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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, 2003
M.A., Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, 1999
B.A., Religious Studies, with honors, University of Florida, 1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Professor of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2018-2019 Senior Researcher, Religion, Pew Research Center
2010-2016 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2012-Present Fellow with the Harris Center for Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2005-2010 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2003-2005 Post-Doctoral Researcher, National Study of Youth and Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Forthcoming

Hardy, Sam A., McKay Morgan, Jenae M. Nelson, and **Philip Schwadel**. "Unpacking the Role of Adolescent Religious Affiliation in Youth Outcomes." *Journal of Adolescence*.

Schwadel, Philip. "Religion and Subjective Social Class in The United States." *Sociology of Religion*.

Published

1. Ratcliff, Shawn and **Philip Schwadel**. 2023. "The Role of Religious Contexts on Hate Crimes, 2003-2017." *Social Science Quarterly* 104(4):535-546.
2. Hardy, Sam A., Justin Hendricks, Jenae M. Nelson, and **Philip Schwadel**. 2023. "Declines in Religiousness Dimensions Across Adolescence as Predictors of Religious Deidentification in Youth Adulthood." *Journal of Research on Adolescence* 33(1):141-153.
3. Garneau, Christopher R. H. and **Philip Schwadel**. 2022. "Examining the Influence of Political Affiliation and Orientation on Political Tolerance." *Socius* 8:1-17
doi.org/10.1177/23780231221132368.
4. Hardy, Sam A., H. Dorian Hatch, Jenae M. Nelson, and **Philip Schwadel**. 2022. "Family religiousness, peer religiousness, and religious community supportiveness as developmental

contexts of adolescent and young adult religious deidentification.” *Research in Human Development* 19:19-40.

5. **Schwadel, Philip** and Sam A. Hardy. 2022. “What Aspects of Religiosity are Associated with Values?” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 61(2):374-388.
6. **Schwadel, Philip** and Amy L. Anderson. 2022. “Religion and Americans’ Fear of Crime in the 21st Century.” *Review of Religious Research* 64:145-161.
7. Van Tongeren, Daryl R., C. Nathan DeWall, Sam A. Hardy, and **Philip Schwadel**. 2021. “Religious identity and morality: Evidence for religious residue and decay in moral foundations.” *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* 47(11):1550-1564.
 - Media coverage by Psychology Today and other online media outlets
8. **Schwadel, Philip**, Sam A. Hardy, Daryl R. Van Tongeren, and C. Nathan DeWall. 2021. “The Values of Religious Nones, Dones, and Sacralized Americans: Links Between Changes in Religious Affiliation and Schwartz Values.” *Journal of Personality* 89(5):867–882.
9. Woodell, Brandi and **Philip Schwadel**. 2020. “Changes in Religiosity among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Emerging Adults.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 59(2):379-396.
 - Media coverage by ABC (featured in PRIDE: To Be Seen, which aired 6/9/22), Religion News Service. and other outlets
10. **Schwadel, Philip**. 2020. “The Politics of Religious Nones.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 59(1):180-189.
 - Media coverage by Nebraska Public Broadcasting, Phys.org, ARDA Ahead of the Trend, and other online outlets
11. Johnson, Erik W. and **Philip Schwadel**.* 2019. “Political Polarization and Long-term Change in Public Support for Environmental Spending.” *Social Forces* 98(2):914-941.
 - * Order of authorship is alphabetical to denote equal contribution
 - Media coverage by Northwest Public Broadcasting, Phys.org, and Science 2.0
12. Johnson, Erik W. and **Philip Schwadel**. 2019. “It is Not a Cohort Thing: Interrogating the Relationship between Age, Cohort and Support for the Environment.” *Environment & Behavior* 51(7):879-901.
13. **Schwadel, Philip** and Christopher R. H. Garneau. 2019. “Sectarian Religion and Political Tolerance in the United States.” *Sociology of Religion* 80(2):168-193.
14. **Schwadel, Philip**. 2018. “Cross-National Variation in the Social Origins and Religious Consequences of Religious Non-Affiliation.” *Social Science Research* 70:254-270.
15. Hackett, Conrad, **Philip Schwadel**, Gregory A. Smith, Elizabeth Podrebarac Sciupac, and Claire Gecewicz. 2018. “Choose the method for aggregating religious groups that is most appropriate for your research.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 57(4):807-816.

16. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2018. "Grokking Modernity," in Daniel Hirschman, ed. "Viewpoints: Why Sociology Needs Science Fiction." *Contexts* 17(3): 14-16.
17. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2018. "The Political Implications of Religious Non-Affiliation in Emerging Adulthood." *Journal of Religion & Society* Supplement 17: 149-166.
18. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2017. "The Positives and Negatives of Higher Education: How the Religious Context in Adolescence Moderates the Effects of Education on Changes in Religiosity." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(4):869-885.
19. **Schwadel, Philip** and Christopher R. H. Garneau. 2017. "The Diffusion of Tolerance: Birth Cohort Changes in the Effects of Education and Income on Political Tolerance." *Sociological Forum* 32(4):748-769.
20. Anderson, Amy L., Robert Lytle, and **Philip Schwadel.** 2017. "Age, Period, and Cohort Effects of Death Penalty Attitudes in the U.S., 1974-2014." *Criminology* 55(4):833-868.
 - Media coverage by Lincoln Journal Star, Nebraska Radio Network, and other local print and radio media
21. **Schwadel, Philip** and Christopher G. Ellison. 2017. "Period and Cohort Changes in Americans' Support for Marijuana Legalization: Convergence and Divergence across Social Groups." *The Sociological Quarterly* 58(3):405-428.
22. **Schwadel, Philip** and Erik W. Johnson. 2017. "The Religious and Political Origins of Evangelical Protestants' Opposition to Environmental Spending" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(1):179-198.
 - Media coverage by Religion News Service, National Catholic Reporter, and other national and local media
23. Cook, J. Benjamin, **Philip Schwadel**, and Jacob E. Cheadle. 2017. "The Origins of Religious Homophily in a Medium and Large School" *Review of Religious Research* 59:65-80.
24. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2017. "The Republicanization of Evangelical Protestants in the United States: An Examination of the Sources of Political Realignment" *Social Science Research* 62:238-254.
25. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2016. "Does Higher Education Cause Religious Decline? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Within- and Between-Person Effects of Higher Education on Religiosity." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57:759-786.
26. **Schwadel, Philip**, Jacob E. Cheadle, Sarah E. Malone, and Michael Stout. 2016. "Social Networks and Civic Participation and Efficacy in Two Evangelical Protestant Churches." *Review of Religious Research* 58(2):305-317.

27. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2015. "Explaining Cross-National Variation in the Effect of Higher Education on Religiosity." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(2):402-418.
28. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2014. "Birth Cohort Changes in the Association between College Education and Religious Non-Affiliation." *Social Forces* 93(2):719-746.
 - Media coverage by Atlantic Monthly, Religion News Service, Inside Higher Education, Washingtonpost.com, and other national and local media outlets
29. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2014. "Are White Evangelical Protestants Lower Class? A Partial Test of Church Sect Theory." *Social Science Research* 46:100-116.
30. **Schwadel, Philip** and Christopher R. H. Garneau. 2014. "An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis of Political Tolerance in the United States." *The Sociological Quarterly* 55:421-452.
31. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2013. "Changes in Americans' Views of Prayer and Reading the Bible in Public Schools: Time Periods, Birth Cohorts, and Religious Traditions." *Sociological Forum* 28(2):261-282.
 - Media coverage by U.S. News & World Report and other national and local media outlets
32. Garneau, Christopher R. H. and **Philip Schwadel.** 2013. "Pentecostal Affiliation." *Review of Religious Research* 55(2):339-353.
33. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2013. "Changes in Americans' Strength of Religious Affiliation, 1974-2010." *Sociology of Religion* 74(1):107-128.
 - Media coverage by NBC.com, Washingtonpost.com, and other national and local media outlets
34. **Schwadel, Philip** and Michael Stout. 2012. "Age, Period, and Cohort Effects on Social Capital." *Social Forces* 91(1):233-252.
35. Cheadle, Jacob E. and **Philip Schwadel.** 2012. "The 'Friendship Dynamics of Religion,' or the 'Religious Dynamics of Friendship'? A Social Network Analysis of Adolescents Who Attend Small Schools." *Social Science Research* 41(5):1198-1212.
36. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2012. "Social Class and Finding a Congregation: How Attendees are introduced to their Congregations." *Review of Religious Research* 54(4):543-554.
37. **Schwadel, Philip** and Christina D. Falci. 2012. "Interactive Effects of Church Attendance and Religious Tradition on Depressive Symptoms and Positive Affect." *Society and Mental Health* 2(1):21-34.
38. Williams, J. Allen, Jr., Christopher Podeschi, Nathan Palmer, **Philip Schwadel**, and Deanna Meyler. 2012. "The Human-Environment Dialogue in Award-Winning Children's Picture Books." *Sociological Inquiry* 82(1):145-159.

39. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2011. "Age, Period, and Cohort Effects on Religious Activities and Beliefs." *Social Science Research* 40(1):181-192.
40. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2011 "The Effects of Education on Americans' Religious Practices, Beliefs, and Affiliations." *Review of Religious Research* 53(2):161-182.
 - Media coverage by USA Today, Inside Higher Education, Nebraska's NPR, Psychology Today, and other national and local media outlets
41. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2010. "Period and Cohort Effects on Religious Non-Affiliation and Religious Disaffiliation: A Research Note." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(2):311-319.
 - Media coverage by Reuters, CNN, MSNBC, and other national and local media outlets
42. **Schwadel, Philip** and Kevin D. Dougherty. 2010. "Assessing Key Informant Methodology in Congregational Research." *Review of Religious Research* 51(4):366-379.
43. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2010. "Age, Period, and Cohort Effects on U.S. Religious Service Attendance: The Declining Impact of Sex, Southern Residence, and Catholic Affiliation." *Sociology of Religion* 71(1):2-24.
44. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2010. "Jewish Teenagers' Syncretism: A Research Note." *Review of Religious Research* 51(3):324-332.
45. **Schwadel, Philip,** John D. McCarthy, and Hart M. Nelsen. 2009. "The Continuing Relevance of Family Income for Religious Participation: U.S. White Catholic Church Attendance in the Late 20th Century." *Social Forces* 87(4):1997-2030.
46. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2009. "Neighbors in the Pews: Social Status Diversity in Religious Congregations." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 5(article 2):1-24 (<http://www.religjournal.com>).
47. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2008. "Poor Teenagers' Religion." *Sociology of Religion* 69(2):125-149.
 - Reprinted in *Sociology of Religion: A Reader* (2nd Edition, 3rd Edition), edited by Susanne Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael Emerson (2010, 2019).
48. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2005. "Education and Churchgoing Protestants' Views of Highly Politicized Christianity." *Review of Religious Research* 47(2):150-161.
49. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2005 "Individual, Congregational, and Denominational Effects on Church Members' Civic Participation" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44(2):159-171.
50. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2002. "Testing the Promise of the Churches: Income Inequality in the Opportunity to Learn Civic Skills in Church." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 41(3):563-573.

Book Chapters

1. **Schwadel, Philip.** Forthcoming. “Temporal and Generational Changes in Religions, Politics and Society.” Pp. ## in *The Routledge International Handbook of Changes in Human Perceptions and Behaviors*, edited by Kanako Taku and Todd Shackelford.
2. Deckard, Faith, Bridget J. Goosby, **Philip Schwadel**, and Jacob E. Cheadle. Forthcoming. “Everyday Discrimination: Defined, Measured, and Contextualized.” Pp. ## in *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective*, edited by David B. Grusky.
3. Anderson, Amy L., Weng-Fong Chao and **Philip Schwadel**. 2019 “Evolving Attitudes towards Capital Punishment.” Pp. 237-253 in *Handbook on Sentencing Policies and Practices in the 21st Century – Volume 4 in the ASC Division on Corrections & Sentencing Handbook Series*, edited by Spohn, Cassia and Pauline Brennan. NY: Taylor & Francis.
4. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2016. “Social Class.” Pp. 345-371 in *Handbook of Religion and Society*, edited by David Yamane. Switzerland: Springer.
5. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2012. “Race, Class, Congregational Embeddedness, and Civic and Political Participation.” Pp. 253-279 in Lisa A. Kesiter, John McCarthy, and Roger Finke (Eds.), *Research in the Sociology of Work, Volume 23: Religion, Work, and Inequality*. Binkley, UK: Emerald Press.
6. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2006. “Current Expressions of American Jewish Identity: An Analysis of 114 Teenagers.” Pp. 135-144 in *Passing on the Faith: Transforming Traditions for the Next Generation of Jews, Christians, and Muslims*, edited by James L. Heft. NY: Fordham University Press.

