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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Pennsylvania State University

2021 – Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Criminology
2015-2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Affiliations: Social Science Research Institute, Rock Ethics Institute, Social Thought Program,
Religious Studies Minor

University of Southern California, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

2012-2015 Director of Research
2014-2015 Research Scientist, School of Religion
2012-2014 Senior Research Associate, School of Religion

RESEARCH FIELDS

Culture, Religion, Civil Society, Law, Social Movements, Catholicism

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. University of Arizona, Sociology
2007 M.A. University of Arizona, Sociology.
2002 M.A. Jesuit School of Theology/GTU, Theology.
1997 B.A. University of Dayton, History, *summa cum laude*, Honors Program

HONORS

2024- Affiliated Scholar, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California
2024 Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars, IU Lilly School of Philanthropy
2023-2024 Fulbright Fellow, University of Zagreb Faculty of Law, United States Department of State
2023 Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article, ASA Section on the Sociology of Culture
2023 Distinguished Article Award Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Religion Section
2022 Distinguished Article Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2020 Book Award Honorable Mention, ASA Altruism, Morality, and Solidarity Section
2019 RGK-ARNOVA President's Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and
Voluntary Action and UT-Austin RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service. With
Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, Jonathan Coley

RESEARCH AWARDS and GRANTS

2025 Consortium on Moral Decision-Making Seed Grant, Penn State. With graduate student Ian
Rowe-Nichols. \$750

- 2025 Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars Research Grant, IU Lilly School of Philanthropy. \$5000.
- 2024 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, American Sociological Association. With graduate student Kayla Kemp. \$10,000.
- 2024 Florence M. Lowenbraun Faculty Support Fund for Aging Research, Penn State.
- 2022-2025 Research Grant. National Science Foundation, Sociology Division, \$256,408. Co-PI Eric Plutzer (Penn State). (Part of \$500,000 award to Penn State, Colby College, Oklahoma State University, and Colby College).
- 2021 Penn State SSRI, Implementation Science Grant. With Ling Rothrock and Paul Griffin (Penn State). \$10,000.
- 2019 Penn State SSRI, Level 2 Award. With Eric Plutzer (Penn State). \$19,000.
- 2019 RGK-ARNOVA President's Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. With Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. \$10,000.
- 2018 Project Grant for Researchers. The Louisville Institute. With Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. \$20,000.
- 2018 Jack Shand Research Award. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. With Damon Mayrl and Rebecca Sager. \$5,000.
- 2018-2020 Future Funded Faculty Program. College of the Liberal Arts. Penn State. 2018-2020. Two course release.
- 2018 Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Fund and the President's Fund for Undergraduate Research. College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State. \$5,000.
- 2017-2018 Faculty Fellowship, The Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State. Course release equivalent
- 2017 Integrative Course Design Grant, Provost's Office, Penn State. \$15,000.
- 2016 New Faculty Pedagogical Grant, Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence, Penn State.
- 2015 Research grant for The American Parish Project, Louisville Institute. \$16,500.
- 2014 Research grant for The American Parish Project, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies. \$35,000.
- 2009-2010 Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute. \$19,000.
- 2008 Student Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. \$3,000.
- 2008 Pollsters & Parishioners Workshop on Survey Research and American Religion, Calvin College.
- 2008 Pre-Doc Dissertation Grant, Social and Behavioral Research Institute, University of Arizona.
- 2008 Travel Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2008 Travel Award, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona.
- 2008 Travel Award, American Sociological Association.
- 2006 Joseph H. Fichter Research Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion. \$3000.
- 2006 Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, Religious Research Association. \$1500.
- 2006 GIS Training Award, Social and Behavioral Science Research Institute, University of Arizona.

BOOKS

Adler, Gary. 2019. *Empathy Beyond U.S. Borders: the Challenges of Transnational Civic Engagement*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Series: Cambridge Studies in Social Theory, Religion, and Politics.

Award: ASA Altruism, Morality, and Solidarity Section 2020 Honorable Mention.

