

Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University (2015-).

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University (January 2013-July 2015).

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Washington (2009-December 2012).

Thesis: Rethinking Religious Capital as Human, Cultural, Social, and Emotional: Toward a Sociological Theory of Membership Dynamics in Religious Voluntary Associations.

Committee: Steven Pfaff (chair), James A. Kitts, Edgar Kiser, and James K. Wellman.

M.A. in International Studies (Comparative Religion) with Honors, University of Washington (2009).

Committee: James K. Wellman (chair), James A. Kitts, and Steven Pfaff.

M.A. in Sociology, University of Washington (2006).

M.A. Thesis: Divine Confidence: Explaining Variations in Religious Commitment.

Committee: Steven Pfaff (chair) and James A. Kitts

B.A. in Sociology with Distinction and Comparative Religion, Magna Cum Laude, University of Washington (2004).

Honors Thesis: Costly Religious Commitment: The Price of Divine Confidence.

Thesis advisor: James A. Kitts

Research Interests

Theory, Criminology and Deviance, Organizations, Social Networks, Culture, Social Movements, Inequality, Emotion and Health, and Sociology of Religion.

Publications

Pfaff, Steven, Michael Hechter, and **Katie E. Corcoran**. "The Problem of Solidarity in Insurgent Collective Action: The Nore Mutiny of 1797." *Social Science History* 40(02): 247-270.

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Jacob T.N. Young. 2015. "Perceptions of Societal Injustice and Efficacy: Participation in Low/Moderate/High-Cost Collective Action." *Sociological Inquiry* 85(3): 429-461.

Corcoran, Katie E. "Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Giving." *Social Science Research* 52: 686-700.

Wellman, James K. Jr., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk. 2014. "'God is like a Drug.': Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches." *Sociological Forum* 29(3): 650-672.

Wellman, James K. Jr. and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2013. "Religion and Regional Culture: Embedding Religious Commitment within Place." *Sociology of Religion* 74(4): 496-520.

Corcoran, Katie E. 2013. "Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior." *Rationality and Society* 25(3): 335-369.

Pfaff, Steven and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2012. "Piety, Power, and the Purse: The Political Religious Economies Theory and Urban Reform in the Holy Roman Empire." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(4): 757-776.

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2012. "Religion and the Acceptability of White-Collar Crime: A Cross-National Analysis." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(3): 542-567.

Winner of the 2011 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Paper Award.

Corcoran, Katie E. 2012. "Religious Human Capital Revisited: Testing the Effect of Religious Human Capital on Religious Participation." *Rationality and Society* 24(3): 343-379.

Winner of the 2011 Rationality and Society Student Paper Award.

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Jacob T. N. Young. 2011. "The Context of Control: A Cross-National Investigation of the Link between Political Institutions, Efficacy, and Collective Action." *British Journal of Social Psychology* 50(4): 575-605.

Book Manuscripts

Corcoran, Katie E. and Rodney Stark. *Criminal Victimization: A Global Assessment*.
Writing in progress.

Wellman, James K. Jr., Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk, and **Katie E. Corcoran**. *High on God: How the Megachurch Conquered America*. New York: Oxford University Press,
Under contract, writing in progress.

Stark, Rodney and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2014. *Religious Hostility: A Global Assessment of Hatred and Terror*. Waco: ISR Books.

Under Review

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. “A Double-Edged Sword: The Countervailing Effects of Religion on Cross-National Crime.”

Snedker, Karen, Lindsey Beach, and **Katie E. Corcoran**. “Beyond the ‘Revolving Door’? Reducing Criminal Recidivism in One Mental Health Court.”

Corcoran, Katie E. and James K. Wellman Jr. “‘People Forget He’s Human’: Charismatic Leadership in Institutionalized Religion.”

Technical Reports & Other Publications

Johnson, Byron, William Wubbenhorst, Curtis Schroeder, and Katie E. Corcoran. “Stronger Families, Stronger Society: An Analysis of The RIDGE Project, Inc.” Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR Research Report), Baylor University (2014).

Corcoran, Katie E. and James A. Kitts. 2012. “Communitarianism: Industrial Experiments.” In *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements, Facts on File*.

Pfaff, Steven and Katie E. Corcoran. 2012. “Seattle Protests.” In *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, George Ritzer (ed.) Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

Corcoran, Katie E. 2010. “Book Review: BOUNDLESS FAITH: THE GLOBAL OUTREACH OF AMERICAN CHURCHES. By: Robert Wuthnow.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(1): 193-4.

Pending Projects

Corcoran, Katie E. and Rodney Stark. “Cross-National Criminal Victimization: Confronting the Neglected Regional Effects.”

Research Grants

Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars (LINES) Research Award. “Religion and Formal and Informal Giving: A Contextual and Multilevel Analysis.” \$2,975 (August 2015).

University of Washington Graduate School, Graduate Student Travel Grant (2012).

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Student Research Grant, \$1,500 (2012).

University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Dissertation Grant \$1,000 (2010-2011).

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Graduate Student Travel Grant (2011).

University of Washington Graduate School, Graduate Student Travel Grant (2010).

Research Honors, Awards, and Certifications

Selected Participant with full scholarship Graduate Student Workshop with the Institute for the study of Religion, Economics and Society, Chapman University, CA (June 2012).

Best Student Paper Award, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: “Religion and the Acceptability of White-Collar Crime: A Cross-National Analysis.” With David Pettinicchio and Blaine Robbins (2011).

