**Dr. Andrew R. Johnson**

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**Academic Appointments**

Metropolitan State University- St. Paul, Mn

Assistant Professor, Department of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, August 2016 to present.

University of Southern California- Los Angeles, CA

Research Associate, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, September 2012 to August 2016.

Princeton University- Princeton, NJ

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Religion, September 2012 – June 2013

Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative- Princeton, NJ

Sociology Instructor, Garden State Prison, January 2013-June 2013

**Education**

University of Minnesota- Minneapolis, Mn

Ph.D., Sociology, 2012

Dissertation: *If I Give My Soul: Pentecostalism in Prison in Rio de Janeiro.*

Committee: Curtiss DeYoung, Penny Edgell (Chair), Joshua Page, Chris Uggen.

Temple University- Philadelphia, Pa

M.A., Geography and Urban Studies, 2004

Bethel University- St. Paul, Mn

B.A., Socio-Cultural Studies, 2000

**Primary Research Interests**

Prisons, Religion, Ethnography, Documentary film.

**Fellowships and Grants**

Principal Investigator, Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative, Individual Grant ($78,000), Templeton Foundation 2010-2012.

Religion and Violence in Latin America Workshop Participant. Jan. 14-15, 2013. Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, American University, Washington D.C.

United States Student Fulbright Award 2010 -*Award Declined*

University of Minnesota Graduate School Fellowship ($20,000 ), 2007-2008.

Graduate Research Partnership Program Award ($5,600), University of Minnesota, 2008.

Anna Welsh Bright Dissertation Research Award ($5,000) University of Minnesota, 2009

SSRC Religion and International Affairs Dissertation Workshop Participant. June 5-9, 2011 Pacific Grove, California.

Templeton Foundation Humility Prize Award January 2015 ($2,500)

**Publications**

Johnson, Andrew. (2017). *If I Give My Soul: Faith Behind Bars in Rio de Janeiro.* Oxford University Press. New York, NY.

*Documentary Film*

*If I Give My Soul* (2015).

Johnson, Andrew. (January 2016*).* “Politics of Presence: A Pentecostal Response to Violence in Prison in Rio de Janeiro.” *Religion and Violence in Latin America.* Notre Dame University Press. South Bend, In.

Johnson, Andrew & Gajaweera. (November 2015) *Research Methods for the Scientific Study of Religion.* E-book that will be hosted on the University of Southern California website.

Flory, Gajaweera, Johnson & Street. (January 2016). “The Wild, Wild West of Religion: Finding the Future in Los Feliz.” *Boom. A Journal of California*

Walker, Johnson & van Wormer. 2012. “Brazil's Restorative Prisons.” *Restorative Justice Today: Practical Applications*, Sage.

Johnson, Andrew. 2012. “Review of Homies and Hermanos: God and Gangs in Central America by Robert Brenneman.” *Sociology of Religion.* 73(2):227-228.

**Magazine and Online Publications**

“Manny Pacquiao, Championship Boxer, Has a New Opponent: Philippine Poverty” *Christianity Today.* June 23, 2016

“Faith and the Fight Series” (An eight-article series on boxing and religion) *Huffington Post.* January 2015-June 2017.

**Selected Invited Lectures**

Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea. “Los Angeles: The Innovative Edge of American Evangelicalism” September 30th, 2015

University of California, Irvine. “Religion, Prison and the Global City”

November 6th, 2014. International Studies Public Forum

University of Notre Dame- South Bend, Indiana. “Beyond Coping: Pentecostalism in Prison in Rio de Janeiro” December 13th, 2013 Center for the Study of Religion and Society.

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Mn. “If I Give My Soul” Film Screening and Interfaith Discussion. February 19th, 2014. Jay Philip’s Center for Interfaith Learning.

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. “Religion and Prison in Brazil.” April 17th, 2013. Latin American Studies Department.

St. Michael’s College, Burlington, Vermont-February 28th- March 1st

“If I Give My Soul: Religion Behind Bars in Brazil” -Three Lectures.