Reviews: *Social Forces* (Featured Review Essay), *Contemporary Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, *Choice: Current Reviews for*

Academic Libraries, Review of Religious Research, Authors meets critics session Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2021)

Coverage: The Conversation (articles in SF Chronicle, Seattle Post-Intelligencer; Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express); New Books Network; ASA Altruism, Morality, and Solidarity Section Blog

Adler, Gary, Tricia Bruce, and Brian Starks. 2019. *American Parishes: Remaking Local Catholicism*. New York: Fordham University Press. Series: Catholic Practice in North America. Contributors: Nancy Ammerman, Mary Jo Bane, Brett Hoover, Tia Pratt, Courtney Irby, Kathleen Garces-Foley, and Mark Gray.

Reviews: *Contemporary Sociology*, *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*; *Catholic Literary World*, *Review of Religious Research*

Adler, Gary. 2015. *Secularism, Catholicism, and the Future of Public Life*. New York: Oxford University Press. Contributors: Douglas W. Kmiec, Hans Joas, Geoffrey Watson, Michael Anderheiden, Massimo Franco, Erin K. Wilson, and Stephen Calleya

Reviews: *New Blackfriars*

ARTICLES (Peer-Reviewed)

*Indicates graduate student co-author

Atac, Ibrahim Enes* and Gary J Adler Jr. 2024. "Religious Rebound, Political Backlash, and the Youngest Cohort: Understanding Religious Change in Turkey." *Social Forces*

Award: *Penn State College of the Liberal Arts Lombra Outstanding Research Award 2025*, for best article published by a graduate student in the social sciences.

Smith, Jesse* and Gary Adler. 2022. "What Isn't Christian Nationalism? A Call for Conceptual and Empirical Splitting." *Socius* 8.

Award: *ASA Section on the Sociology of Religion 2023 Distinguished Article Award Honorable Mention*

Adler, Gary. 2022. "Culture, the Civic, and Religion: Characteristics and Contributions of Meaning-centered Analysis Through Three Exemplary Books." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* April: 1-7.

Coley, Jonathan, Dhruva Sinha*, and Gary Adler. 2022. "Creating Sacred Spaces: Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." *Sociology of Education* 95(3): 171-188.

Adler, Gary, Daniel DellaPosta, and Jane Lankes*. 2022. "Aesthetic Style: How Material Objects Structure an Institutional Field." *Sociological Theory* 40(1): 51-81.

Award: *ASA Section on the Sociology of Culture 2023 Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article*

Adler, Gary J., Jr., Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, Jonathan Coley, and Eric Plutzer. 2022. "Religion-State Interaction at the Local Level: Key Findings from A Survey of Religion and Local Elected Officials." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 61(1):217-229. Online first 2021.

Adler, Gary J. Jr., Selena E. Ortiz, Eric Plutzer, Damon Mayrl, Jonathan Coley, and Rebecca Sager. 2021. "Religion at the Frontline: How Religion Influenced the Response of Local Government Officials to the Covid-19 Pandemic." *Sociology of Religion* 82(4): 397-425. (Lead article).

Award: *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2022 Distinguished Article Award*

Ortiz, Selena E., Gary Adler, and Bobbie L. Johannes*. 2020. "Economic Elites and Support for Housing Affordability Policy: How a Housing-Health Belief Matters." *Political Behavior*. (Online 6/17/2020).

Martin, Molly, Tori Thomas*, Gary Adler, and Derek Kreager. 2020. "Are Feminine Body Weight Norms Different for Black Students or in Black Schools? Girls' Weight-Related Peer Acceptance Across Racialized School Contexts." *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*. 61,2: 239-258.

Adler, Gary, Brad Fulton, and Catherine Hoegeman. 2020. "Survey Data Collection Methods And Discrepancy in the Sociological Study of Religious Congregations." *Sociology of Religion*. 81, 4: 371-412.

Adler, Gary and Andrea Ruiz*. 2018. "The Immigrant Effect: Short-Term Mission Travel as Transnational Civic Remittance." *Sociology of Religion*. 79,3: 323-355.

