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Academic Positions

- 2003-present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 2003-present Courtesy Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.
- July–Dec., 2012 Visiting Associate Research Professor, Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University. Position held during research sabbatical.
- 1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 1998-2003 Courtesy Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.

Administrative Positions

- 2016-2020 Chair, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
- 2014-2016 Interim Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.
- 2012-2016 Executive Officer, Association for the Sociology of Religion, www.sociologyofreligion.com.
- 2011 Interim Director, USF's International Study Abroad Program, Cambridge University.
- 2001-2004 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

Education

Ph.D. (Sociology), August, 1997, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

- Awards: 1998 Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Science for Exemplary Research and Teaching Activities, University of Notre Dame, May, 1998.
- Teaching Fellowship to teach in the Freshman Writing Program, 1996-97 academic year.
- John J. Kane Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology, 1994-95.
- Dissertation: "African-American Religion and the Mobilization of Community Activism: Congregations as Recruiting Agents."

Master of Arts (Sociology), May, 1993, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

- Thesis: "Predictors of Religiosity for Black and White Catholics."

Bachelor of Arts, *maxima cum laude* (History), May, 1989, St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

- Awards: Isidore Hobi Award for Academic Excellence, 1989.
- Alcuin Scholar, 1987-89.

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Religion; Social Inequality; Race and Ethnicity;
Social Movements; Research Methods; Sociological Statistics

Publications

Book:

- 2025 *Catholicism at a Crossroads: Understanding the Present and Future of America's Largest Church* (Maureen K. Day, James C. Cavendish, Paul M. Perl, Michele Dillon, and Mary L. Gautier.) New York: New York University Press. (Forthcoming; book contract approved 3/23/2023.)

Refereed Journal Articles:

- 2023 Schanbacher, William D. and James C. Cavendish. "The Effects of COVID-19 on Central Florida's Community Gardens: Lessons for Promoting Food Security and Overall Community Wellbeing." *Frontiers in Public Health* 11:1147967. doi:10.3389/fpubh.2023.1147967
- 2023 "Religion as a Resource in an Increasingly Polarized Society." Presidential Address to the Association for the Sociology of Religion. *Sociology of Religion* 84(1):1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srac033>.
- 2019 "Producing an LGBT Religious Organizational Identity: The Case of DignityUSA" (N. Lampe, J. Cavendish, and Jason Sumerau). *The Qualitative Report* 24(9).
- 2018 "The Social Functions and Dysfunctions of Brazilian Immigrant Congregations in 'terra incognita'" (R. Serrao and J. Cavendish). *Review of Religious Research* 60(3):367-388.
- 2018 "Why Should Social Scientists Care about Catholic Parishes Today?" *American Catholic Studies* 129(1):4-12.
- 2011 "Historical Events and Spaces of Hate: Hate Crimes against Arabs and Muslims in Post 9/11 America." (I. Disha, J. Cavendish, and R. King). *Social Problems* 58 (1):21-46.
- 2001 "Producing Institutional Selves: Rhetorically Constructing the Dignity of Sexually Marginalized Catholics." (D. Loseke and J. Cavendish). *Social Psychology Quarterly* 64 (4):347-362.
- Reprinted in: Contexts of Deviance*, edited by J. William Spencer. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Reprinted in: Social Problems: Constructionist Readings*, edited by D. Loseke and J. Best. Hawthorne, N.Y.: Aldine deGruyter, 2003.
- 2000 "Church-based Community Activism: A Comparison of Black and White Catholic Congregations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 39 (3):371-384.
- 1998 "Social Network Theory and Predictors of Religiosity for Black and White Catholics: Evidence of a Black Sacred Cosmos?" (J. Cavendish, M. Welch, and D. Leege). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 37 (3):397-410.
- 1997 "Recent Changes in Women's Ordination Conflicts: The Effect of a Social Movement on Intra-organizational Controversy." (M. Chaves and J. Cavendish). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 36 (4):574-584.
- 1995 "Attitudes toward Abortion Among American Catholics: Another Case of Symbolic Politics?" (M. Welch, D. Leege, and J. Cavendish). *Social Science Quarterly* 76 (1):142-157.

- 1994 "More Evidence on U.S. Catholic Church Attendance." (M. Chaves and J. Cavendish.) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 33 (4):382-387.
- 1994 "Christian Base Communities and the Building of Democracy: Brazil and Chile." *Sociology of Religion* 55 (2):179-195.
- Reprinted in: Religion and Democracy in Latin America*, pp. 75-91, edited by W. Swatos (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 1995).

