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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2022** **PhD in Sociology (expected)**
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2019** **MA in Sociology**
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2016** **MA in Intercultural Studies**
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.
- 2003** **BS in Mechanical Engineering**
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Movements
Cultural sociology

Gender and Race
Sociology of Morality

Sociology of Religion
Comparative Historical Sociology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Goff, Kerby, Eric Silver, and John Iceland. *Forthcoming*. “The Resonance of Repression: Moral Intuitions, Skepticism Toward Racial Injustice, and Public Support for Trump’s “Law and Order” Response to the 2020 Racial Justice Protests. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*.

Finke, Roger and **Kerby Goff**. *Forthcoming*. “Regulating Religion in the Public Arena: Lessons Learned from Global Data Collections.” *Democracy, Religion, and the Market: Law and Religion Series*, edited by Kathleen Flake and Nathan Oman. New York: Routledge Press.

Silver, Eric, **Kerby Goff**, and John Iceland. 2022. “Social Order and Social Justice: Moral Intuitions, Systemic Racism Beliefs, and Americans’ Divergent Attitudes Toward Black Lives Matter and Police.” *Criminology* 60(2): 342-369.

Goff, Kerby, Eric Silver and Inga Dora Sigfusdottir. 2022. “Academic Orientation as a Function of Moral Fit: The Role of Individualizing Morality.” *Sociology of Education* 95(2): 153–170.

Mataic, Dane and **Kerby Goff**. 2021. “Organizations and Religious Restrictions: An International Overview of the Intersection of State and Non-Governmental Organizations and Religious Groups.” *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion* 12:197–219.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (selected)

Goff, Kerby and Dane Mataic. “Risky Religion: The Consequences of Religious Restrictions on the Gender Gap in Religiosity”

Goff, Kerby and Gary Adler. "Which Culture do 'They' Have? How the Evangelical Imaginary Uses Social Science for Global Engagement"

Goff, Kerby. "A Networked Mission: Ecumenism and Women's Education in the Emergence of World Society, 1898-1938."

OTHER WRITING

Goff, Kerby and John D. McCarthy. 2021. "No, antifa didn't 'infiltrate' Black Lives Matter during the 2020 protests. But did it increase violence?" *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. February 8, 2022 (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/08/antifa-blm-extremism-violence/>).

Goff, Kerby and John D. McCarthy. 2021. "Critics claim BLM protests were more violent than 1960s civil rights ones. That's just not true." *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. October 12, 2021 (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/10/12/critics-claim-blm-was-more-violent-than-1960s-civil-rights-protests-thats-just-not-true/>).

Goff, Kerby. 2020. "Indigenous missions transforming global religious landscape: No longer 'the West to the rest.'" *GlobalPlus: Exploring Critical Issues in International Religion*. November 2, 2020 (<http://globalplus.thearda.com/globalplus-missionary-trends/>).

RESEARCH GRANTS/AWARDS

2021 "Religion as Catalyst and Constraint for Women's Collective Action: The Rise, Fall, and Legacy of the Protestant Woman's Missionary Movement, 1861-1939," Student Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$2,988).

"Religion as Catalyst and Constraint for Women's Collective Action: The Rise, Fall, and Legacy of the Protestant Woman's Missionary Movement, 1861-1939," Constant H. Jacquet Award, Religious Research Association (\$2,250).

"Precarious Advantage: The Impact and Decline of the Protestant Woman's Missionary Movement, 1861-1938," RGSO Dissertation Support Competition, College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University (\$2,000).

Student Travel Grant Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$1,035).

With Eric Silver and John Iceland. "Moral Intuitions and Public Sphere Polarization: A Focus on Christian Nationalism," Moral Agency and Moral Development Seed Grant, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University (\$2000).

With Eric Silver and John Iceland. "Public Sphere Polarization: A Focus on Moral Intuitions, Political Ideology, Systemic Racism Beliefs, and Christian Nationalism," Research in Democracy Support Grant, The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, Penn State University (\$5,000).