Starks, Brian, and Gary Adler. 2018. "What Veteran Parishes Can Teach Us: How Long-serving Spanish-language Ministries Successfully Integrate Latinos Within the Parish." *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*. 46,4: 340-354. Special Issue: Building a Sense of Communal Belonging in Catholic Parishes Serving Hispanics/Latinos

Adler, Gary and Steven Offutt. 2017. "The Gift Economy of Direct Transnational Civic Action: How Reciprocity and Inequality are Managed in Religious 'Partnerships'." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 56,3: 600-619.

Ortiz, Selena, Frederick Zimmerman, and Gary Adler. 2016. "Increasing Public Support for Food-Industry Related, Obesity Prevention Policies: The Role of a Taste-Engineering Frame and Contextualized Values." *Social Science and Medicine*. 156: 142-153.

"Penn State PRI Publication of the Week" April 11, 2016

Adler, Gary, Catherine Hoegeman, and A. Joseph West. 2014. "Congregational Political Activity and Same-sex Marriage: Social Movement Theory and Evidence for Contextual Influence." *The Sociological Quarterly*. 55: 555-586.

Bentele, Keith, Rebecca Sager, Gary, Sarah Soule, and Gary Adler. 2013. "Breaking Down the Wall between Church and State: State Adoption of Religious Inclusion Legislation, 1995-2009." *Journal of Church and State*. 55, 1: 1-31.

Adler, Gary. 2012. "An Opening in the Congregational Closet? Boundary-Bridging Culture and Membership Privileges for Gays and Lesbians in Christian Religious Congregations." *Social Problems*. 59,2: 177-206.

Coverage: *The Huffington Post*, *Press Room Blog* of the Association of Religion Data Archives, *Religion Dispatches*.

Beyerlein, Kraig, Gary Adler, and Jenny Trinitapoli. 2011. "The Effects of Religious Mission Trips on Youth Civic Participation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 50,4: 780-795.

Anderson, Shawna, Jessica Martinez, Catherine Hoegeman, Gary Adler, Mark Chaves. 2008. "Dearly Departed: How Often Do Congregations Close?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47:321-328.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Adler, Gary, Tricia Bruce, and Brian Starks. 2019. "What is a Parish? Why Look at Catholic Parishes?" *American Parishes: Remaking Local Catholicism*. New York: Fordham University Press. Pp. 1-24.

Adler, Gary, Tricia Bruce, and Brian Starks. 2019. "Conclusion: Parishes as the Embedded, Missing Middle." *American Parishes: Remaking Local Catholicism* (pp. 22). New York: Fordham University Press. Pp. 231-246.

Adler, Gary. 2019. "The Shifting Landscape of U.S. Catholic Parishes, 1998-2012." *American Parishes: Remaking Local Catholicism*. New York: Fordham University Press. Pp. 69-94.

Adler, Gary. 2017. "Neutral Talk, Conscience, and Political Legitimacy" in *Religion and Progressive Activism: New Stories about Faith and Politics*. Eds. Rhys Williams, Ruth Braunstein, and Todd Fuist. New York: New York University Press.

Reviews: *Sociology of Religion*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Contemporary Sociology* (chapter review), *Review of Religious Research* (chapter review), *Critical Research on Religion* (chapter review)

Adler, Gary. 2015. "Secularism, Democracy, and Catholicism" in *Secularism, Catholicism, and the Future of Public Life*. New York: Oxford University Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

2021 "Book Review: The End of Empathy: Why White Protestants Stopped Loving Their Neighbors." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

2021 "Book Review: Beyond Betrayal: The Priest Sex Abuse Crisis, the Voice of the Faithful, and the Process of Collective Identity." *Contemporary Sociology*. 50, 1: 44-45.

2020 "Book Review: Getting Away from It All: Vacations and Identity, by Karen Stein." *American Journal of Sociology* 126, 1: 184-186.

2018 "Book Review: Uprising of the Fools: Pilgrimage as Moral Protest in Contemporary India, by Vikash Singh." *American Journal of Sociology*. 123, 6.

2010 "Book Review: God's Heart Has No Borders: How Religious Activists are Working for Immigrant Rights, by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo." *Sociology of Religion*. 71, 3: 384-385.