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, the American Sociological Association, Rationality and Society section: “Religious Human Capital Revisited: Testing the Effect of Religious Human Capital on Religious Participation” (2011).

Otto Larsen Dissertation Award, Sociology Department, University of Washington, (2010-2011).

Certification in Social Statistics, from the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS). **Courses:** Social Network Analysis, Multilevel Modeling, Event History Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, and Computational Modeling (2011).

Master’s Degree in International Studies graduated **with Honors** (2009).

Teaching Honors and Awards

Annual Excellence in **Teaching Award** (Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2010-2011).

Teaching Recognition from the Dean of Sciences (2007).

Annual Excellence as a **Teaching Assistant Award** (Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2006-2007).

Teaching Experience

West Virginia University

SOCA 393 – Special Topics, Sociology of Religion (2015-)

SOCA 304 – Complex Organizations (2015-)

SOCA 302 – Deviant Behavior (2016-)

University of Washington

SOC 357 - Sociology of Religion (2007-2015).

SOC 494D - Sociology of Organizations and Work Practicum (2010-2012).

SOC 494 A&B - Sociology of Education Practicum (2008-2009).

RELIG 254 - American Religion (2012).

Conference Presentations

Corcoran, Katie E. “Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement: A Multilevel Analysis of U.S. Congregations.” Presented at the meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach (October 2015).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Gender Inequality and Cross-National Violent Crime: An Analysis of 146 Countries.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Chicago (August 2015).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. “A Double-Edged Sword: The Countervailing Effects of Religion on Cross-National Crime.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, San Francisco (August 2014).

Conference Presentations Continued

Corcoran, Katie E. and James K. Wellman Jr. “‘People Forget He’s Human’: Charismatic Leadership in Institutionalized Religion.” Presented at the meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston (November 2013).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Religious Giving.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, New York City (August 2013).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Religious Giving.” Presented at the meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix (November 2012).

Wellman, James K., Katie E. Corcoran, and Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk. “‘God is like a Drug’: Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Denver (August 2012).

Pfaff, Steven, Michael Hechter, and Katie E. Corcoran. "Solidarity and High-risk Collective Action: the Nore Mutiny of 1797." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Denver (August 2012).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. “Religion and Attitudes toward White-Collar Crime” Presented at the meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee (October 2011)

Corcoran, Katie E., James K. Wellman, and Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk. “Dance of Desire: The Role of Emotions in American Megachurches.” Presented at the meeting for Group Processes, Las Vegas (August 2011).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas (August 2011).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Jacob T. N. Young. “The Context of Control: A Cross-National Investigation of the Link between Social Structure, Efficacy, and Collective Action.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas (August 2011).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Rethinking Religious Human Capital.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Atlanta (August 2010).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. “Context Matters: A Cross National Analysis of the Effect of Religion on Crime.” Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Atlanta (August 2010).

Conference Presentations Continued

Corcoran, Katie E., Jacob T. N. Young, and David Pettinicchio. "A Cross-National Analysis of the Effect of Religion on Social Movement Participation." Presented at the meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta (August 2010).

Pfaff, Steven and Katie E. Corcoran. "The Political Economy of the Reformation: Religious Monopoly, Political Regime, and Urban Reform in the Holy Roman Empire." Presented at the meeting for the Association of the Study of Religion Economics and Culture, Portland, Oregon (June 2010).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Belief, Ritual, and Moral Community: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Tolerance of Crime." Presented at the meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco (August 2009).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Finding Faith and Fellowship Online: Using Social Network Analysis to Identify Virtual Religious Communities." Presented at the meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston (August 2008).

Invited Presentations

Corcoran, Katie E. "Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement: A Multilevel Analysis of U.S. Congregations." Presented at the Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars (LINES) inaugural workshop, Indianapolis (April 2015).

Corcoran, Katie E. and Rodney Stark. "Religious Persecution." Presented at the meeting for the Religion Newswriters Association, Atlanta (September 2014).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Religious Capital Specificity: Explaining Member Commitment and Retention." Invited Session. Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Denver (August 2012).

Media

Media coverage for paper "Gender Inequality and Cross-National Violent Crime" presented at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois (August 2015): Yahoo! Finance, phys.org, Medical Daily, and Money Talks News.

Media coverage for *Rationality and Society* article "Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior." Science Codex, Science Blog, Phys.org, NBCNEWS.com, Yahoo News, ketkNBC.com, and livescience.com.

Media Continued

Media coverage for paper “‘God is like a Drug.’: Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches” presented at the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado (August 2012): Washington Post, King 5 News (TV), Huffington Post (in Science and Religion), Huffington Post U.K., Seattle Weekly, Sciencedaily.com, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, 24 Hours Vancouver, Calgary Sun, Orlando Sentinel, Livescience.com, Sciencecodex.com, Phys.org, NBCnews.com, Christian Century, Christianity Today, Science.orf.at, Counsel & Heal.com, Eureka! Science News, Yahoo News, and Newstrack India.

Service

Undergraduate Committee Member, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University 2016-Present.

Mary L. Thomas Lecture Series Committee Member, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, 2015-Present.

The Section on Mathematical Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award committee member, American Sociological Association, 2016.

The Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Outstanding Published Article Award committee member, American Sociological Association, 2015.

Rationality and Society Graduate Student Paper Award selection committee member, American Sociological Association, 2011.

Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Undergraduate Committee, Sociology, University of Washington, 2008-2011.

Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *European Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Political Behavior*, *the Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *Rationality and Society*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Mobilization*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Sociological Inquiry*, the *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, and the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.