Other Publications

1. Kazyak, Emily, Kelsy Burke, and **Philip Schwadel**. 2023 (May 5). “‘Nones’ and LGBTQ Politics.” *Public Religion Research Institute Spotlight Analysis*. Available at: <https://www.prri.org/spotlight/nones-and-lgbtq-politics/>
2. **Schwadel, Philip.** 2022 (October 26). “Secular and blue? How the religiously unaffiliated could be significant in the upcoming elections.” *OnlySky*. Available at: <https://onlysky.media/pschwadel/secular-and-blue-how-the-religiously-unaffiliated-could-be-significant-in-the-upcoming-elections/>
3. **Schwadel, Philip** and Sam A. Hardy. 2021. “Faith still shapes morals and values even after people are ‘done’ with religion.” *The Conversation*. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/faith-still-shapes-morals-and-values-even-after-people-are-done-with-religion-160328>
 - Picked up by national media such as Associated Press and Yahoo News, and local media such as Tulsa World.
4. Podrebarac, Elizabeth Sciupac and **Philip Schwadel**. 2020. “U.S. Teens Take After Their

Parents Religiously, Attend Services Together and Enjoy Family Rituals.” *Pew Research Center*. Available at: <https://www.pewforum.org/2020/09/10/u-s-teens-take-after-their-parents-religiously-attend-services-together-and-enjoy-family-rituals/>

5. Podrebarac, Elizabeth Sciupac and **Philip Schwadel**. 2019. “For a Lot of American Teens, Religion Is a Regular Part of the Public School Day.” *Pew Research Center*. Available at <https://www.pewforum.org/2019/10/03/for-a-lot-of-american-teens-religion-is-a-regular-part-of-the-public-school-day/>
6. Hackett, Conrad, Joey Marshall, Alan Cooperman, Anne Fengyan Shi, **Philip Schwadel**, Stephanie Kramer, Kabir Sandrolini, Jose Fuentes. 2019. “Religion’s Relationship to Happiness, Civic Engagement and Health Around the World.” *Pew Research Center*. Available at <https://www.pewforum.org/2019/01/31/religions-relationship-to-happiness-civic-engagement-and-health-around-the-world/>
7. Sandstrom, Aleksandra and **Philip Schwadel**. 6/13/2019. “Lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans are more critical of churches than straight adults are.” Pew Research Center “Fact Tank” post. Available at <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/06/13/lesbian-gay-and-bisexual-americans-are-more-critical-of-churches-than-straight-adults-are/>
8. **Schwadel, Philip** and Aleksandra Sandstrom. 5/24/2019. “Lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans are less religious than straight adults by traditional measures.” Pew Research Center “Fact Tank” post. Available at <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/05/24/lesbian-gay-and-bisexual-americans-are-less-religious-than-straight-adults-by-traditional-measures/>
9. **Schwadel, Philip** and Gregory A. Smith. 3/18/2019. “Evangelical approval of Trump remains high, but other religious groups are less supportive.” Pew Research Center “Fact Tank” post. Available at <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/03/18/evangelical-approval-of-trump-remains-high-but-other-religious-groups-are-less-supportive/>
10. **Schwadel, Philip**. 3/6/2019. “Americans’ drinking habits vary by faith.” Pew Research Center “Fact Tank” post. Available at <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/03/06/americans-drinking-habits-vary-by-faith/>
11. **Schwadel, Philip**. 11/26/2018. “The U.S. class divide extends to searching for a religious congregation.” Pew Research Center “Fact Tank” post. Available at <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/11/26/the-u-s-class-divide-extends-to-searching-for-a-religious-congregation/>
12. **Schwadel, Philip**. 2018. “Global Religious Diversity.” Syllabus and usage notes published on *TRAILS* (Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology): <http://trails.asanet.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?ResourceID=13583>
13. **Schwadel, Philip**. 12/12/2017. “Why Alabama Christians Will Still Vote for Roy Moore.” Invited Opinion piece in *Newsweek*.

