

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF ACTIVITY AND INTEREST

- ❖ Sociology of Religion
- ❖ Comparative-Historical Sociology
- ❖ Political Sociology
- ❖ Ideology and Culture
- ❖ Social Theory

EDUCATION

PhD in Sociology University of Washington: 2003

MA in Sociology University of Washington: 1999

MA in Philosophy University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee: 1992

BA in Russian Grinnell College: 1990

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Froese P. and Christopher Bader. 2010. *America's Four Gods: What We Say about God and What that Says about Us*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Froese, P. 2008. *The Plot to Kill God: Findings from the Soviet Experiment in Secularization*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**Winner for the 2009 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR).

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- Froese, P. and F. Carson Mencken. 2009. "An American Holy War? The Connection between Religious Ideology and Neo-Conservative Iraq War Attitudes." *Social Science Quarterly*. 90:1: pp TBA.
- Rowatt, Wade; Johnson, Megan; LaBouf, Jordan; and P. Froese. 2009. "Religiousness and National Prejudice." *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. TBA
- Froese, P. and Christopher Bader. 2008. "Unraveling Religious Worldviews: The Relationship between Images of God and Political Ideology in a Cross-Cultural Analysis." *The Sociological Quarterly*. 49(4): 689-718.
- Froese, P. Christopher Bader and Buster Smith. 2008. "Political Tolerance and God's Wrath in the United States." *Sociology of Religion*. 69(1): 29-44.
- Dougherty, Kevin; Bader, Christopher; Froese, P.; Polson, Clay, and Buster Smith. 2008. "Religious Diversity in a Conservative Southern Baptist Congregation." *Review of Religious Research*. TBA
- Smith, Buster, and P. Froese. 2008 "The Sociology of Buddhism: the Theoretical Implication of Recent Scholarship." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Religious Research*. 2(2)
- Froese, P. and Christopher Bader. 2007. "God in America: Why Theology is not Simply the Concern of Philosophers." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 46(4): 465-483.
- Bader, Christopher, F. Carson Mencken and P. Froese. 2007. "American Piety: Content and Methods of the Baylor Religion Survey." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 46(4): 447-464.
- Bader, Christopher and P. Froese. 2005. "Images of God: The Effect of Personal Theologies on Moral Attitudes, Political Affiliation and Religious Behavior." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Religious Research*. 1(11).
- Froese, P. and Steven Pfaff. 2005. "Explaining a Religious Anomaly: A Historical Analysis of Secularization in Eastern Germany." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 44(4): 397-422.
- Froese, P. 2005. "'I am an Atheist and a Muslim': Ideological Competition and Accommodation in Central Asia" *Journal of Church and State*. 47(Summer): 473-503
- Froese, P. 2005. "Devout Czechs and Secular Slovaks" *Review of Religious Research* 46(3) :269-283.

- Burstein, Paul; Bauldry, Shawn, and P. Froese. 2005. "Bill Sponsorship and Congressional Support for Policy Proposals, from Introduction to Enactment or Disappearance" *Political Research Quarterly* 58(2): 295-302.
- Froese, P. 2004. "Forced Secularization in Soviet Russia: Why an Atheistic Monopoly Failed" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 43(1): 35-50.
- Froese, P. 2004. "After Atheism: An Analysis of Religious Monopolies in the Post-Communist World" *Sociology of Religion* 65(1): 57-75.
- Marsh, Christopher and P. Froese. 2004. "The State of Freedom in Russia: A Regional Analysis of Freedom of Religion, Media, and Markets" *Religion, State, and Society* 32(2): 137-149.
- Froese, P. and Steven Pfaff. 2001. "Replete and Desolate Markets: Poland, East Germany and the New Religious Paradigm" *Social Forces*. 80(2):481-507.
- Froese, P. 2001. "Hungary for Religion: A Supply-Side Interpretation of the Hungarian Religious Revival" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 40(2): 251-268.
- Froese, P., Richardson, M.R., Romer, L.T., and M. Swank. 1999, "Comparing Opinions of People with Developmental Disabilities and their Significant Others" *Disability & Society*, 14(6): 831-843.
- Wagner, T.H., Patrick, D.L., McKenna, S.P., and P. Froese. 1996, "Cross-cultural Development of a Quality of Life Measure for Men with Erection Difficulties" *Quality of Life Research*, 5(4): 443-449.

