

**JENNIFER MARIE MCCLURE**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Department of Biblical and Religious Studies  
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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Pennsylvania State University, Sociology, 2015  
Dissertation: "Understanding How Congregations Promote Community Involvement and Prosocial Behavior"  
Received Certificate in Quantitative Methodology
- M.A. Pennsylvania State University, Sociology, 2012  
Thesis: "Sources of Social Support: Congregational Context and Social and Private Involvement in Religion."
- B.A. Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Sociology and Mathematics, 2010  
*Summa cum Laude.*

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- Associate Professor of Religion and Sociology, Samford University, 2021-present  
Assistant Professor of Religion and Sociology, Samford University, 2019-2021  
Assistant Professor of Religion, Samford University, 2015-2019  
Courses taught: Church Dynamics, Practice of Ministry Internship, Faith Development, Conflict, Change, and Misconduct in Ministry, Christian Faith and Community Service, Senior Seminar in Ministry Leadership, Introduction to Sociology, Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences, Biblical Perspectives, and Core Seminar
- Graduate Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University, 2012-2014  
Courses Taught: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology Senior Research Seminar, and Intermediate Social Statistics
- Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University, 2012-2015  
Courses Assisted: Intermediate Social Statistics, Social Networks

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Peer-reviewed Articles

- McClure, Jennifer M. 2013. "Sources of Social Support: Examining Congregational Involvement, Private Devotional Activities, and Congregational Context." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52(4):698-712.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2014. "Religious Tradition and Involvement in Congregational Activities that Focus on the Community." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 10(8):1-30.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2015. "The Cost of Being Lost in the Crowd: How Congregational Size and Social Networks Shape Attenders' Community Involvement." *Review of Religious Research* 57(2):269-286.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2016. "Introducing Jesus's Social Network: Support, Conflict, and Compassion." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 12(5):1-22.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2017. "'Go and Do Likewise': Investigating Whether Involvement in Congregationally Sponsored Community Service Activities Predicts Prosocial Behavior." *Review of Religious Research* 59(3):341-366.
- Perez, Nahshon, Jonathan Fox, and Jennifer M. McClure. 2017. "Unequal State Support of Religion: On Resentment, Equality and the Separation of Religion and State." *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 18(4):431-448.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2018. "The Structure of Jesus's Social Network: Subgroups, Blockmodeling, and Balance." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 14(1):1-38.
- Fox, Jonathan, Christopher D. Bader, and Jennifer M. McClure. 2019. "Don't Get Mad: The Disconnect between Religious Discrimination and Individual Perceptions of Government." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 36(5):495-516.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2020. "Jesus's Social Network and the Four Gospels: Exploring the Relational Dynamics of the Gospels Using Social Network Analysis." *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 50(1):3-21.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2020. "Connected and Fragmented: Introducing a Social Network Study of Religious Congregations." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 16(4):1-33.
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2021. "Congregations of a Feather? Exploring Homophily in a Network of Religious Congregations." *Review of Religious Research* 63(4):559-582. DOI: 10.1007/s13644-021-00449-y
- McClure, Jennifer M. 2021. "Homophily and Social Capital in a Network of Religious Congregations." *Religions* 12(8):653. DOI: 10.3390/rel12080653

### Book Chapter

- Finke, Roger, and Jennifer M. McClure. 2017. "Reviewing Millions of Books: Charting Cultural and Religious Trends with Google's Ngram Viewer." Pp. 287-316 in *Faithful Measures: New Methods in the Measurement of Religion*, edited by R. Finke and C. D. Bader. New York: NYU Press.

## Under Review

McClure, Jennifer M. "Is Together Better? Investigating the Relationship between Network Dynamics and Congregations' Vitality and Sustainability."

## Other Publications

McClure, Jennifer M. 2014. "New Research: Religion as Social Support." Congregational Studies Team and Boston University School of Theology and Center for Practical Theology. *Studying Congregations Blog*. Retrieved August 12, 2014 (<http://studyingcongregations.org/blog/new-research-religion-as-social-support>).