2019 "Protestant Missionaries, NGO formation and Contemporary Civil Society," Research in Democracy Support Grant, The McCourtney Institute for Democracy, Penn State University (\$900).

2017-19 Graduate Scholar Award, The Pennsylvania State University (\$4000)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Discussant

- 2021 "Generations of Religious Research(ers)," Patricia Wittberg. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association, Portland, OR.
- 2020 "Reinterpreting Weber's Protestant Ethic in China," Grace Tien. New Voices in the History of Sociology Working Group, History of Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- Author meets critic session. *World Christian Encyclopedia, 3rd Edition*, by Gina Zurlo and Todd Johnson. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association, Pittsburgh, PA. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 "Prayer Similarity and Negative Affect in Married Indonesian Individuals," Jane Lankes. Family Demography Working Group, Department of Sociology, Penn State University, State College, PA

Papers Presented (Selected)

- 2021 "Ecumenism, Education and Transnational Women's Organizations: A Network Analysis." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- With Dane Mataic. "Risky Religion: The Consequences of Religious Restrictions on the Gender Gap in Religiosity." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
- With Gary Adler. "Which Culture do 'They' Have? How the Evangelical Imaginary Uses Social Science for Global Engagement." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
- "A Zone of Freedom in the Space Between: Boundary Reconfiguration, Gendered Autonomy, and Western Women Missionaries in Chinese Society, 1807-1954." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. (Presented online due to COVID-19).
- "'No one parish could contain her: Gendered Innovation and Independence in the Emergence of the Woman's Missionary Movement in the United States, 1861-1923.'" Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. (Presented online due to COVID-19).
- 2020 "Women's Organizations, Ecumenism and Education, and World Society: A Network Approach." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. (Presented online due to COVID-19).
- 2019 "Missionaries of Modernity: Female Protestant Missionaries and the Expansion of Female Education to non-Western Countries, 1960-2010." Annual Meeting of the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.
- "Two Propositions for Linking the Moral Background and Moral Cognition in the Sociology of Religion." Annual Meeting of the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.
- "School Attachment in the Schooled Society: A Moral Intuitionist Approach." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York
- "Escape from (Academic) Freedom: Towards a Social, Personal and Realist Heuristic for Evaluating Academic Freedom." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.

- 2018 “Missionaries of Modernities: Female Protestant Missionaries and Long-term Trends in Gender Equality.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- “Legitimacy and Honor in Modernizing Processes: A Case Study of an Egyptian Movement for Academic Freedom.” Honor-Shame Dynamics in Western History, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research at Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany
- “Empirical Truth or Alternative Facts: the Fact/Value Distinction and the Vocation of Science in the Public Sphere.” Penn State Social Thought Program Annual Conference, Penn State University, State College, PA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2021
- “Morality and Religion,” Guest Lecture, Introduction to Sociology, Winter 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - Statistical Consultant, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University
- 2019- Research Assistant to John McCarthy and Roger Finke, NSF Grant #1756369 - The Causes and Consequences of Anti-Muslim Events in U.S. Communities, 1990-2017
- 2018-19 Research Consultant, The Fetzer Institute
- 2017- Research Assistant to Roger Finke, The Association of Religion Data Archives

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020- Newsletter Committee, ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section
- 2020 Religious Studies Graduate Student Advisory Committee
- 2020- Student Council Member, ASA History of Sociology Section
- 2019- Ad Hoc Committee on Revising ASA Online Presidential Biographies (Organized by the ASA History of Sociology Section)
- 2017-20 Department of Sociology Student Paper Competition Committee, Penn State University (Chair 2019-2021)
- 2017- Social Thought Program Annual Conference Committee (Chair 2020)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association: Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Global and Transnational Sociology, History of Sociology, Sociology of Culture, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Religion, Theory
- Arts, Culture, and Religion Research Cluster of the ASA Global and Transnational Sociology (GATS) Section
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association
- Association for the Sociology of Religion
- Religious Research Association
- Social Science History Association

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese: Intermediate

Levantine Arabic: Novice