Invited or Non-Refereed Articles:

- 2005 "Muddled Thinking Behind Targeting Gays in Seminaries." *National Catholic Reporter*. October 28.
- 2004 "The Black Catholic Population Today: A Richly Diverse and Vital People." (B. Carroll and J. Cavendish. *In All Things: A Jesuit Journal of the Social Apostolate*. Winter 2004: 7-8.
- 2001 "Institutionalizing Campus-Community Engagement: Reflections on the University as Citizen Conference." *Metropolitan Universities: An International Forum* 12(3):4-12. (A volume for which I served as editor).

Book Chapters:

- 2007 "The Sociological Study of American Catholicism: Past, Present, and Future," Chapter 5 in Blasi, Anthony J., ed., *American Sociology of Religion: Histories*. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill. Part of the *Religion and the Social Order* series.
- 2003 "The Vatican and the Laity: Diverging Paths in Catholic Understanding of Sexuality," Chapter 7 in Machacek, David and Melissa Wilcox, eds., *Sexuality and the World's Religions*. Religion and Contemporary Society Series, U. of California Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Press.
- 2001 "Religion and Modernity in America: A Perspective on the Secularization Debate," Chapter 2 in Jorgensen, D. and J. Wilson, eds., *Religion and the Challenge of Modernity: The Reorganized Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the United States Today*. Binghamton, NY: Global Publications, SUNY at Binghamton.
- 2001 "To March or Not to March: The Effect of Clergy Mobilization Strategies on Grassroots Anti-Drug Activism." Chapter 13 in Crawford, Sue E. S., and Laura R. Olson, eds., *Christian Clergy in American Politics*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Professional Reports:

- 2014 *Findings from the 2014 Survey of Members of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*. (J. Cavendish and G. Acevedo.) <http://www.sociologyofreligion.com/about/2014-asr-membership-survey/>
- 2012 *The Influence of College Experiences on Vocational Discernment to the Priesthood and Religious Life*. Washington, D.C.: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. <http://cara.georgetown.edu/Publications/NurturingVocations.pdf>
<http://www.bc.edu/offices/fopa/priesthoodsummit/collegeexperience.html>
- 2010 *2010 USF Campus Climate Survey: A Report on the Attitudes and Experiences of USF Faculty and Staff*. Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, University of South Florida, http://usfweb2.usf.edu/coa/campus_climate_survey.asp
- 2008 *Findings from the 2007 Survey of Members and Former Members of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*. (K. Dougherty, J. Cavendish, J. Lewis, and K. Graces-Foley.)
- 2004 *Looking Back Seeing Today's Reality Pressing Forward: A Research Report Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of 'Brothers and Sisters to Us'*. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Inc. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/upload/25th>

- 2002 *Catholic Divorce: The Deception of Annulments* by Pierre Hegy and Joseph Martos (eds.). *Sociology of Religion* 63:128-129.
- 2000 *Congregations in Conflict: Cultural Models of Local Religious Life* by Penny Edgell Becker. *Sociology of Religion* 61:232-234.

Manuscripts in Progress

Cavendish, James C. "Evidence of LGBTQ+ Inclusion in America's Largest Church: A Social Movements Perspective on Successes in Catholic Institutions." Draft of chapter for inclusion in a forthcoming edited volume titled *LGBTQ Religious Activism*, edited by Jonathan Coley and Golshan Golriz.

Presentations

- 2023 "The Distinct Beliefs, Practices, and Expectations of Catholics of Color, and How Church Leaders Envision Responding." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2023 "Religion and Environmental Attitudes: The Mediating Effects of Different Forms of Meaning in Life." Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 "Responses to Racial and Ethnic Diversity among U.S. Catholics and their Leaders." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 "Activism for Inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics within an Exclusionary Religious Tradition." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 "Cultivating Connections: Community Gardening and Food Justice in a Post-COVID-19 World." 2022 Cultivating Connections AFHVS/ASFS Conference, Athens, GA.
- 2021 "Religion as a Resource in an Increasingly Polarized Society." Presidential Address to the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 9, 2021.
- 2020 "Producing an LGBT Religious Organizational Identity: The Case of DignityUSA" (with Nik Lampe and Jason Sumerau). 11th Annual Meeting of The Qualitative Report "Contemporary Qualitative Research," Nova Southeastern University. Fort Lauderdale, FL (invited).
- 2019 "Producing an LGBT Religious Organizational Identity: The Case of DignityUSA" (with Nik Lampe and Jason Sumerau). Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 "Religiosity, Social Networks, and Attitudes about Homosexuality among American Muslims" (with Patrick Casey). Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Seattle, WA.
- 2013 "The Influence of College Experiences on Vocational Discernment to Catholic Priesthood and Religious Life." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY.
- 2012 "Religious Involvement and Emotional Well-Being among New Immigrants in South Florida." Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Denver, CO.
- 2010 "The Influence of Religious Involvement on Immigrant Incorporation in South Florida." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore, MD.
- 2008 "Multicultural Catholic Parishes Today: Exploring Their Incidence of Conflict and Efforts to Bridge Cultural Divisions." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- 2007 "Ethnic Variation in Predictors of Parish Satisfaction among Black Catholics Today." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Tampa, FL.