14. **Schwadel, Philip**. 2016. Review of *Religion and Political Tolerance in America: Advances in the State of the Art*, Edited by Paul A. Djupe. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55(1):194-195.
15. **Schwadel, Philip**. 2014. Review of *Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine*, by Wendy Cadge. *American Journal of Sociology*. 120(1):299-301.
16. **Schwadel, Philip**. 2014. Review of *Paranormal America: Ghost Encounters, UFO Sightings, Bigfoot Hunts, and Other Curiosities in Religion and Culture*, by Christopher D. Bader, F. Carson Mencken, and Joseph O. Baker. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 43:65-66.
17. Vogt, Rebecca, J., Cheryl A. Burkhart-Kriesel, Randolph L. Cantrell, Bradley Lubben, and **Philip Schwadel**. 2012. "Quality of Life in Nonmetropolitan Nebraska: Perceptions of Well-Being and Church Life: 2012 Nebraska Rural Poll Results: A Research Report." *Publications from the Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI)*. Paper 84.
18. **Schwadel, Philip** and Christian Smith. 2005. "Portraits of Protestant Teens: A Report on Teenagers in Major U.S. Denominations." Chapel Hill, N.C.: The National Study of Youth and Religion.
19. Finke, Roger and **Philip Schwadel**. 2003. "Religion and Religious Affiliation." Pp. 82-93 in the *Dictionary of American History*, 3rd ed., edited by Stanley I. Kutler. NY: Charles Scribner's Sons.

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Schwadel, Philip. Honorarium. The National Survey of Religious Leaders: "Is the religious, political, and demographic makeup of a congregation associated with religious leaders' health and wellbeing?" 2022. \$2,000.

Schwadel, Philip. Global Religion Research Initiative Curriculum Development Grant: "The Sociology of Global Religious Diversity." 2017. \$4,000.

Schwadel, Philip (PI) and Jacob E. Cheadle (Co-PI). "Social Networks in a Mega Church." University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Sociology, 2013. \$12,000.

Cheadle, Jacob E. (PI) and **Philip Schwadel** (Co-PI). "Religious Social Networks and Health: Social Network Questionnaire Development & Assessment Pilot." Layman Award, 2011-2012. \$10,000.

Cheadle, Jacob E. (PI), **Philip Schwadel** (Co-PI), and Michael D. Stout (Co-PI). "Social Networks in an Assemblies of God Congregation—Pilot Study." University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Sociology, 2010. \$10,000.

Schwadel, Philip. “The Changing Effects of Education on Religious Non-Affiliation.” Haas Award for Research in Sociology, 2009. \$5,800.

Schwadel, Philip. “The Future of American Judaism: Mainstream, Jewish Teenagers in the United States.” Haas Award for Research in Sociology, 2006. \$4,368.

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2023 | Chancellor’s Nebraska Lecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
| 2020 | Distinguished Sociology of Religion Journal Article Award for "Sectarian Religion and Political Tolerance in the United States." Award by the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2020 | College Outstanding Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) Award. College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

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| 2022 | Association for the Sociology of Religion’s Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (presented virtually): “Americans’ Views of the Bible and Subjective Social Class” |
| 2021 | American Sociological Association (virtual): “Testing the Relationship Between Political Threat and Environmental Opinion” (with Azdren Coma and Erik W. Johnson) |
| 2021 | American Sociological Association (virtual): “Examining the Influence of Political Affiliation and Orientation on Political Tolerance” (with Christopher Garneau) |
| 2021 | Midwest Sociological Society (virtual): Panelist on “Sustaining a Career in Industry with a Degree in Sociology” panel. |
| 2021 | IV International Sociological Association Forum on Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil (virtual): “A Look at the Religious Lives of U.S. Teens and Their Parents” (with Elizabeth Podrebarac Sciupac) |
| 2019 | Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MI: |

“Religion among American adolescents: The Public School Experience” (with Elizabeth Podrebarac Sciupac)