McClure, Jennifer M. 2015. "Congregations and Community Involvement: The Impact of Friendships and Congregational Size." Congregational Studies Team and Boston University School of Theology and Center for Practical Theology. *Studying Congregations Blog*. Retrieved May 8, 2015 (<http://studyingcongregations.org/blog/congregations-and-community-involvement-the-impact-of-congregational-size>).

McClure, Jennifer M. 2019. "Jesus' Social Network Connects the Stigmatized to Society." Leadership Education at Duke Divinity. *Faith & Leadership*. Retrieved October 1, 2019 (<https://faithandleadership.com/jennifer-mcclure-jesus-social-network-connects-stigmatized-society>).

McClure, Jennifer M. 2021. "Exploring Congregational Connections." Congregational Studies Team and Boston University School of Theology and Center for Practical Theology. *Studying Congregations Blog*. Retrieved March 12, 2021 (<https://studyingcongregations.org/exploring-congregational-connections/>).

## Conference Presentations

- 2021 McClure, Jennifer M. "Homophily and Social Capital in a Network of Religious Congregations." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Virtual due to COVID-19. (August).
- 2020 McClure, Jennifer M. "Congregations of a Feather? Exploring Homophily in a Network of Religious Congregations." Accepted for the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, which was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 McClure, Jennifer M. "Congregational Networks: Understanding the Extent to Which and How Congregations Connect with Each Other." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. St. Louis, MO (October).
- 2018 McClure, Jennifer M. "Social Network Analysis as a Method for Understanding Congregational Dynamics." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Las Vegas, NV (October).
- 2018 Erica Dollhopf, and Jennifer M. McClure. "Congregational Trends: What We're Missing." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Las Vegas, NV (October).
- 2017 McClure, Jennifer M. "Conducting Small-Scale Studies for Congregations." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Washington, DC (October).

- 2017 McClure, Jennifer M. "Exploring Congregations' Communities through the ARDA." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Washington, DC (October).
- 2016 Finke, Roger, and Jennifer M. McClure. "Reviewing Millions of Books: Charting Cultural and Religious Trends with Google's Ngram Viewer." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA (October).
- 2015 McClure, Jennifer M. "Prosocial Spillover Effects: How Congregations Can Shape Attendees' Prosocial Behavior." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Newport Beach, CA (October).
- 2015 McClure, Jennifer M. "Resources on the ARDA for Congregations." Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Newport Beach, CA (October).
- 2015 McClure, Jennifer M. "New and Forthcoming Resources at TheARDA.com." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture. Boston, MA (March).
- 2015 Finke, Roger and Jennifer M. McClure. "A Quick Review of 5.2 Million Books: Charting Cultural and Religious Trends with Google's Ngram Viewer." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture. Boston, MA (March).
- 2014 McClure, Jennifer M. "Congregations and the Community: Examining Whether Attendees Serve in Their Community Through Activities Offered by Their Congregation." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, IN (October).
- 2014 Fox, Jonathan, Christopher D. Bader, and Jennifer M. McClure. "Don't Get Mad: The Disconnect between Religious Discrimination and Individual Perceptions of Government." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, IN (October).
- 2014 McClure, Jennifer M. "The Cost of Being Lost in the Crowd: How Congregational Size and Social Networks Shape Attendees' Community Involvement." Roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA (August).
- 2013 McClure, Jennifer M. "Virtual Religion: Using YouTube to Teach about Religion." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Boston, MA (November).
- 2013 McClure, Jennifer M. "Developing New Online Educational Resources." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture. Arlington, VA (April).
- 2012 McClure, Jennifer M. "Sources of Social Support: Examining Congregational Context, Belonging, and Meaning." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Phoenix, AZ (November).
- 2012 McClure, Jennifer M. "Nondenominational and Independent Christians in the RELTRAD Coding Scheme." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Denver, CO (August).
- 2011 McClure, Jennifer M. "Sensing God's Presence: Collective Effervescence or Religious Capital?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Milwaukee, WI (October).