- 2007 "Hate Crimes Against Arabs and Muslims after September 11, 2001: Group Threat, Political Mediation, and the Spike in Hate Crime Reporting." Joint Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2005 "The Challenge of Diversity: New Findings about Parish Life in Predominantly Black Catholic Congregations." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Rochester, NY.
- 2005 "The Role of African American Churches in Community Revitalization." Department of Africana Studies Brown Bag Lecture, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- 2004 "Racial Variation in Parish Satisfaction among Catholic Parishioners." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA.
- 2003 "Rhetorical Resources for Change: Constructing GLBT Catholic Activists." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 "Plenty Good Room: Efforts to Include African Americans in the Life and Liturgy of the U.S. Catholic Church." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2001 "Transformative Rhetoric and Catalytic Events: Dignity and the Catholic Church." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Columbus, OH.
- 2000 "Answering the Gospel's Call: Dignity and the Construction of Social Activism." (J. Cavendish and D. Loseke). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C.
- 2000 "Spiritualizing Sexuality, Sexualizing Spirituality: Catholicism, Sexual Marginalization and the Rhetorical Production of the 'Dignified Self.'" (D. Loseke and J. Cavendish). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C.
- 2000 "To Celebrate Who I am:" Dignity and the Construction of the 'Dignified Self.'" (J. Cavendish and D. Loseke). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.
- 1999 "The Emergence of Dignity/USA as a Social Movement within the Catholic Church." (J. Cavendish and J. Eberts). Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Chicago, IL.
- 1998 "To March or Not to March: Anti-Drug Activism as a Sign of Religious Commitment." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA.
- 1998 "Micromobilization Processes in a South-Side Chicago Church: The Role of Clergy and Ideology in Anti-Drug Activism." "Clergy in Politics: Choices and Consequences" Conference held at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, July 23-26.
- 1997 "Differential Recruitment to Activism in a South-side Chicago Church." Research Colloquium of the Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.
- 1996 "Spiritual Warfare: A Chicago Congregation Combats Neighborhood Drugs and Violence." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Nashville, TN.
- 1995 "Comparing the Community Involvement of Black and White Catholic Parishes." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis, MO.
- 1995 "Bottom-Up or Top-Down: Historical Change in Conflicts over Women's Ordination." (M. Chaves and J. Cavendish). Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis, MO.
- 1994 "More Evidence on U.S. Catholic Church Attendance: Deflated Rates and Religious Economies." (M. Chaves and J. Cavendish). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- 1994 "Predictors of Religiosity for Black and White Catholics: Evidence of a "Black Sacred Cosmos?" Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Los Angeles, CA.

- 1993 “Christian Base Communities and the Building of Democracy: Brazil and Chile.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Miami, FL.
- 1992 “The Christian Base Community Movement and Social Movement Theory: Where the Two Intersect.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Pittsburgh, PN.
- 1991 “Achieving Consciousness in the Thought of Marx and Liberation Theology: Crossroads and Critical Distinctions.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Cincinnati, OH.

Research Grants Awarded

Co-Principal Investigator, National Endowment for the Humanities “Humanities Connections Planning Grant,” for the project “USF Urban Food Sovereignty Initiative: Planning Interdisciplinary and Experiential Education for the Humanities and Beyond.” \$35,000. Submitted to NEH in September 2020, 2021, and 2022, for grant period June – May, if awarded. Not awarded in 2020 or 2021. Resubmitted in 2022; awarded in April, 2023.

Sabbatical Research Grant (\$45,000.00) from The Louisville Institute, A Lilly Endowment Program for the Study of American Religion, to conduct research for the project *Parish Life Among Black Catholics in the U.S.: The Challenge of Diversity*, awarded February, 2004.

Research Grant (\$30,000.00) from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to complete the final phase of the research project to assess the implementation of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ pastoral letter *Brothers and Sisters to Us: The U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Racism in Our Day*,” awarded May, 2002.

Research Grant (\$19,648.20) from The Louisville Institute, A Lilly Endowment Program for the Study of American Religion, to conduct research entitled “An Evaluation of the Implementation of *Brothers and Sisters to Us: The U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Racism in Our Day*,” awarded April, 2000.

Research Grant (\$12,000.00) from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to carry out preliminary research on the extent of racial prejudice among white Catholics, 1999.

Faculty Development Grant (\$1,000.00) from the College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, to participate in a research project titled “Clergy in Politics: Choices and Consequences,” under the leadership of Sue Crawford at Creighton University, 1998.

Doctoral Research Grant (\$2,000.00) from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1995.

Doctoral Research Grant, Constant H. Jacquet Award (\$2,000.00) from the Religious Research Association, 1995.