- 2019 American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada: “Voter Turnout Rates Among U.S. Religious Groups” (with Gregory Smith).
- 2019 The Midwest Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL: “Age Period and Cohort Effects of Declining Confidence in American Institutions and its Relation to Political Attitudes and Behaviors” (with Mike Stout).
- 2019 The Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA: “Evangelical Protestantism and the Revolt against Multiculturalism: Whatever Happened to the Convergence Hypothesis?” (with Nicole Frame and Christopher Ellison).
- 2018 The American Society of Criminology’s Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA: “The Effects of Political Party and Fear of Crime on Individual Support for Capital Punishment: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis” (with Amy Anderson and Weng-Fong Chao).
- 2018 The American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA: “Conservative Religion and Political Tolerance in the United States” (with Christopher R. H. Garneau).
- 2018 The Association for the Sociology of Religion’s Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA: Panelist on “The Age Gap in Religion around the World: Critical Responses to Recent Pew Findings” panel.
- 2018 The Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA: “Changes in Religiosity among Emerging Adults: Differences by Sexuality and Gender” (with Brandi Woodell).
- 2016 The Association for the Sociology of Religion’s Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA: “Religiosity and Rescinding Reported Sexual Activity” (with Laura Simon).
- 2016 Advancing the Demographic Study of Religion, hosted by Pew Research Center, Washington D.C.: “The Association between Social Class and Religion in the U.S.: How it’s Changing, and Why it’s Important for Understanding the Relationship between Religion and Health and Wellbeing.”
- 2015 The American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA:

“The Social Origins of Evangelical Protestants’ Opposition to Environmental Spending” (with Erik Johnson).

- 2014 Thematic Session: Religion and Socioeconomic Inequalities, Co-Sponsored by the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA: “The Effects of Education on Religious Activity and Belief across the Early Life Course: A Growth Curve Model Approach.”
- 2013 The Association for the Sociology of Religion’s Annual Meeting, NY, NY: “The Republicanization of Evangelical Protestants in the United States: The Role of Views of Homosexuality and Abortion in Promoting Intra-Cohort Change.”
- 2013 The American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, NY, NY: “Views of Environmental Spending: Birth Cohorts, Time Periods, and Changing Correlates” (roundtable with Erik Johnson).
- 2012 Thematic Session: Religion and Stratification, Co-Sponsored by the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO: “Are Evangelical Protestants Lower Class? An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis of White Americans’ Social Class.”
- 2012 The American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, Denver, CO: “Period and Cohort Changes in Americans’ Support for Marijuana Legalization: Education, Region, and Religious Affiliation” (with Chris Ellison).
- 2012 The American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, Denver, CO: “Age, Period, and Birth Cohort Effects on Whites’ Racial Attitudes, 1977-2010” (with Ryon Cobb).
- 2012 Jews at the Margins: Interdisciplinary Reflections on Identity, Boundaries, and Belonging, Lincoln, NE: “The Communal Focus of Contemporary Jewish Adolescents in the United States.”
- 2012 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL: “Age, Period, and Cohort Effects on Support for the Death Penalty” (with Amy Anderson and Robert Lytle).
- 2011 The Association for the Sociology of Religion’s Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV: “The Changing Impact of Education on Religious Non-Affiliation, 1973-2010.”
- 2011 Penn State Stratification and Social Change Conference: Bringing Stratification Processes “Back In” to the Scientific Study of Religion, State College, PA: “Race, Class, Congregational Embeddedness, and Civic and Political Participation”

- 2010 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA: "The Social Dynamics of Religious Participation in Adolescence" (with Jacob Cheadle).
- 2010 Midwest Sociological Society's Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL: "Untangling Period and Cohort Effects in the Decline of Social Capital" (with Michael Stout).
- 2008 "From the Trenches: Teaching Large Lecture Classes Effectively" panel at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Boston, MA: "Music in the Classroom."
- 2007 The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL: "Are the Highly Educated Less Religious?"
- 2006 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada: "Option for the Non-Poor? Poverty and Catholics' Church Attendance."
- 2005 "Reviving Class in the Scientific Study of Religion" panel at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Annual Meeting, Rochester, NY: "Neighbors in the Pews: Social Status and Racial Diversity in Christian Congregations."
- 2004 The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO: "Poor Teenagers' Religiosity."
- 2004 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA: "Jewish Teenagers' Syncretism and Exposure to Jewish Life."
- 2003 The Southern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA: "Affluence and the Hereafter: The Poor, the Rich, and Inheriting the Kingdom" (with Hart Nelsen).
- 2003 The Southern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA: "The American Religion Data Archive: Maps, Reports, and Data on American Religion."
- 2002 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL: "Individual and Congregational Sources of Sectarianism."
- 2002 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL: the Data Resources Poster Session (with Amy Adamczyk and Roger Finke).
- 2002 The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT: presenter on the *Religious Congregations Membership Study* panel.

