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Using the Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA) to Strengthen the Religion Research Community

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Founded in 1997, the Association of Religion Data Archives strives to democratize access to the best data on religion. The ARDA includes American and international data collection and a host of free resources. Data included in the ARDA are submitted by the foremost religion scholars and research centers in the world. This poster will introduce three major initiatives that are building upon and complementing existing ARDA features and services. The initiatives include: a) building on the strengths of the current Data Archive; b.) new tools for discovering data and measures; and c.) building a religion research community that promotes open science principles. These initiatives all leverage the ARDA's newly rebuilt website architecture and will include: a new self-submission portal; a collaborative programme of work with journal editors in the field of religion; and, a religion research hub that will incentivize the submission of replication data to the ARDA.

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