

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, Data management, 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

- 2025 Francis-Levin, Jess, Nour Fakhoury, Simon G. Brauer, Noah J. Webster, Kristine J. Ajrouch, Toni C. Antonucci. "Information and communication technology use among social ties of varying strength: Who benefits and how?" *The Gerontologist*. DOI: [10.1093/geront/gnaf025](https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaf025)
- 2024 Ajrouch, Kristine J., Laura B. Zahodne, Simon Brauer, Wassim Tarraf, Toni C. Antonucci. "COVID-19 Stress and Cognitive Disparities in Black, MENA, and White Older Adults." *The Gerontologist*. 64(8). DOI: [10.1093/geront/gnae073](https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnae073)
- Ajrouch, Kristine J., Wassim Tarraf, Simon Brauer, Laura B. Zahodne, Toni C. Antonucci. "Adapted MoCA for Use among Arabic-Speaking Immigrants in the United States." *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. 39:501-513. DOI: [10.1007/s10823-024-09513-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10823-024-09513-w)
- 2023 Patel, Vish R., S. Abby Young, Cyrus Schleifer, Simon G. Brauer. "Exploring Different Patterns of Gender Ideology across College Majors." *Sociological Focus*. 56(1)20-55. DOI: [10.1080/00380237.2023.2166178](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380237.2023.2166178)
- 2022 Sol, Ketlyne, Simon Brauer, Toni Antonucci. "Longitudinal Associations Between Loneliness and Self-Rated Health Among Black and White Older Adults." *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B*. 78(4)639-648. DOI: [10.1093/geronb/gbac200](https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbac200)
- 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

- 2024 "How Experiencing Antisemitism Shapes Engagement with Jewish Peers." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2023 "Cognitive health disparities and COVID-19 stress in later life: Evidence from metro-Detroit." with Toni C. Antonucci, Laura B. Zahodne, and Kristine J. Ajrouch. Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development. Philadelphia, PA.
- "Social relations, cognitive health disparities and COVID-19 stress." with Toni C. Antonucci, Laura B. Zahodne, and Kristine J. Ajrouch. Alzheimer's Association International Conference.
- "Social Networks and Cognitive Health in Racial/Ethnic Context." with Kristine J. Ajrouch, Toni C. Antonucci, and Laura B. Zahodne. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.
- 2022 "Are Younger Americans Less Religious? Unearthing Old Ground with Novel Methods." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 "Bayesian Models for Congregational Data." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Virtual conference.
- "Longitudinal Associations between Loneliness and Self-Rated Health." with Ketlyne Sol and Toni Antonucci. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.
- 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.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FUNDING

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

2013 James B. Duke Fellowship

SERVICE

2021- **Annual Book Award Committee**

2023 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

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

STATISTICAL TRAINING

- 2022 **Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan**
Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology I
Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis
- 2021 **Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan**
Group-based Trajectory Modeling for Medical and Social Sciences
- Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland**
Bayesian Survey Data Analysis
- 2018 **Statistical Horizons**
Applied Bayesian Data Analysis
Missing Data

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

MEDIA COVERAGE

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

Christianity Today. Retrieved on November 3rd from

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