Dissertation Year Fellowship from the Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, 1995-96 academic year.

Research Grant (\$2,990.00) from The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, to study the role of politically active religious movements in the transitions to democracy in Latin America. The grant funded research in Santiago, Chile, between June and August, 1992.

Community-Engaged Research Grant Applications

Co-Principal Investigator, American Council of Learned Societies, LUCE/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs, for the project “Religion, Race and Media: A Community Based Participatory Research Project for Interfaith Dialogue on Anti-Racism.” \$45,000. Submitted to ACLS on November 23, 2020, for grant period July, 2021 – June 2022. Not awarded.

Research Experience

Principal Investigator for the Office of the Provost, University of South Florida, for the *2010 USF Campus Climate Survey*, 2009-2010, distributed to approximately 5,000 Tampa Campus employees.

Principal Investigator for the Office of the Provost, University of South Florida, for the *2002 USF Campus Climate Survey*, 2002-2004, distributed to approximately 5,000 Tampa Campus employees.

Principal Investigator for the Secretariat for African American Catholics, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, for research project to assess the implementation of *Brothers and Sisters to Us*, the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on racism, 1998-2004.

Principal Investigator for dissertation research involving 104 face-to-face interviews with religiously and politically active African Americans on the South Side of Chicago, 1996-1997.

Co-Principal Investigator for a Parish Survey and Needs Assessment at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1997.

Research Assistant for Mark Chaves' research on women's ordination, University of Notre Dame, 1993-1995. Results of this research are published in *Ordaining Women: Culture and Conflict in Religious Organizations*, by Mark Chaves, Harvard University Press, 1997.

Consultant for the Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame, 1994.

Courses Taught

At the University of South Florida:

At the graduate level: Religion in America; Religion and Social Change; Religion and Social Movements; Religion and Sexuality; Religion and Immigration; Inequality in a Global Society; Comparative Social Movements; Race and Ethnicity; Methods of Social Research; Sociological Statistics.

At the undergraduate level: Introduction to Sociology; Research Methods; Social Science Statistics; Sociology of Religion; Religion and Social Movements; Religion and Sexuality; Religion and Immigration; Social Inequality in a Global Society; Social Inequality Through Film; Inequalities and Social Justice; Social Movements; Racial and Ethnic Relations.

At the University of Notre Dame:

Race, Prejudice, and Power; Race, Poverty, and the Underclass; Social Problems.

Student Mentoring

Chair of the Dissertation or Thesis Committees for (15, listed by degree and date of completion):

Al Marjuk Obydullah, Sociology, Ph.D. candidate, 2024-present.
Rodrigo Serrao, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2020 (currently Assistant Professor of Sociology at Hope College, Holland, Michigan).
Patrick Casey, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2019 (currently Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Central Arkansas).
Jordan Rogers, Sociology, M.A., 2023-present.
Theresa Ward, Sociology, M.A., 2023-present.
Skyler Lauderdale, Sociology, M.A. completed 2012.
Natalie Deckard, Sociology, M.A. completed 2011 (currently Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of Windsor, Windsor ON).
Warren Smith, Sociology, M.A. completed 2010.
Sue Loretta Humphrey, Sociology, M.A. completed 2010.
Diana R. Torres, Sociology, M.A. completed 2007.
Iilir Disha, Sociology, M.A. completed 2005 (currently Associate Professor of Social Sciences, Human Services and Criminal Justice at Borough of Manhattan Community College).
Lonnie Griffin, Sociology, M.A. completed 2004 (currently Dean of the Liberty Campus of Savannah

Technical College, Fayetteville, NC).
Donna Copp, Sociology, M.A. completed 2001.
Mark Lemaire, Sociology, M.A. completed 2000 (currently Instructor at Florida
State College at Jacksonville, FL).
Michelle Petrie, Sociology, M.A. completed 1999 (currently Associate Professor of Sociology at
University of South Carolina Aiken).

Committee Member for (54, listed by degree and date of completion):