**Selected Conference Presentations**

“Rio’s New Social Order: How Religion Signals Disengagement from Prison Gangs.” Paper Presented at American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pa. November 17th, 2017.

“A New Mix in L.A.: Multiracial Churches with Few or any Whites.” Paper Presented at American Society of Criminology, Huntington Beach, Ca. October 23rd, 2015.

“Religious Innovation on the Edges of Los Angeles.” Paper Presented at American Society of Criminology, Huntington Beach, Ca. October 23rd, 2015.

“Pentecostalism in Rio de Janeiro: The Faith of the Killable People.” Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Boston, Ma. November 9th, 2013.

“If I Give My Soul: Pentecostal Practice in Prison in Rio de Janeiro.” Paper presented at the Global Experiencing Prison Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 10th, 2012.

“Religion in Prison and its Potential for Reconciling Prisoners to Society.” Paper presented at the Interfaith Dialog and Reconciliation Conference at Bethel University, St. Paul, Mn, February 18th, 2012.

“Fire Behind Bars: The social impacts of religious prisoners” Paper presented at the Sociological Research Institute, University of Minnesota, April 19th, 2010.

“Making Sao Paulo Global: Street Children, Crack and Zones of Social Abandonment” Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Meetings in Chicago, Il, April 3rd, 2010.

“Street Children in Sao Paulo: Lula, Crack and the Global City” Paper presented at Moberg Lectureship: Reconciliation in a Global Society Conference, Bethel University. February 20th, 2010

“Religion Behind Bars: Pentecostalism inside of Brazilian Prisons and it Impact on Society” Paper presented at Moberg Lectureship: Reconciliation in a Global Society Conference. February 19th, 2010

“Street Children in Sao Paulo, Brazil: An ethnographic revisit.” Paper presented at the University of Minnesota Sociology Workshop. March 14th, 2009

**Selected Public Screenings of *If I give My Soul***

*Universities*

St. John’s University, Collegeville, Mn- February 18th, 2014

St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Mn- February 19th, 2014

Whittier College, Whittier, Ca- January 20th, 2015

Duke University, Durham, NC- April 13th, 2015

Georgetown University, Washington D.C.- April 14th, 2015

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ- April 15th, 2015

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ- April 16th, 2015

Tulane University, New Orleans, La- September 21st, 2015

University of California-Berkeley March 15th, 2016

University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa June 8th 2017

African Christian College, Manzini, Swaziland, June 12th, 2017

*Film Festivals*

Los Angeles Pan-African Film Festival 2015

Long Beach Indie International Film, Media, and Music Festival 2015

UK Christian Film Festival 2015

Frame by Sound Festival 2015

CineBodega Film Festival 2015

Out of Africa International Film Festival 2015

On the Line Film Festival 2015

Justice Film Festival 2015

Minneapolis/St. Paul International Film Festival 2015

\*\*\*Winner of Best Documentary

Latin American Studies Association Film Festival 2015

Three Cities Film Festival 2015

**Research Experience**

Research Associate, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, Los Angeles, Ca,

June 2012 to August 2016.

Principal Investigator, PCRI grant, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2010 to July 2011.

Gang Liaison to the United States Ambassador in Honduras, USAID. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 2006-2007.

Research Coordinator, Associacao Brasileira Beneficente Aslan (ABBA) São Paulo, Brazil/Maputo, Mozambique January – August, 2003.

Research Assistant, Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project, Philadelphia, PA, 2002.

**Related Work Experience**

Foreign Service Officer, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington D.C., Brasilia, Brazil, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, January 2005 – August 2007.

College Transition Tutor/Assistant Football Coach, Minneapolis Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis, Mn, 2009-2011.

Orphanage Volunteer, Taraja Home for Boys, Nairobi, Kenya, January 1999- June 1999.

Program Director, Phillips Neighborhood Basketball Outreach, Minneapolis, Mn, September 1997 - July 2000.

**Languages**

Portuguese: Advanced reading, writing and speaking skills.

Spanish: Intermediate reading writing and speaking skills.