- 2011 McClure, Jennifer M. “www.theARDA.com’s Learning Center: Teaching Religious Research Techniques to Students.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture. Arlington, VA (April).
- 2011 Lee, Barry, Matthew Hall, Jennifer M. McClure, and Lauren Hughes. “Understanding Recent Patterns of Metropolitan Homelessness.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. New Orleans, LA (March).
- 2011 Lee, Barry, Matthew Hall, and Jennifer M. McClure. “Patterns and Antecedents of Homelessness: A State-Level Analysis.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA (February).

### **Other Presentations**

“Jesus's Social Network: What Jesus's Relationships Mean for Us.” Theta Alpha Kappa’s Christian Faith and Critical Thought Colloquium, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, November 15, 2018.

“Jesus's Social Network: Understanding the Relational Dynamics surrounding Jesus's Life and Ministry.” Faculty Shop Talk, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, October 1, 2018.

“‘Go and Do Likewise’: How Congregations Can Promote Prosocial Behavior.” Religion Colloquium, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, October 17, 2016.

“‘Go and Do Likewise’: How Religion Promotes Helping Others.” Theta Alpha Kappa’s Christian Faith and Critical Thought Colloquium, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, November 9, 2015.

“The Cost of Being Lost in the Crowd: How Congregational Size and Social Networks Shape Attendees’ Community Involvement,” Sociology Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, April 18, 2014.

### **SERVICE**

#### **Service to the University**

##### Samford University

*University and Howard College of Arts and Sciences Committees*

Member, Campus Life Committee, Samford University, 2016-present.  
Committee Chair, 2018-2019.

Member, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, 2018-present.

*Department of Biblical and Religious Studies*

Advisor

- Religion majors and minors, 2015-present
- Samford Freshmen Orientation Course Registration, 2016

Samford University Preview Day, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies representative.

- Dates: October 17, 2015; October 2, 2016; November 18, 2017; November 10, 2018; September 28, 2019

Samford Majors Connection, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies representative, 2015-present.

Member, Search Committee Member

- Religion Department Chair, Samford University, 2017-2018.
- Assistant or Associate Religion Professor, Samford University, 2019.

Departmental Assessment, 2019.

*Honors/Scholarship Programs*

Preministerial Scholars, Samford University

- Conducted interviews of prospective scholars, 2015-2018
- Led a cadre session on faith and doubt, 2016-present

Micah Fellows, Samford University, 2015-2018.

- Reviewed applications of prospective fellows, annually
- Conducted interviews of prospective fellows, annually

*Office of Spiritual Life*

Cadre Leader, Samford University, Office of Spiritual Life.

- Spring 2016: C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*

Contributor to "Declare Glory among the Nations," a devotional for Samford students going on summer mission trips, 2016.

*Other*

I conducted a brief study on connections between academic units and centers that focus on faith and service at Samford University in the fall of 2018.

Pennsylvania State University

Community Service Committee, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology, 2012-2015.

- Organized community service opportunities (clothes drives, food drives, coin drives, toiletry drives, and service projects) for the sociology department
- Co-chaired the committee, 2014-2015

Teaching Forum Committee, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology, 2013-2015.

- Organized, advertised, and moderated forums of various topics related to teaching effectively at the college level

Graduate Committee, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology, 2014-2015.

- Reviewed applications for prospective graduate students
- Advised the department on matters relating to the graduate program in sociology

Undergraduate Committee, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology, 2012-2014.

- Advised the department on matters relating to the undergraduate program in sociology
- Selected students for end-of-the-year awards (University Marshal, Outstanding Sociology Senior, etc.)

## **Service to the Community, Church, and Profession**

### Association of Religion Data Archives

Senior Research Associate, Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA), Penn State University, 2015-present.