Arnaldo Mejias, Curriculum and Instruction: Adult Education, Ph.D. candidate, 2019-present.
Georgi Georgiev, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2024.
Alissa Klein, Sociology, Ph.D. candidate, 2018-present.
Ashley Green, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2023.
Eric Hart, Political Science, Ph.D. completed 2021.
Silpa Satheesh, Sociology, Ph.D. completed 2020.
Stefani Milovanska, Economics, Ph.D. completed 2018.
Hadi Khoshnevis (Area Committee), Sociology, Ph.D. Portfolio completed 2016.
Jasmon Bailey (Area Committee), Sociology, Ph.D. Portfolio completed 2014.
Allison Perrett, Anthropology, Ph.D. completed 2013.
Faezeh Bahreini (Area Committee), Sociology, Ph.D. Portfolio completed 2013.
Linda Callejas, Anthropology, Ph.D. completed 2010.
Tia Noelle Pratt, Sociology, Fordham University, Ph.D. completed 2010.
Cara Mackie, Communications, Ph.D. completed 2007.
Noah Porter, Anthropology, Ph.D. completed 2007.
Joan Tucker, Anthropology, Ph.D. completed 2007.
Angela Gomez, Anthropology, Ph.D. completed 2003.
Yolanna Sahara Browne Brodsky, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2024.
Richard (Niko) Decampa, Sociology, M.A. completed 2021.
Phuc (Andy) Hoang, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2021.
Rachel Osborne, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2021.
Onur Korkmaz, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2020.
Ana Balius, Sociology, M.A. completed 2018.
Azka Tanveer, Sociology, M.A. completed 2016.
Philippa Meek, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2016.
Victor Beshir, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2016.
Ethan Cole, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2016.
Marie Ohaeri, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2016.
Belgica Cucionalon, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2014.
Amber Gregory, Sociology, M.A. completed 2014.
Antoine Jackson, Sociology, M.A. completed 2013.
Gregory Mills, Sociology, M.A. completed 2012.
Faezeh Bahreini, Women's Studies, M.A. completed 2011.
Ryan Huff, Sociology, M.A. completed 2011.
Herrica Telus, Sociology, M.A. completed 2011.
Jennie Lai, Sociology, M.A. completed 2010.
Marc Settembrino, Sociology, M.A. completed 2010.
Lisa Daily, Social and Political Thought, MLA completed 2009.
Gary DeSantis, Humanities and American Studies, M.A. completed 2009.
Sean Currie, Sociology, M.A. completed 2009.
Chris Howell, Sociology, M.A. completed 2008.
Don Surrency, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2007.
Shawn Perkins, Sociology, M.A. completed 2007.
Christina Partin, Sociology, M.A. completed 2006.
Benjamin Straight, Sociology, M.A. completed 2003.
Helen Gay, Sociology, M.A. completed 2001.
Joseph Cook, Sociology, M.A. completed 2001.
Mike Merrill, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 2001.
Michael Buroughs, Sociology, M.A. completed 2000.
Frederick Thomas, Sociology, M.A. completed 1999.
Jody Hill, Sociology, M.A. completed 1999.

Frank Martinez, Sociology, M.A. completed 1999.
Natasha Varn, Sociology, M.A. completed 1999.
Sara Goldkind, Religious Studies, M.A. completed 1998.

Internship Supervisor for (6, listed by date of completion):

Maranda Vilsack, Sociology, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (Spring, 2020).
Dylan Race, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (Fall, 2019).
Kaitlyn Sloley, Sociology, Pace Center for Girls, Hillsborough (Fall, 2019).
John Fernandez, Sociology, Metropolitan Ministries (Spring, 2019).
Virgie Peters, Sociology, M.A. completed 2003.
Christine Staack, Sociology, M.A. completed 2002.

Honors College and Department of Sociology Honors Thesis Committees (8, listed by date of completion):

Girgis Fahmy, Honors College, B.A. completed 2016.
Cady Nutt, Sociology, B.A. completed 2014.
Jessica Guinyard, Sociology, B.A. completed 2012.
Amanda Plazarin, Sociology, B.A. completed 2012.
Cristian Chandler, Sociology, B.A. completed 2008.
Whitney L. McGinniss, Sociology, B.A. completed 2007, winning 1st Place at the Undergraduate Research Colloquium for best presentation.
Susan Riedmuller, Sociology, B.A. completed 2002.
Cecili Thompson, Religious Studies, B.A. completed 1999.

Selected Professional Enhancement Workshops and Activities

Online Instructor Certification, USF's Innovative Education, November-December, 2023.

Department Chairpersons Workshop, Institute for Academic Leadership, Florida State University, September 14-17, 2014; June 14-17, 2015.

"Assessment and Rubrics Workshop," USF's Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Fall, 2015.

"Online Presentation Software Workshop," USF's Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Fall, 2015.

"Intermediate Level PowerPoint," USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, April 12, 2005.

"Alternative Approaches to Discussion and Small Group Work Using the Internet," USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, March 7, 2005.

"Assessment Online," USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, February 11, 2005.

"Using Blackboard's Communication Tools to Enhance Learning," USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence, February 4, 2005.

"Flashlight Online: Lighting the Way to Student Assessment." USF's Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence Workshop, January 31, 2005.

"Using Elluminate Live and other Virtual Classroom Software." USF VITAL, January 21, 2005.

"Introductory Institute on Service-Learning for Campus Teams." Institute, Florida Campus Compact, Orlando, FL, April 2-4, 2002.

Instructional Development Grant (\$3000.00) from the Center for Teaching Enhancement, USF, to integrate a service-learning component into my undergraduate courses, Summer, 2000.