2010 "Book Review: The Catholic Social Imagination: Activism and the Just Society in Mexico and the United States, by Joseph Palacios." *Social Forces*. 88, 4: 1912-1914.

2007 "Book Review: Convictions of the Soul: Religion, Culture, and Agency in the Central American Solidarity Movement, by Sharon Erickson Nepstad." *Sociology of Religion*. 68, 1: 115-116.

ARTICLES (Non Peer-Reviewed)

Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Jonathan Coley, and Rebecca Sager. 2020. "The Frontline of Church-State Relations: Local Officials and the Regulation of Religion in a New Era." *Working Paper Series*. RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. (As part for ARNOVA-RGK President's Research Award).

Adler, Gary J., Jr. 2019. "Empathy Matters." *Newsletter for the ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity*. <https://sites.google.com/site/altruismmoralitysolidarity/blog/empathy-matters>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Plutzer, Eric, Gary Adler, Damon Maryl, Jonathan S. Coley, & Rebecca Sager. 2025. "Confidence in Elections Among U.S. Local Officials: Effects of Social Trust, Partisanship and Political Ambition." [R&R, *PLoS One*.]

Damon Mayrl, Gary Adler, Jonathan Coley, and Rebecca Sager, J.P. Miller*, Elise Wolff*. "A Farewell to Public Religion? Rethorizing and Assessing the Public Relevance of Religion. (R&R, *American Journal of Sociology*)

Adler, Gary, Eric Plutzer, Damon Mayrl, Jonathan Coley, Rebecca Sager, and Elise Wolff*. "Why Local Government Officials Prefer Christmas Trees: Managing Religious Diversity Through Cultural Ciphering." (R&R, *American Sociological Review*)

Adler, Gary, Jesse Smith*, Liying Luo. "Why God Changed: Cohort, Tradition, and Socialization Factors in Images of God, 1994-2008" (In progress)

Adler, Gary and Liam Essig*. "Freeing Religion: How Public Discourse on Religion-State Interaction Changed, 1980-2020." (In progress)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Coley, Jonathan, Gary Adler, Jr., and Dhruva Sinha. 2022. "Most U.S. colleges and universities lack religious minority student groups, despite their importance to student success." *The Conversation*.

Ortiz, Selena, Gary Adler, Jr., and Eric Plutzer. 2020. "How Pennsylvania's Municipalities and Local Officials Confront the Coronavirus." [Link to report](#).

Coverage: Penn State News, PSU School of Public Policy Covid-19 Webinar series.

Adler, Gary. 2019. "Bring the border closer to home, one immersion trip at a time." *The Conversation*.

Adler, Gary. 2012-2013. "The Catholic Conversation from a Sociologist's Perspective: Blog of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at Notre Dame." blogs.nd.edu/thecc/. Invited, short blog posts on church/state controversy, homosexuality and Catholicism, "cafeteria Catholicism," ethical consumption, Andy Greeley, Saul Alinsky

Catholic Relief Services. 2010. "Child Migration: The Detention and Repatriation of Unaccompanied Central American Children from Mexico." Methodological consulting and data analysis. [Link to report](#).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS and TALKS