Book Chapters:

- P. Froese and Steven Pfaff. 2009. "The Religious Anomalies of Europe" in *Church and Religion in Contemporary Europe*, edited by Gert Picket and Olaf Mueller.
- Bader, Christopher, and P. Froese. 2008. "God as Motivator: The Carrot and the Stick" in *What Americans Believe*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press.
- Johnson, Megan; Labouff, Jordan; Froese, P.; and Wade Rowatt. 2008. "The Religious Personality" in *What Americans Believe*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press.
- Marsh, Christopher and P. Froese. 2008. "Religion, Media, and Economic Markets in Russia", *Perspectives on Church-State Relations in Russia* in Wallace Daniel, Peter L. Berger, and Christopher Marsh, eds. Waco, TX: J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies.

Froese, P. 2003. "Secular Fundamentalism: A Case Study of Soviet Communism" in *Religious Fundamentalism in the Contemporary World: Social and Religio-political Issues*. Edited by Santosh Saha and Thomas Carr. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press.

Solicited Writing

Froese, P. 2011. "fact, value, God, and reality: how Wittgenstein's ethics clarifies the fact-value distinction and, in the process, perhaps subverts a scientific holy war." (ARDA Guiding Paper Series). State College, PA: The Association of Religion Data Archives at The Pennsylvania State University, from <http://www.thearda.com/rrh/papers/guidingpapers.asp>.

Froese, P. 2011. "Secular political space and America's Four Gods." *Conversations in Religion and Theology*. 9(1): 100-102.

Froese, P. 2011. "Religious Monopolies versus Pluralism in the Post-Soviet Era." *East-West Church Ministry Report* 19(2): 6.

Froese, P. 2010. "The Tea Party's unifying Bogeyman: the Socialist." *USA Today*. September 12.

Froese, P. 2010. "Which God Blesses America?" *Huffington Post*. October 22.

Froese, P. and Christopher Bader. 2004. "Does God Matter? A Social Scientific Critique" *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*. 32(4): 19-21.

Froese, P. and Steven Pfaff. 2003. "Polish Catholicism: Without its Communist Opponent, Less Monolithic" *East-West Church Ministry Report*. 11(1):10.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2009 Outstanding Book Award for *The Plot to Kill God: Findings from the Soviet Experiment in Secularization*.
- (\$259,000) Co-Principal Investigator on the *God in America qualitative interview project*. Dates: June 2007 – January 2009
- (\$718,000) Co-Principal Investigator on the *Baylor Survey of Religious Values and Behavior*. Dates: January 2005 – January 2007
- (\$3,000) University Research Committee Grant

Dates: June 2006 – August 2006

BOOK PROPOSALS

Froese, P. *Purpose: The Sociology of the Meaning of Life*. Proposal under review at Oxford University Press.

Pfaff, Steven and P. Froese. *Replete and Desolate Markets: The Dynamics of Secularization in Europe; 1850-2000*. Book proposal currently under review for inclusion in Religion and Social Theory series at Cambridge University Press.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Froese, P. and Scott Draper. "Alienation and Religion."

Draper, Scott, and P. Froese. "Religious Pluralism – revisited."

Froese, P. and Buster Smith. "God and the Gallup World Poll."

Froese, P. and Jiexia Elisa Zhai, "Faith in China: the success of secularization and the failure of communist ideology."

Froese, Paul; Gwin, Carl; Orman, Wafa; and Charles North. "Assessing the Relationship between Religion and Trust: What are the Social and Economic Outcomes?"

Froese, P. and Kevin Dougherty. "Political and Religious Ideology: Their Complimentary Relationship"

Gill, Anthony and P. Froese. "The Effects of Welfare Spending on Religiosity in Mexico and Russia."

Petrenko, Konstantin and P. Froese. "Religious Change in Post-Soviet Russia."

