

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### WORK HISTORY

- 2020– **Research Area Specialist**  
Institute for Social Research  
University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI
- 2019– **Postdoctoral Research Associate**  
2020 Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture  
University of Virginia; Charlottesville, VA

### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- 2019 **Ph.D. Sociology**  
Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2016 **M.A. Sociology**  
Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2012 **B.S. Sociology and Psychology**  
Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Quantitative methods, Religion, Socialization, Life course paradigm

### QUALIFICATIONS

#### **Sociology of religion**

Completed under Mark Chaves

#### **Life course paradigm**

Completed under Linda K. George

### DISSERTATION

- 2019 "Cohort Succession, Intergenerational Transmission, and the Decline of Religion in the United States"  
Committee: Mark Chaves (chair), Linda George, Stephen Vaisey, Jen'nan Read

## ARTICLES

### Published

- 2019 Thompson, Kathryn, Hyo Jung Tak, Magdy El-Din, Syed Madani, Simon G. Brauer, and John D. Yoon. "Physicians' Religious Characteristics and Their Perceptions of the Psychological Impact of Patient Prayer and Beliefs at the End of Life: A National Survey." *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*. 36(2)116-122.
- 2018 Brauer, Simon G. "The Surprisingly Predictable Decline of Religion in the United States." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 57(4)654-675.
- Schleifer, Cyrus, Simon G. Brauer, and Visha Patel. "Patterns of Conservative Religious Belief and Religious Practice across College Majors." *Sociology of Religion*. 79(3)299-322.
- Frush, Benjamin W., Simon G. Brauer, John D. Yoon, and Farr A. Curlin. "Physician Decision-Making in the Setting of Advanced Illness: An Examination of Patient Disposition and Physician Religiousness." *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. 55(3)906-912.
- 2017 Brauer, Simon G. "How Many Congregations Are There? Updating a Survey-Based Estimate." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 56(2)438-448.
- Brauer, Simon G., John D. Yoon, and Farr A. Curlin. "Physician Satisfaction Treating Medically Unexplained Symptoms." *Southern Medical Journal*. 110(5)386-391.
- 2015 Brauer, Simon G., John D. Yoon, and Farr A. Curlin. "US Primary Care Physicians' Opinions about Conscientious Refusal: A National Vignette Experiment." *Journal of Medical Ethics*. 2016(42)80-84.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "Bayesian Models for Congregational Data." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Virtual conference.
- 2019 "The Internal Homogeneity of the Religiously Unaffiliated." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Virtual conference.
- "What Can Data Science Do for the Study of Religion? A Comparison of Classification Methods." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 2018 "The Role of Family in Religious Liminality." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Las Vegas, NV.
- "Fuzzy Families: The Role of Parental Attitudes in Religious Decline." Younger Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference. Notre Dame, IN.
- 2017 "Predicting the Consequences of Imperfect Religious Socialization." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2016 "The Surprisingly Predictable Decline of Religion in the United States." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

"College Major and Adult Religiosity: An Exploratory Analysis." with Cyrus Schleifer;  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association

2015 "How Many Congregations Are There? Updating a Survey-Based Estimate." Annual  
Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

"Morality and Politics in Congregations: Understanding the Effects of Congregations on  
the Activation of Beliefs." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of  
Religion

"Counting Congregations: Trends in the Number of Congregations in the US." Annual  
Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2017 "Mainline Protestantism in the United States." Presented at West Raleigh Presbyterian  
Church.

"Researching Catholic Students in College and Beyond: A Bass Connections project in  
partnership with the Duke Catholic Center." Presented to the board of directors of the  
Duke Catholic Center.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS**

2018 **Sociology 111: Social Problems**  
Instructor of Record  
Duke University, Durham NC

**Mental Health Interventions by Durham County Law Enforcement**  
Graduate student advisor  
Duke University, Durham, NC

2016– **The Role of Catholic Campus Ministries in the Formation of Young Adults**

2018 Instructor of Record  
Duke University, Durham, NC

#### **Tutor for the Duke Athletics Department**

Sociology 332: Research Methods  
Sociology 333: Quantitative Analysis  
Statistics 102: Biostatistics  
Sociology 102: Social Problems

2017 **Sociology 210: Introduction to Sociology**  
Instructor of Record  
Durham Technical Community College, Durham, NC

**Sociology 110: Sociological Inquiry**  
Instructor of Record  
Duke University, Durham, NC

2015 **Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology**

Teaching Assistant  
Duke University, Durham, NC

**Human Development 450S: Senior Seminar in Human Development**

Teaching Assistant  
Duke University, Durham, NC

**TEACHER TRAINING**

**Certificate of College Teaching, Duke University**

GS 750: Fundamentals of College Teaching  
GS 755: College Teaching and Course Design  
GS 767: Diverse Learners and Contentious Issues  
Teaching Triangles peer observation

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND FUNDING**

2017 Interfaith Diversity Experiences and Attitudes Longitudinal Survey (IDEALS) Research Award

2013 James B. Duke Fellowship

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2016– **Research assistant**

2017 Worked under Mark Chaves, Ph.D. at Duke University

2014 **Research assistant**

Worked under Farr Curlin, MD at Duke University

2012 **Summer research intern**

Worked under Laura Hosman, Ph.D. at Illinois Institute of Technology

**MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

**SERVICE**

2020– **Ad hoc Reviewer**

Field Methods  
Social Forces  
Sociological Forum  
American Sociological Review

**2017– Ad hoc Reviewer**

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Review of Religious Research

**2017– Undergraduate Studies Committee graduate student representative**

2018 Sociology department, Duke University

**2016– Co-representative to the Graduate and Professional Student Council**

2017 Sociology department, Duke University

**2015– Teaching representative**

2016 Sociology department, Duke University

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

2017 Randall, Rebecca. "How Many Churches Does America Have? More Than Expected."

*Christianity Today*. Retrieved on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2017/september/how-many-churches-in-america-us-nones-nondenominational.html>