- Adler, Gary. 2025. "Christian Nationalism and Local Government." Invited plenary address for the Catholic Social Tradition Conference hosted by the Institute for Social Concerns at the University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN. March 20-22nd.
- Adler, Gary. 2024. Invited critic for Author Meets Critic session for Courtney Irby's, "Guiding God's Marriage: Faith and Social Change in Premarital Counseling." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal.
- Adler, Gary. 2024. Panelist. "Religious Freedom Webinar." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Invited.
- Plutzer, Eric and Gary Adler. 2023. "The American Local Leaders Survey." Department of Sociology and Criminology Board of Visitors. Invited. University Park, PA.
- Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, Eric Plutzer, and Jonathan Coley 2023. "Before-the-Field: Identifying Mechanisms behind the Formation of Municipal Officials' Church State Attitudes." Invited. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Philadelphia, PA.
- Adler, Gary. 2023. Invited critic for Author Meets Critic session for Ruth Braunstein's, "My Tax Dollars: the Sacred Taxpayer and the Almighty Dollar." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Philadelphia, PA.
- Adler, Gary. 2023. "Politics and Prayers: How Governments Engage Religion (or Not)." Paterno Fellows Seminar. Invited. University Park, PA.
- Adler, Gary. 2022. "Empathy Across Distance: How International Immersion Travel 'Works' Even When it Doesn't." Invited. Bradford Gray Lecture. Oklahoma State University Sociology Symposium.
- Adler, Gary. 2021. "Christmas Tree, Menorah, All of the Above, or Nothing? Understanding Public Religion through Local Government Officials' Preferences for Holiday Displays." Penn State Society for the Study of Religion. Invited. State College, PA.
- Adler, Gary. 2020. "What Immersion Trips Do and Do Not Do." Loyola Marymount University.
- Adler, Gary. 2019. "Social Movements and Immersion Education at the U.S.-Mexico Border." Consortium for Social Movements and Education. Penn State University.
- Adler, Gary. 2019. Invited critic for Author Meets Critics session for Fichter et al's *Catholic Bishops in the United States: Church Leadership in the Third Millennium*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis.
- Adler, Gary. 2019. Invited critic for Author Meets Critics sessions for Brandon Vaidyanathan's, *Mercenaries and Missionaries: Capitalism and Catholicism in the Global South*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis.

PRESENTATIONS and TALKS

- Plutzer, Eric, Gary Adler, Damon Maryl, Jonathan S. Coley, & Rebecca Sager. 2025. "Confidence in Elections Among U.S. Local Officials: Effects of Social Trust, Partisanship and Political Ambition." Paper presented at the Political Polarization and its Policy Consequences Conference at the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland College Park on March 27-28th.
- Adler, Gary. 2024. Organizer and critic for Author Meets Critic session for Jack Delehanty's, "Making Moral Citizens: How Faith-Based Organizers use Vocation for Public Action ." Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh, PA.
- Coley, Jonathan, Gary Adler Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Eric Plutzer. "Religion and Occupational Activism among Local Government Officials in the United States." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal.
- Adler, Gary, Jonathan Coley, Damon Mayrl. 2023. "Christmas Tree or Something Else? Local Holiday Displays and Government Officials' Preferences for Religion in Public." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Adler, Gary, Jonathan Coley, Damon Mayrl. 2023. "Christmas Tree or Something Else? Local Holiday Displays and Government Officials' Preferences for Religion in Public." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Philadelphia, PA.
- Mayrl, Damon, Gary Adler, Jonathan Coley, Rebecca Sager. 2022. "Policing the Wall: How Religious Leaders and Local Law Enforcement Officials Interact in Eight American Communities." Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore, MD.
- Adler, Gary, Shai Dromi, and Samuel Stabler. 2022. "Religious Capacities in Words, Deeds, and Institutions: Adapting French Pragmatism for the Sociology of Religion." Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore, MD.
- Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Jonathan Coley, Rebecca Sager. 2022. "Policing the Wall: How Religious Leaders and Local Law Enforcement Officials Interact in Eight American Communities." Joint ASA-ASR Session on State Bureaucracies and the Local Management of Religious Freedom. American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- Adler, Gary. 2021. "Author Meets Critic for *Empathy Beyond U.S. Borders*." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, OR.
- Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. 2021. "The State of Public Religion in Rural America: Fractured, Marginalized, and Politicized." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, OR.
- Adler, Gary and Kerby Goff*. 2021. *Invited panel paper*. "Which Culture do 'They' Have? How the Evangelical Imaginary Uses Social Science for Global Engagement." Session on Religion, Global Poverty & International Development. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, OR.
- Coley, Jonathan, Dhruva Sinha, and Gary Adler. 2021. "Creating Sacred Spaces: Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and

Muslim Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Online.

