The Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society (IRES) at Chapman University hosted its 2nd Annual Graduate Student Workshop last June. Thirteen advanced graduate students were brought to Chapman University to present their dissertation work and receive extensive commentary from attending faculty and their peers. Participants represented a high-quality group of students in this growing field. Competition was high for acceptance into the workshop, with less than one third of proposals being accepted. Nine faculty members attended to provide detailed comments, representing multiple disciplines including economics, sociology and political science. In addition to providing valuable feedback, students were given the opportunity to interact informally with the faculty. Students found this to be an important aspect of the workshop, as it provided them the opportunity to learn more about the professional academic community and receive valuable research and career advice.

The workshop will return May 30-31, 2014. In addition, IRES will be working with the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) to hold its Thirteenth Annual Conference on March 21-22, 2014 at Chapman University.

**Faculty Participants:**

Chris Bader, Chapman University (Sociology)
Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine (Economics)
Tony Gill, University of Washington (Political Science)
Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University (Economics)
Michael McBride, UC Irvine (Economics)
Andrea Molle, Chapman University (Political Science)
Steven Pfaff, University of Washington (Sociology)
Jared Rubin, Chapman University (Economics)
Carolyn Warner, Arizona State University (Political Science)
Student Participants:

Noa Cnaan-On, Duke University
    “Predicting Government Funding of Religious Congregations in the United States”
Charles Dahan, University of Florida
    “Moved by the Spirit? Atmospherics and Ballot Measure Vote Choice”
Valeriy Dzutsev, Arizona State University
    “The Political Economy of Islam: Micro-Level Evidence from the North Caucasus”
David Eagle, Duke University
    “Hispanic Catholics and Protestants: Unique Religious Identities”
Rachel Ellis, University of Pennsylvania
    “Marketing to Whom? Nativity, Ethnicity, and Social Class of Jewish Denominations’ Desired Members in Early 20th Century”
Jordan Kiper, University of Connecticut
    “How Peer-Pressure Moderates the Effects of War Propaganda: Experimental Evidence for Understanding Wartime Injustices”
Shibao Liu, University of Michigan
    “Religious Diversity and Economic Development in China”
Muhammad Farhan Majid, UC Riverside
    “The Persistent Effects of in Utero Nutrition Shocks over the Life Cycle: Evidence from Ramadan Fasting in Indonesia”
Brandon Martinez, Baylor University
    “The Evolving Effects of Childhood Religiosity on Racially Homogenous Relationships”
Nathaniel Porter, Pennsylvania State University
    “Identity Salience, Moral Communities, and Religion in High School: A New Baseline for Studies of Peer Networks and Religious Development”
Christopher Rhodes, Harvard University
    “Political Christianity: The Influence of Internal Characteristics and External Context on African Church”
Jörg Spenkuch, University of Chicago
    “The Protestant Ethic and Work: Micro Evidence from Contemporary Germany”
Paulina Stepien, University College London
    “Is trusting behavior embedded in social context?”