Pfaff, Steven, and P. Froese. "Sigh of the Oppressed Creature: Repression, Religious Substitution, and Religious Identification in East Germany."

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Froese, P. "God, Rick Perry, and depression." Presented at the Religion's Newswriters Conference in Durham, NC. September 2011.
- Froese, P. "Conservatives are realists and liberals are idealists? Think again." Presented at Texas Newswriters Conference in Waco, TX. September 2011.
- Froese, P. "Revisiting Secularization for the Nth time." Presented at the Conference for the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture in Indianapolis, IN. June 2010.
- Froese, P. "God around the World" Presented at the Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture in Washington, DC April 2011.
- Froese, P. "The effects of God and the Christian World" Presented at the BRIC conference hosted by the Institute for Studies of Religion, October 2010.
- Froese, P. "Best Practices in the Study of Religion" Presented at the Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture in Washington, DC April 2009.
- Froese, P. "Islam and Communism: A Match made in Heaven?" Presented at the Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture in Washington, DC April 2009.
- Froese, P. and Christopher Bader. "Science and Religion: Conflict or Convergence?" Presented at the Southwestern University February 2009.
- Froese, P. and Jiexia Elisa Zhai, "Faith in China: the success of secularization and the failure of communist ideology" Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference October 2008.
- Froese, P. "Predicting Attitudes about the Iraq War" Presented to the National Association of State Legislators Conference in Boston, MA August 2007.
- Froese, P. "The Effects of Sacralization Ideology on Political Attitudes" Presented to the National Association of State Legislators in Austin, TX January 2007.
- Froese, P. "Why Theology is not Simply the Concern of Philosophers" Presented at the Society for the Study of Religion in Portland OR, October 2006.
- Froese, P. "Soviet Communism as a Religion?" Presented at the Society for the Study of Religion in Portland OR, October 2006.
- Froese, P. "American Piety 2005." Presented at the Press Club in Washington, DC. September 2006.

- Froese, P. "America's Four Gods." Presented at the Religion Writers News Conference in Salt Lake City, September 2006.
- Bader, Christopher and P. Froese. "God's Influence around the World" Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2004.
- Froese P. "Failing to Kill God" Featured speaker at the Politics and Religion Seminar at Harvard University, September 2004.
- Froese, P, and Steven Pfaff. "Explaining a Religious Anomaly" at the Religion and Politics symposium at Calvin College, April 2004.
- Froese, P. "Islam's Ability to Accommodate: Ideological Competition in Central Asia" at the Southern Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta. April 2004.
- Froese, P., and Christopher Bader. "Measuring Religious Differences" at the Southern Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta. April 2004.
- Froese, P. "Eastern Europe and the Secularization Debate." Presented at New York University's Conference entitled Religion in Modern Societies. April 2004.
- Pfaff, Steven and P. Froese. "Explaining religious persistence under Communism." Presented at the annual meeting of the Social History Association, November 2003.
- Froese, P and Steven Pfaff. "Religious demand: a model of secularization" Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2003.
- Froese, P. "Religious Persistence: Evidence from the Soviet Union." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 2002.
- Froese, P. "The Rise and Fall of Scientific Atheism." Presented at Yale University's sponsored graduate student retreat for Social Comparative Research, May 2002.
- Burstein, Paul; Bauldry, Shawn, and P. Froese. "Public Opinion and Congressional Support for Policy Change." Presented at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 2001.
- Froese, P. "Evaluating State Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities." Presented at the Washington State Disability Conference, August 1997.
- Froese, P and Phillip Terry. "Research Methods to Interview Persons with Developmental Disabilities." Presented at Senior Management Conference for the Department of Social and Human Services of Washington State, December 1996.

COURSES TAUGHT

- *Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)*
 - *Honors Survey of Sociology (Writing Intensive Undergraduate Course)*
 - *Capstone Sociology Colloquium (Undergraduate)*
 - *Sociology of Religion (Undergraduate and Graduate)*
 - *Historical Methods (Graduate)*
 - *Comparative Sociology (Graduate)*
 - *Contemporary Social Theory (Undergraduate and Graduate)*
 - *Professionalization Seminar (Graduate)*
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