- Rinaldo, Rachel and Gary Adler. 2021. *Invited organizer*. "ASA Religion Section Paper Session on Religion and Cross-national Dynamics." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. 2020. "Prayer in Public Meetings: Findings from a New Survey of Local Government Officials." Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. (Accepted for presentation; declined due to Covid-19).
- Adler Gary and Kerby Goff*. 2020. *Invited panel paper*. "Which Culture do 'They' Have? How the Evangelical Imaginary Uses Social Science for Global Engagement" to session "Religion, Global Poverty & International Development" Session. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. (Accepted for presentation; conference cancelled due to Covid-19).
- Adler, Gary, Catherine Hoegeman, and Brian Starks. 2020. *Invited panel paper*. "Even More Hispanic: Clarifying Estimates of U.S. Hispanic Parishes" to session "Current Research on Catholic Parishes." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. (Accepted for presentation; conference cancelled due to Covid-19).
- Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. 2020. "Public Religion in Small-town America." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. (Accepted for presentation; conference cancelled due to Covid-19).
- Adler, Gary. 2020. *Invited Panel Paper*. "Workshop on Louisville Institute Funding for Sociology of Religion Projects." Association for the Sociology of Religion. (Virtual)
- Rodis, Paulina*, Diane Felmlee, and Gary Adler. 2020. "Judging a Book by its Cover: External Classification of Race and Homophily in Adolescent Friendship Networks." American Sociological Association. San Francisco. (Virtual)
- Adler, Gary, 2019. "Survey Inaccuracy in Congregational Data." American Sociological Association. Religion Section. New York, NY.
- Frisco, Michelle, Gary Adler, and Jennifer Van Hook. 2019. "Elites, Immigration, and Taste in Food." American Sociological Association. Culture Section. New York, NY.
- Mayrl, Damon, Gary Adler, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. 2019. *Featured conference salon*, "Church and State in Local Politics." Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY
- Adler, Gary. 2019. *Invited Panel Paper*. "Workshop on Louisville Institute Funding for Sociology of Religion Projects." Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY
- Adler, Gary. 2019. *Invited Talk*. "'More Diversity, More Politics...More Polarization? Two Decades of Change in American Catholic Parishes.'" Santa Clara University.
- Adler, Gary, Damon Mayrl, Rebecca Sager, and Jonathan Coley. 2018. "Church-State Interaction in the Eyes of Frontline Bureaucrats." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Las Vegas, NV.

- Adler, Gary. 2018. *Invited Panel Paper*. "Workshop on Louisville Institute Funding for Sociology of Religion Projects." Association for the Sociology of Religion. Philadelphia, PA.
- Adler, Gary. 2018. "Empathy Beyond Borders: How Civic Organizations Motivate Transnational Engagement." The Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State.
- Adler, Gary. 2018. *Invited discussant*. "Sociology, Religion, and Culture." Roundtable on Social Science approaches to the Study of Religion. Society for the Study of Religion at Penn State.
- Adler, Gary. 2017. *Invited Critic for Damon Mayrl's Secular Conversions: Political Institutions and Religious Education in the United States and Australia, 1800-2000*. (Cambridge, 2016). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- Adler, Gary. 2017. *Invited Critic for Ruth Braunstein's Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy Across the Political Divide*. (California, 2017). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- Adler, Gary. 2017. *Invited Panel Paper*. "Workshop on Louisville Institute Funding for Sociology of Religion Projects." Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal, Canada.
- Ortiz, Selena and Gary Adler. 2016. "Elites' Support for Policies Addressing Housing Affordability: Examining the Causal Pathways." Penn State Center for American Political Responsiveness. State College, PA.
- Adler, Gary. 2016. *Session Organizer: "The Sociology of Catholic Parishes: Prospects for Renewal."* Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA. Includes: James Cavendish, Carol Ann MacGregor, Mary Ellen Konieczny, Brian Starks, and Tricia Bruce.
- Adler, Gary, Andrea Ruiz, and Jane Lankes. 2016 "The Religious Imagination of Adult Americans: Patterns of Change in the GSS". Association for the Sociology of Religion. Seattle, WA.
- Adler, Gary. 2015. "Cultural Taste in Congregations." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Newport Beach, CA.
- Adler, Gary. 2015. "Our Inheritance: Vatican II at 50—The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century." Invited session moderator. Fordham University. New York, NY.
- Adler, Gary and Kraig Beyerlein. 2014. "Explaining Congregations' Differential Mobilization of Action to Border and Immigration Issues." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, IN.
- Adler, Gary. 2014. "Author Meets Critic" respondent for Grace Yukich's *One Family Under God: Immigration Politics and Progressive Religion in America* (Oxford University Press). Society for the Sociology of Religion. Indianapolis, IN.
- Adler, Gary. 2014. "Author Meets Critic" respondent for Kathleen Jenkins' *Sacred Divorce: Religion, Therapeutic Culture, and Ending Life Partnerships* (Rutgers University Press). Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA.
- Adler, Gary. 2014. "To Give and Receive? Solidarity in Long-distance Altruism." Advancing Cultural Sociology Conference, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. Hartford, CT.