- Developed an online guide for how ministers and congregations can use pin maps to understand where members live (<http://thearda.com/crc/Guide%20-%20Pin%20Maps.pdf>)
- Developed the “Preparing to Visit a Congregation” Learning Module (<http://thearda.com/learningcenter/modules/module38.asp>)
- Developed the “Understanding the Geographic Contexts of Congregations” Learning Module (<http://thearda.com/learningcenter/modules/module45.asp>)
- Expanded the Community Profile Builder and Community Profile Builder Guide with information about education, family life, and location of birth (<http://thearda.com/profile/Community%20Profile%20Builder%20Guide.pdf>)
- Developed in-depth guides on how congregations can address community needs
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Education
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Family Structure
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Gender and Age
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Housing
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Income, Employment, and Poverty
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Race and Ethnicity
  - Community Profile Builder: In-Depth Guide on Religion
- Presented and promoted new denominational webpages to denominational leaders
- Held Lunch & Learns at Samford University to introduce local ministers and Samford employees to the ARDA’s resources for congregations, May 4, 2017 and April 3, 2019

- Held a Lunch & Learn, “Who Lives Here? Unearthing Demographic Data,” with Art Farnsley, at Evansville, IN Center for Congregations Workshop, Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Research Associate, *Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)*, Penn State University, 2010-2015

- Invited scholars to archive datasets at the ARDA
- Processed data files for inclusion in the ARDA’s Data Archive
- Developed materials for the ARDA’s Teaching Tools, including updating Learning Modules, creating a YouTube channel of religious services, expanding resources for middle school and high school students, and generating ready-to-use datasets for online analysis
- Created Congregational QuickStats (i.e., quick facts on congregations) using data from the National Congregations Study

Intern, *Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)*, Penn State University, 2009-2010

## **Service to the University, Community, and Church**

### Center for Congregational Resources

Congregational Research Strategist, Center for Congregational Resources, Samford University, 2015-present.

- Generated demographic profiles and pin maps for congregations, using [thearda.com](http://thearda.com) and [batchgeo.com](http://batchgeo.com) for numerous congregations
- Analyzed community trends using the U.S. Census’s American Community Survey, and examined trends in homelessness using HUD’s Continuum of Care data for a congregation in Birmingham, AL
- Surveyed church members and helped to develop a strategy for community outreach for a congregation in west Alabama
- Held Lunch & Learns at Samford University to introduce local ministers and Samford employees to the ARDA’s resources for congregations, May 4, 2017 and April 3, 2019
- Conducted a study of central Alabama congregations that identified key strengths, challenges, opportunities, and needs of local congregations
- Conducting research on congregations participating in the Life Is Calling Initiative
- Designing and coordinating survey research on congregations participating in the Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative

## **Service to the Community and Church**

### Congregational Participation

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, State College, PA, 2010-2015.

St. Symeon Orthodox Church, Birmingham, AL, 2015-2020.

Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Birmingham, AL, 2020-present.

### Orthodox Church in America

Member, Spiritual Abuse Working Group, Orthodox Church in America, 2016-2018.

- Served as the notetaker for all meetings
- Contributed to codes of ethics for clergy and lay leaders
- Compiled, contributed to, and edited an annotated bibliography of resources on congregational health, healthy approaches to spirituality, misconduct, and related topics

“Proposal on Spiritual Abuse.” Resolution submitted to the 18<sup>th</sup> All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America. In cooperation with Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (State College, PA) and Fr. John Reeves. Accepted by the Holy Synod of Bishops on July 24, 2015.

### One Roof

Junior Board Member, One Roof, Birmingham, AL, 2016-2018

- Volunteered at Project Homeless Connect, an annual event where people experiencing homelessness can access a variety of services, 2016-2018
- Volunteered at Point-in-Time, an annual census of individuals experiencing homelessness, 2017-2018
- Helped to organize a documentary showing of *The Homestretch* on Thursday, November 11, 2016
- Helped to organize “We Aren’t Disposable: A Single Use Camera Project by Birmingham’s Homeless Neighbors,” on Friday, November 10, 2017
- Helped to organize the National Homelessness Awareness Week – Restaurant Week on November 11-17, 2017
- Helped to organize “Sights and Stories: Portraits with Quotes from Our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness in Birmingham,” on Friday, November 9, 2018
- Secretary, 2018

### Community Presentations

“Jesus's Social Network: Understanding the Relational Dynamics surrounding Jesus's Life and Ministry,” St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Birmingham, AL.