"Integrating Service-Learning in College Courses" Workshop by Edward Zlotkowski, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences Community Initiative, USF, February 18, 2000.

Service

Professional:

Over course of career, manuscript reviewer for:

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, The Sociological Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Spectrum, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Sociology of Religion, Review of Religious Research, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Journal of Sociology and Social Work, American Journal of Political Science, Politics and Religion, Mobilization, Journal of Homosexuality, and Journal of Contemporary Ethnography.

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| 2021-2022 | Past President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2019-2021 | President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2018-2019 | President Elect of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2019-present | Member of the Editorial Board of the <i>Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare</i> , a quarterly publication of the School of Social Work at Western Michigan University. |
| 2017-2018 | Chair of the Development Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2012-2016 | Executive Officer, Association for the Sociology of Religion, www.sociologyofreligion.com . |
| 2012-present | Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , a quarterly publication of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, http://www.sssrweb.org/ . |
| 2002-2021 | Associate Editor, <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , a quarterly publication of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, http://socrel.oxfordjournals.org/ . |
| 2009-2013 | Treasurer for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. |
| 2009-2010 | Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Design a New Website for the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Solicited bids from professional webpage designers. |
| 2007-2010 | Elected Council Member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2007 | Organizer for the 2007 ASA/ASR Joint Thematic Session “Comforting the Afflicted and Afflicting the Comfortable: Service and Advocacy at the Grassroots,” for the 2007 Meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2007-2008 | Served on Membership Committee of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. |
| 2005-2006 | Served on the Nominations Committee (with N.J. Demerath and Omar McRoberts) of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. |
| 2006 | Roundtable Organizer for the Religion Section of the American Sociological Association. |
| 2003 | Program Chair for 2003 Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. |
| 2001 | Member of the Religion Section Program Committee for the 2001 Meetings of the American Sociological Association. |
| 2001 | Chair of the Student Awards Committee of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. |

USF University-wide Committees/Service:

Member of the USF Student Success Council, chaired by Vice President of Student Success, Dr. Paul Dosal, 2016-2022, and by Vice President of Student Success, Dr. Cynthia DeLuca, 2022-present.

Member of the Cluster K12 Program Alignment in the Social Sciences Group of the USF Consolidation Implementation Planning, January-February, 2019.

Participant in the Zero Planning Committee of Phase 2 of the Faculty Information System (FIS) implementation, July-October, 2017.

Member of USF Faculty Senate's Research Council (RC), which advises the President and the Senior Vice President for Research & Innovation across the USF System on matters intending to promote research and creative activity, 2014-2015.

Member of the USF Global Pathways Implementation Team, which advises the university on the implementation of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) in anticipation of the SACS evaluation, 2015.

Panelist for the "Forum on Poverty and Inequality: Lessons from Research and Community Engagement," USF Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, September 26, 2013.

Principal Investigator, *2010 USF Campus Climate Survey*, 2009-2010.

Faculty Affiliate of USF's International Study Abroad Program at Cambridge University, 2009-2011.

Faculty Advisor for student organization "Students Working for Equal Rights" (SWER), 2011-2015.

Presentation of *Fostering a Positive Learning Environment for All Students*, Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence Workshop Series and TA orientation, every August, 2004-2011.

TA Orientation Planning Committee, Center for Teaching Enhancement, every Summer, 2004-2011.
Member of the USF Campus Dialogue Team, an initiative of USF's Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement, 2009-2010.

Mentor for the Patel Center for Global Solution's International Research and Exchange Program (IREX) coordinated by USF's College of Education. This entailed weekly meetings with a mentee during the Spring semester, 2010.

Member of the University Graduate Council, representing the College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-2009.

Chair of the Policy Subcommittee of the University Graduate Council, 2007-2009.

Member of the Fellowship Subcommittee for the evaluation of Presidential Fellowship applications for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Member, Student Grievance Committee, Graduate School, Spring semester, 2007.
Presentation of *Religion and Sexuality Workshop* for the 4th Annual Conference of the Florida Collegiate Pride Coalition, USF, March 31, 2007.

Steering Committee and Principal Investigator, *2002 USF Campus Climate Survey*, September, 2001-2004.

Senator, USF Faculty Senate, 2000-2001 Academic Year.

Research Committee, Institute on Black Life, 1999-2009.

Editorial Committee for the International Conference on the "University as Citizen," February, 2001.

Research Review Committee of the University Community Initiative Grant Program, 2000-2001.

USF College of Arts and Sciences Committees/Service:

Member of the CAS Technology Committee, 2016-2018.
Member of the Faculty Development Committee, 2000-2002; 2013-2014.
Member of the Faculty Advisory Council, 2010-2013.
Member of the Undergraduate Council, 2005-2007.
Chair, Student Grievance Committee, Spring, 2004; member 1997-2000.
Chair, Diversity Committee, 1998-2001.
CAS Community Initiative, 2000-2004.