- Adler, Gary. 2013. "To Give and Receive? Spiritualizing Reception and Generalizing Reciprocity in an Asymmetrical Transnational Religious Gift Economy." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Altruism and Solidarity Section Session: Religion and Prosocial Behavior. New York, NY.
- Adler, Gary. 2013. "Catholic Parish Change Since the 1990's." Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- Adler, Gary. 2012. "The Effects of Short-term Religious Travel: An Exploration of Mechanisms." Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- West, A. Joseph, Jessie Finch, Gary Adler. 2012. "The Preacher's Toolkit: Discursive Consciousness and Congregation-Based Political Mobilization Surrounding Gay Marriage." Pacific Sociological Association.
- Adler, Gary. 2011. "Practicing Solidarity at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Explaining the Diversity of Catholic Parish Responses to Immigration Social Movements." International Expert Seminar on Catholic Social Thought and Social Movements. Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.
- Adler, Gary. 2011. "Transnational Travel, Cultural Unsettledness and Activism." University of Southern California Sociology Reading Group. 2011.
- Adler, Gary, Kraig Beyerlein, and David Sikkink. 2010. "Explaining Differences in Congregational International Travel and Outreach." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific of Religion.
- Beyerlein, Kraig and Gary Adler. 2010. "Explaining the Differential Responses of Congregations to Border and Immigration Issues in Southern Arizona." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific of Religion.
- Adler, Gary. 2010. "The Cultural Structure of an Unsettled Time." Invited paper. UC San Diego Christianities Group.
- Adler, Gary. 2010. "Experiencing Mobilization Through Immersion Travel: Strategies of Relational and Imaginative Solidarity with Undocumented Migrants." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Culture Section Session: Culture in Collective Action.
- Adler, Gary, Joseph West, and Katie Hoegeman 2010. "Congregational Mobilization Against Same-Sex Marriage: The Role of Perceived Threat and/or Political Opportunity to Act." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Religion Section Session: Religion and Movements for Equality and Human Rights
- Adler, Gary 2009. "Congregations and Ballots: The Impact of Moral Issues on Congregational Political Mobilization Efforts." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.
- Adler, Gary. 2009. "Producing Activism or Just Transformation?: The Impact of Religious Styles on Cross-Border Immersion Trips." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO.

- Adler, Gary. 2009. "Building Cross-Border Solidarity?: The Impact of Group Styles on Immersion Travel Trips to Mexico." Annual Meeting of the Political Economy and World Systems Section of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Adler, Gary. 2008. "Religion and Motivation for Activism." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY.
- Adler, Gary and Jeffrey Sallaz. 2008. "Puzzling to Understand the Other?: An Ethnography of Mission Trips Across the US-Mexico Border." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA.
- Beyerlein, Kraig, Jennifer Trinitapoli, Gary Adler. 2008. "Religious Mission Trips as Mobilizers of Youth Civic Participation?" Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA.
- Adler, Gary and Mark Chaves. 2008. "Homosexuality in U.S. Congregations: Evidence from the NCS-II." Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Boston, MA.
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Sociology of Religion (Graduate)	Penn State	2022
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Sociology Senior Capstone	Penn State	2016-2023
Religion, Faith, and Social Change	Boston College (core course)	2014
Culture and Society	University of Arizona	2011, 2012
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Religious Studies