- “Introducing Jesus's Social Network: Support, Conflict, and Compassion,” January 10, 2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFLgywOjxbQ&t=7s>).
- “Digging Deeper into the Structure of Jesus's Social Network,” January 17, 2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PV8fDGzBnhg&t=4s>).
- “Jesus's Social Network and the Four Gospels: Exploring Similarities and Differences across the Gospels,” January 24, 2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76oqR8LScEU>).

“Trends in American Religion: Understanding Patterns of Growth, Decline, and Change.” New Horizons, UAB Integrative Center for Aging Research, Birmingham, AL, October 15, 2019.

“Focusing on the Community: How Congregations Can Learn about and Equip Attenders to Serve Their Communities,” at Southside Faith Community Meeting, Birmingham, AL, May 9, 2017.

### Applied Congregational Research

“Westminster Christian United Church of Christ – Adult Survey.” Westminster Christian United Church of Christ (Westminster, OH), April-May 2016. (Surveys)

“Westminster Christian United Church of Christ – Children’s Survey.” Westminster Christian United Church of Christ (Westminster, OH), April-May 2016. (Surveys)

“Demographic Profile for the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.” Chapel of the Holy Spirit (Beavertown, PA), January 2016. (Secondary data analysis)

“Survey on the Future Building Options.” For Chapel of the Holy Spirit (Beavertown, PA), February-March 2015. (Surveys and a focus group)

“Survey on Vision.” For Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (State College, PA), February-May 2014. (Surveys and focus groups)

“Report on Church Growth.” For Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (State College, PA), August-October 2012. (Secondary data analysis)

“Neighborhoods from the Eyes of Congregations and the Residents: A Comparison of Church Members’ and Neighborhood Residents’ Perceptions of Neighborhoods and an Analysis of Church Members’ Perceptions of Community Ministry.” For South Vernon United Methodist Church and Vineyard Church of Knox County (Mount Vernon, OH), January 2009. (Interviews and surveys)

### Additional Community Service

Royal Family Kids Camp, Lima, Ohio.

- Support Staff – Photography Assistant, June 20-24, 2016.
- Support Staff – Photography Assistant, June 19-23, 2017.
- Support Staff – Photography Assistant, June 18-22, 2018.
- Support Staff – Photography Assistant, June 17-21, 2019.
- Royal Family Kids Camp is for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect.
- Each camper receives a “memory book” of pictures at the end of camp.
- The photography team takes these pictures and generates a camp slide show.
- The in-person camp was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. I helped to assemble and deliver care packages to the children who would have attended.

## **Service to the Profession**

### Religious Research Association

Member of Constance Jacquet Awards Committee, 2015-2018. Chair of the committee for the 2016-2017 academic year.

- Apportions funds for travel and research grants

Program Chair, 2017 annual meeting.

Program Co-Chair (with Erica Dollhopf), 2018 annual meeting.

Nominating Committee member, January 2018-December 2019.

Co-chair (with Erica Dollhopf), Task Force on Applied Identity and Audience, 2019-2020.

Secretary, January 2020-December 2021.

Editorial board member, *Review of Religious Research*, January 2020-December 2021.

Co-coordinator of the Religious Research Exchange (with Erica Dollhopf), 2020-present.

Organizing and convening sessions at the Religious Research Association annual meetings

- Convened session on “Congregations and Community Involvement,” Newport Beach, CA, October 23, 2015.
- Convened session on “Denominations and Congregations,” Newport Beach, CA, October 23, 2015.
- Organized session on “Diversity in Congregations,” Washington, DC, October 13, 2017.
- Organized session on “Flourishing in Ministry,” Washington, DC, October 13, 2017.
- Organized session on “Thriving Congregations,” Washington, DC, October 13, 2017.
- Organized session on “Starting New Congregations,” Washington, DC, October 13, 2017.
- Convened session on “Denominational Research Offices,” Washington, DC, October 14, 2017.
- Convened session on “Applying Our Research II,” Washington, DC, October 14, 2017.
- Convened session on “Vitality and Change in Congregational Life,” Las Vegas, NV, October 26, 2018.
- Organized and convened session on “Beyond Data Files: New and Forthcoming Features by theARDA.com,” St. Louis, MO, October 26, 2019.

