

The Moskos Lecture

Professor Paul DiMaggio, New York University, presents:

"Americans' Understanding of the Relationship between Science and Religion: An Institutional Perspective"



Description: My talk describes research that makes three interventions into the voluminous literature on Americans' attitudes toward science and religion. First, I will discuss structural differences between the institutions of science and religion, which account for some consistent features of public attitudes towards these institutions. Second, I will argue that attitudes towards religion and science scan profitably be studied in the context of orientations toward institutional vs. extra-institutional forms of cultural authority. Finally, our research calls attention to population heterogeneity in how people organize their attitudes toward science and religion, identifying a large set of respondents who hold similar views of both science and religion, and among whom political orientations and religious faith are decoupled.

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