Catholic Social Thought	Saint Mary's College of California	Fall 2003, Spring 2005
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Costly Discipleship (Jan term course)	Saint Mary's College of California	2005
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Editorial Board, *Sociology of Religion*, 2017-

Editorial Board, *The Sociological Quarterly*, 2020-

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Book Award Committee, Chair, *ASA Sociology of Religion Section*, 2021-2022

Award Committee, ARNOVA President's Award Committee, 2021

Conference Committee, *ASA Sociology of Religion Section*, 2020-2021

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Conference Committee, *ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidary Section*, 2019-2020

Jack Shand Grant Committee, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2020-2022

Board of Directors, *Religious Research Association*, 2019-2023

Nomination Committee, Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidary Section, 2016-2017

Book Award Committee, Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidary Section, 2012

Session Organizer, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2009, 2010, 2016

Co-chair, Graduate Student Association, University of Arizona, 2007-2008

Reviewer: *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Field Methods*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Theory*, *Social Problems*, *Politics and Religion*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Religions*, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, *Science Advances*, *Public Administration Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*

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Faculty Marshal. 2022. (Karissa Dialectos, BA Sociology graduate). 2023. (Margaret Bond, BA Sociology Graduate). 2024 (Jamie Nguyen, BA Sociology Graduate). 2025 (Ava Parvati, BS Criminology Graduate).

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Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociology Department, 2020-2024

Religious Studies Minor Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2020-

Consortium for Social Movements and Education, 2019-

Job Market Preparation Committee, Sociology Department, 2017-2020

Graduate Committee, Sociology Department, 2017-2019
 Teaching Forum, Sociology Department, 2016-2017
 Honors College Essay Reviewer, PSU, 2016-2017
 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Sociology Department, 2016-2017
 Colloquium Committee, Sociology Department, 2015-2016

BLOG WRITING

Oxford University Press Blog
 Mobilizing Ideas Blog of the Center for the Study of Social Movements:
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PAID CONSULTING

Cambridge. 2025. Book proposal reviewer.
 Grant Consultation. The Louisville Institute. 2022.
 Survey Advisory Board. *Chaplains as Facilitators of Covenantal Pluralism*. Templeton Foundation Grant, PI Wendy Cadge. 2021.
 Routledge. 2021, 2023, 2025. Book proposal reviewer.
 De Gruyter Press. 2020. Book proposal reviewer.
 Pew Forum, 2015. Project: Survey on Catholics and Attitudes towards Family and the Pope.
 Research Consultant, *Catholic Relief Services-Mexico*, 2008 to 2009, Project: Undocumented Juvenile Immigrants from Central America

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Associate Director of Research, *Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California*. 2010 to 2012.
 Graduate Research Associate for Kraig Beyerlein, *University of Arizona*, Fall 2007 to 2009, Project: Southern Arizona Congregations Study
 Graduate Research Associate for Mark Chaves, *University of Arizona*, Fall 2005 to Spring 2007, Project: National Congregations Study, Wave II
 Graduate Research Assistant for Jerome Baggett, *Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley*, 2001-2002
 Associate Director, Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action, Saint Mary's College of California, 2002-2005. Projects: Bonner Foundation Americorps Program; School of the Americas (SOA) Immersion Learning Program; Service Learning Course Development; Residential Service Learning Communities; Community Partner Relations; FIPSE Academic-Student Affairs Partnership Study; WASC Accreditation Self-Study
 Associate Director of Development, DC Central Kitchen, Washington, DC, 1999-2000
 Homeless Services Patient Activities Coordinator, Christ House, Washington, DC, 1997-1998
 Research Assistant, *The Kettering Foundation*, 1996-1997

OTHER HONORS

2009	Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion, University of Notre Dame
2007	Raymond V. Bowers Sociology Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Second Place, Sociology Department, University of Arizona
2002	Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Education Honor Society.

- 1997 History Department Award, University of Dayton.
- 1997 Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society.
- 1997 Marianist Voluntary Service Award, University of Dayton.
- 1990 Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association, 2005 to present. (Culture, Religion, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, and Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Sections)
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