Panel member for “College and University Academics in Applied Religious Research,” Religious Research Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 26, 2019.

### Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Panel member at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings

- “Graduate Student Session: Navigating the Job Market,” Atlanta, GA, October 28, 2015.
- “Author Meets Critics: *Religious Vitality in Christian Intentional Communities: A Comparative Ethnographic Study* by Mark Killian,” Las Vegas, NV, October 26, 2018.
- “Teaching the Sociology of Religion,” St. Louis, MO, October 25, 2019.

### Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies

Advisory committee member for 2020 U.S. Religion Census

### Reviews

Ad-hoc reviewer for the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Social Compass*, *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Religions*, and *Contemporary Sociology* (“Briefly Noted”).

### **MEDIA MENTIONS AND APPEARANCES**

“At Easter, faith leaders reflect on the future of their churches amid declining attendance.” By Kelsey Dallas. *Deseret News*. Retrieved from: <https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900066402/easter-faith-leaders-church-decline-attendance.html>.

“Faithful measures deepen understanding of religion.” By David Briggs. *Ahead of the Trend*. Retrieved from: <http://blogs.thearda.com/trend/featured/faithful-measures-deepen-understanding-of-religion/>.

“A new way to worship: Megachurches in Alabama continue to grow, innovate.” By Brit Moorer. *WIAT-CBS42*. Retrieved from: <http://wiat.com/2017/02/21/a-new-way-to-worship-megachurches-in-alabama-continue-to-grow/>.

“God Is Not Dead: Google’s Ngram Viewer Reveals Two Centuries of Religious Trends.” By David Briggs. *The Huffington Post*. Retrieved from: [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-briggs/god-is-not-dead-googles-n\\_b\\_7817862.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-briggs/god-is-not-dead-googles-n_b_7817862.html).

“Where did all the fundamentalists come from? Google's Ngram Viewer reveals 2 centuries of religious trends.” By David Briggs. *Ahead of the Trend*. Retrieved from: <http://blogs.thearda.com/trend/uncategorized/where-did-all-the-fundamentalists-come-from-googles-ngram-viewer-reveals-2-centuries-of-religious-trends/>.

“Private prayer and public good.” By David Briggs. *U.S. Congregations: Beyond the Ordinary*. Retrieved from: <http://www.uscongregations.org/beyond-the-ordinary/private-prayer-and-public-good/>.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING WORKSHOPS**

Teaching and Learning Seminar for Early Career Faculty, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, Samford University, 2016-2017.

“Academic Advising,” Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University, September 25, 2015.

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

### Samford University

- Inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, 2017
- “Faith Connections: A Social Network Study of Religious Congregations,” \$4,000 Faculty Development Grant

### Pennsylvania State University

- Sociology Working Paper Competition, First Place, 2014
- Sociology Working Paper Competition, Honorable Mention, 2013
- Graduate Student Travel Awards, 2011-2015
- Graduate Scholar Award, 2010-2013

### Mount Vernon Nazarene University

- Service Above Self Award (awarded to the senior students who best exemplify MVNU’s ideals for learning, service, and faith), 2010
- Outstanding Sociology Graduate, 2010
- University Marshal (awarded to the top-ranking junior students), 2009
- Outstanding Junior Achievement Award in Sociology, 2009
- Dean’s List, 2006-2010
- Benner Scholar Award, 2006-2010

### Association of Nazarene Sociologists and Researchers

- Harold Young Research Award, runner-up, 2010

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA) – Sections: religion; mathematical sociology

Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)

Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB)

Religious Research Association (RRA)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)