- 2001 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA: "Review of Mysticism in the Social Sciences."
- 2001 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA: the Data Resources Poster Session (with Roger Finke).
- 2000 The American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.: "Inequality in Civic Skills in Christian Churches."

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology: "Partisan Affiliation in a Polarized Context: Changes in Support for Environmental Spending"
- 2017 Pew Research Center, Washington, D.C.: "Cross-National Variation in the Demographic Origins and Religious Consequences of Religious Non-Affiliation"
- 2017 Religion and Secularism Conference, Creighton University, Omaha, NE: "The Political Implications of Secularity in Emerging Adulthood"
- 2016 Heartland Directors of Christian Education Conference, Seward, NE: "Education, Social Networks, and Religion: Why Higher Education is and is not a Concern for Contemporary Churches"
- 2004 The Faith Fear & Indifference—Constructing Religious Identity in the Next Generation conference at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA: "Jewish Teenagers: Strong Community, Weak Religion"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Global Religious Diversity
- History of Social Theory
- Introduction to Sociology
- Publications Seminar
- Social Problems
- Sociology of Religion
- Graduate Religion Seminar
- Sociology of Pilgrimage

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Activity

- Sociology of Religion Area Editor for TRAILS (Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology), 2018-2020
- Editorial Board, *Sociology of Religion*, 2009-2011 & 2015-2024
- Editorial Board, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2020-Present

Positions in Professional Organizations

- Council Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2022-2025
- Secretary, Religious Research Association, 2018-2019
- Member of the 2015 Roundtable Paper Committee for the Religion Section of the American Sociological Association
- Member of the 2012 Program Committee for the Religion Section of the American Sociological Association
- Member of the 2012 Nominations Committee for the Association for the Sociology of Religion
- Member of the 2002 Program Committee for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual meeting

Award Committees

- Chair of the 2023 American Sociological Association Religion Section Distinguished Article Award Committee
- Chair of the 2020 American Sociological Association Religion Section Distinguished Article Award Committee
- Member of the 2020 Society for the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion Book Award Committee
- Member of the 2016 American Sociological Association Religion Section Book Award Committee

Session Presider/Organizer/Discussant

- Organizer of panel, "Gender, Religion, and Values Across Nations," annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association, 2018
- Organizer of Religion Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association's annual meeting, 2015
- Presider at "Religion, Social Capital, and Religious Identity" session at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting, 2012
- Presider/Organizer of "Political Sociology" session at the Midwest Sociological Society's annual meeting, 2010
- Discussant at "Reviving Class in the Scientific Study of Religion" panel at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual meeting, 2005
- Convener and Discussant at "Religion and Adolescent/Parent Relationships" session at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual meeting, 2004
- Discussant at "Religion and the Courts" session at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's annual meeting, 2002

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Kappa Delta, American Sociological Association, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Religious Research Association, Midwest Sociological Society, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Undergraduate Chair, UNL Sociology, 2019-2022
- Vice Chair, UNL Sociology, 2012-2016 and spring 2017
- Chief Undergraduate Adviser and Chair of Undergraduate Committee, UNL Sociology, 2008-2012
- Temporary Director of the Bureau of Sociological Research, UNL, Fall 2007
- Faculty Senate, UNL, 2014-2016 & 2019-Present
- Sociology Department Committees: Search Committee, 2005, 2011, 2019, 2022; Graduate Committee, 2005-2007; Undergraduate Committee, 2022-2023; Chair of Unit Review Committee, 2006-2007; Grade Appeals Committee, 2007-2008; Executive Committee, 2007-2008, 2010-2017, 2021-2022; Resources and Planning Committee, 2015-2016 (Chair), spring 2017 (Chair), & 2017-2018