to 5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions IV and V
- 7 p.m. Plenary Session (followed by reception)
"Thrill of the Chaste: The Secret Life of an Amish Romance Novel"
 Valerie Weaver-Zercher

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- 8 to 11 a.m. Concurrent Sessions VI and VII
- 11:15 a.m. Plenary Session
"Amish Participation in Medical Research: A Partnership of Trust and Mutual Benefit"
 Alan Shuldiner
- 12:15 p.m. Conference closes

The conference includes more than 100 presentations in 45 different sessions. Please visit www.ETOWN.EDU/AMISH2013 for details and schedule updates.



KEVIN KELLY is Senior Maverick at *Wired* magazine, which he co-founded in 1993, and a widely published writer on the nature and impact of technology. His recent book, *What Technology Wants*, includes a chapter on "Amish hackers."



KAREN JOHNSON-WEINER is Professor of Anthropology at SUNY Potsdam. She is the author of several books and numerous articles on Amish culture and co-author of *The Amish* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).



VALERIE WEAVER-ZERCHER is the author of *Thrill of the Chaste: The Allure of Amish Romance Novels* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013). An editor and writer, she is a regular contributor to *Sojourners* and *The Christian Century*.



ALAN SHULDINER is John Whitehurst Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine. The founder and director of the Amish Research Clinic, Dr. Shuldiner has gathered data on 6,000 Amish subjects and is the author or co-author of 250 scientific 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: _____ Email address: _____

CONFERENCE FEE

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

- Registration by May 1: \$210
- Full-time student, registration by May 1: \$110
- Registration after May 1: \$235
- Full-time student, registration after May 1: \$125

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

- Thursday, June 7: \$90
- Full-time student: Thursday, June 7: \$45
- Friday, June 8: \$120
- Full-time student: Friday, June 8: \$60
- Saturday, June 9: \$65
- Full-time student: Saturday, June 9: \$30

Members of Plain communities may register at the student rate.

OPTIONAL TOUR (Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 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 and Business: \$55~~ OR ~~Health and Medical Services: \$55~~

Both tours are now full

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: \$50 per night
- Double occupancy: \$43 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: \$77 per night
- Share a bedroom: \$48 per night

Names of apartment mates: _____

If you do not list apartment mates, they will be assigned.

Nights you wish to stay:

- Wednesday, June 5
- Thursday, June 6
- Friday, June 7

See the conference website, www.etown.edu/amish2013, for off-campus lodging in the Elizabethtown area.

SPECIAL NEEDS (please specify): _____

Conference fee: \$ _____

Optional tour: \$ _____

On-campus housing (nightly rate x number of nights): \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Register online at www.etown.edu/amish2013; fax this form to 717-361-1443 (credit card payment only); mail this form with payment to Amish Conference 2013, Young Center, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2298. You will receive confirmation of your registration.

PAYMENT BY: Check payable to Elizabethtown College (enclosed)

VISA MasterCard Discover

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____ CVV (3-digit code on back of card) _____

Cardholder's name _____

Cardholder's billing address and zip code _____

Cardholder's signature _____

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» exploring the role of technology in human relations
» understanding the impact of technology in Amish life
» presenting research findings on Plain communities
» networking with colleagues
» enhancing services to Plain communities in sensitive ways
» discovering new resources for understanding Amish culture

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

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