USF Sociology Departmental Committees/Service:

Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, 2021-present.
Chair of the Visiting Instructor Search Committee, 2017.
Chair of the Curriculum and Course Planning Committee, 2016-present.
Chair of the Communications and Tech Committee, 2016-2020.
Member of the Community Engagement Committee, 2014-2015; 2017-2020.
Chair of the Colloquium Committee, 2013-2014.
Chair of the Executive Committee, 2010-2012.
Chair of Subcommittee to draft a new Governance Document for the Department of Sociology, 2009.
Member of the Executive Committee, 2005-2012.
Undergraduate Program Development Committee, 2005-2010.
Chair of the Faculty Search Committee, 2006-2007.
Director of Graduate Studies, 2001-2004.
 Awarded Graduate Marketing and Recruiting Grant, November 19, 2001.
 Attended Graduate Recruitment and Marketing Seminar led by Tom Jackson, Oct. 25-26, 2001.
Search Committee for Departmental Chairperson, 2000-02.
Graduate Committee, September, 1998-2004.
Departmental Representative, Collection Development Committee, Tampa Campus Library, Nov., 1997-present.
 Awarded \$1,500.00 Collection Enhancement Grant in fall, 1999.
 Awarded \$1,000.00 Collection Enhancement Grant in fall, 1998.

Community:

Chair of the Board of Directors of The Franciscan Center, a private, non-profit, ecumenical retreat center located in Tampa, FL, <https://www.franciscancentertampa.org/>, January, 2023-present.

Invited Presentation on “Religion’s Resources for Depolarizing our Society and Politics,” The Franciscan Center, Tampa, FL, August 26, 2024.

Member of the Board of Directors of The Franciscan Center, a private, non-profit, ecumenical retreat center located in Tampa, FL, <https://www.franciscancentertampa.org/>, January, 2020-2022.

Member of the Racial Justice Committee of the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, <https://www.dosp.org/racialharmony/>, 2017-present.

Invited Presentation on “Faith-Based Community Gardens and Resources for Religious Congregations.” James Cavendish and Will Schanbacher. Annual Meeting of the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA), September 29, 2023.

Invited Presentation on “Contemporary Racism and the Response of the Catholic Church.” Diocese of St. Petersburg Workshop on Racism. September 15, 2018.

Invited Presentation on “Promoting a ‘Culture of Encounter’: Finding Pastoral Approaches Suited to Each Culture in Every Nation” to the Parish Faith Formation Directors of the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, October 18, 2016.

Invited Presentations on “Overview of the Early Churches of Tampa, Florida: 1846-1925” for the Tampa

Bay History Center's summer course "Tampa's Earliest Places of Worship," May, 2016. Videos of presentations available at <https://watch.tbac.net/m/ZdG61367/james-cavendish-part-1?list=PTE50XNA>

Invited Presentation on "The Influences of College Experiences on Vocational Discernment to Diocesan and Religious Order Priesthood" for the *Summit on Vocations: Exploring Ways to Promote Vocations to the Priesthood* at Boston College, Boston, MA, June 20-21, 2013, <http://www.bc.edu/offices/fopa/priesthoodsummit/collegeexperience.html>

Invited Presentation on "Faith and the Counterculture: The Role of Religion in the Protest Movements of the 1960s and 70s" for *The History of American Faith* series at The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, St. Petersburg, FL, April 14, 2013.

Scout for the Recruitment Activities of the Direct Action Research Training (DART) Center, which identifies and trains community leaders to join DART's community organizing network, 2008-2012.

Member of the Peace and Social Justice Committee of Catholic Charities-Diocese of St. Petersburg, July, 2004 - 2012.

Invited Presentation on "Framing Discrimination" for Community Tampa Bay, May 4, 2010.

Invited Presentation on "Sociological Perspectives on Racial and Ethnic Inequality in the United States." Brewster Technical Institute, Tampa, FL, March 31, 2006, as part of the *USF Speakers Bureau*.

Invited Presentation on "Anti-Arab Hate Crimes in the Aftermath of September 11, 2001: Examining the Influence of Contextual Factors." College of Arts and Sciences' *Lunch with a Scholar* series, University Club of Tampa, January 18, 2006.

Invited Presentation on "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight: The Church's Response to Racism in the Years Following *Brothers and Sisters to Us*, a report commemorating the 25th anniversary. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., November, 2004.

Invited Presentation on "Contemporary Racism and the Response of Christian Churches." Diocese of St. Petersburg's Theology on Tap Series, October 6, 2004.

Member of the *USF Speakers Bureau* which provides guest lecturers to businesses, nonprofit groups, associations and professional/civic organizations in the community.

Invited Presentation on "Explaining Racial Inequality in the United States Today." John Knox Village, Men's Club Luncheon, adjacent USF-Tampa campus, October 8, 2001.

Invited Presentation on "Religion and Modernity in America: The Debate over Secularization." Ethics Center Luncheon, USF-St. Petersburg, February 24, 1999.

Consultant for the Regional Office of the National Conference for Community and Justice, Tampa, Florida, 1997-1998.

Class Chair for the Alumni Annual Giving Program, St. Meinrad College, 1992-1999.

Media Relations

Interviewed, *Tampa Bay Times*, on college students and religious engagement (see April 10, 2021, news story "A poll said most U.S. adults avoid church. What about college students?" by Kivya Kumar),

Interviewed, *Tampa Bay Times*, on the Catholic Church's efforts to confront racism in the church and society (see September 5, 2018, news story "Tampa Bay Catholics to confront issues of race" by Waveney Ann Moore, https://www.tampabay.com/news/religion/Tampa-Bay-Catholics-to-confront-issues-of-race-_171492445).

Interviewed, *Our Sunday Visitor*, on the influence of college experiences on vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life (see July 9, 2014, news story “Study Offers Strategies for Increasing Vocations” by Brian Fraga, <https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/15688/Study-offers-strategies-for-increasing-vocations.aspx>).

Interviewed, *The Digital Bullpen* (USF’s digital student newspaper), on secularization in American society (see November 1, 2011, news story “Religion in America: is the end near” by Sheenabell, <http://jou2100.wordpress.com/2011/11/01/religion-in-america-is-the-end-near/>).

Interviewed, *The Oracle* (USF’s student newspaper), on hate crimes against Arab and Muslim American in the years after 9/11, September 7, 2011 (see September 8, 2011, news story by Diedra Rodriguez).

Interviewed, *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, on U.S. Catholics’ attitudes toward the ordination of women as priests and the likely fallout of the unofficial ordination of two women as priests in Sarasota, FL, on Saturday, February 6, 2010, by the group Womenpriests. February 5, 2010 (see February 6, 2010, news story by Anna Scott).

Interviewed, *The Houston Chronicle*, on U.S. Catholics’ reactions to the possibility of an African cardinal being elected the next pope, April 12, 2005 (see April 14, 2005, news story by Eyder Peralta).

Interviewed, *The Tampa Tribune*, on understanding the public reaction to the Jennifer Porter hit-and-run accident outside the University Area Community Center, April, 2004 (see April 29, 2004, news story by Brad Smith).

Excerpts from public presentation quoted, *WUSF-FM 89.7 Radio*, on results of the USF Campus Climate Survey, April, 2004 (news story by Bobbie O’Brien).

Interviewed, *The Associated Press*, on efforts of Black Catholics to regain their heritage, January 2003 (see January 19, 2003, news story by Mike Crissey).

Interviewed, *The Chicago Tribune*, on the significance of the National Black Catholic Congress IX, meeting in Chicago, August, 2002 (see August, 2002, news story by Julia Lieblich).

Interviewed, the *Tampa Tribune*, on the Catholic Church’s response to clergy sex scandals, July 1, 2002 (see August 18, 2002, news story by Jennifer Barrs).

Interviewed, *News Channel 8*, on differential police response in Tampa area neighborhoods, February 5, 2002 (see February 22, 2002, news story by Nerissa Prest).

Interviewed, *Gazette: The Suncoast Gay and Lesbian News Magazine*, on reactions to U.S. Catholic Bishops’ statement “Always Our Children,” July 17, 1998 (see September, 1998, news story by Linda Chrystal).

Interviewed, *Miami Herald*, on research on recent conflicts over women’s ordination in Christian denominations, July, 1998 (see July 13, 1998, news story by Jack Wheat).

Interviewed, *Bay News 9*, on racial tensions and violence in two Tampa Bay area high schools, October, 1997 (see October 30, 1997, news story by Chuck Johnson, videojournalist).

Interviewed, *National Catholic Reporter*, on research on recent conflicts over women’s ordination in Christian denominations, September, 1997 (see March 6, 1998, news story by Robert McClory).

Interviewed, *National Catholic Reporter*, on current trends among Black Catholics, September, 1997.

Interviewed, *The Southtown Economist*, on service work at the Catholic Worker where I based my dissertation research, October, 1996 (see November 10, 1996, news story by Sean Callahan).

Interviewed, *The Observer*, an Independent Newspaper of the University of Notre Dame, on research on church attendance among U.S. Catholics, January, 1995 (see January 27, 1995, front-page story by Dave Tyler).

Interviewed, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, on research on church attendance among U.S. Catholics, December, 1994 (see December 28, 1994, front-page story by Andrew Herrmann).

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