

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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## **Academic Positions**

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University (2015-).

**Post-doctoral Research Fellow**, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University (January 2013-July 2015).

## **Education**

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**Ph.D. in Sociology**, University of Washington (2009-December 2012).

*Thesis:* Rethinking Religious Capital as Human, Cultural, Social, and Emotional: Toward a Sociological Theory of Membership Dynamics in Religious Voluntary Associations.

*Committee:* Steven Pfaff (chair), James A. Kitts, Edgar Kiser, and James K. Wellman.

**M.A. in International Studies (Comparative Religion) with Honors**, University of Washington (2009).

*Committee:* James K. Wellman (chair), James A. Kitts, and Steven Pfaff.

**M.A. in Sociology**, University of Washington (2006).

*M.A. Thesis:* Divine Confidence: Explaining Variations in Religious Commitment.

*Committee:* Steven Pfaff (chair) and James A. Kitts

**B.A. in Sociology with Distinction and Comparative Religion, Magna Cum Laude**, University of Washington (2004).

*Honors Thesis:* Costly Religious Commitment: The Price of Divine Confidence.

*Thesis advisor:* James A. Kitts

## **Research Interests**

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Theory, Sociology of Religion, Criminology and Deviance, Organizations, Social Networks, Culture, Social Movements, Inequality, and Emotion and Health.

## Publications

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- Scheitle, Christopher P., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Caitlin Halligan. **Forthcoming**. "The Rise of the Nones and the Changing Relationships between Identity, Belief, and Behavior." *Journal of Contemporary Religion*.
- Scheitle, Christopher P, **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Erin Hudnall (Graduate Student). 2018. "Adopting a Stigmatized Label: Social Determinants of Identifying as an Atheist beyond Disbelief." *Social Forces*. Online First.
- Corcoran, Katie E.** and Rodney Stark. 2018. "Culture, Region, and Cross-National Violent Crime." *Sociological Forum* 33(2): 310-333.
- Scheitle, Christopher P. and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2018. "Religious Tradition and Workplace Religious Discrimination: The Moderating Effects of Regional Context." *Social Currents* 5(3): 283-300.
- Wurpts, Bernd, **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Steven Pfaff. 2018. "The Hanseatic League and the Coming of the Reformation: Urban Networks, Social Diffusion and the Adoption of Protestantism." *Social Science History* 42(2): 213-244.
- Corcoran, Katie E.**, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2018. "A Double-Edged Sword: The Countervailing Effects of Religion on Cross-National Crime." *Social Science Quarterly* 99(1): 377-389.
- Snedker, Karen, Lindsey Beach, and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2017. "Beyond the 'Revolving Door'? Reducing Criminal Recidivism in One Mental Health Court." *Criminal Justice and Behavior: An International Journal* 44(9): 1141-1162.
- Corcoran, Katie E.** and James K. Wellman Jr. 2016. "'People Forget He's Human': Charismatic Leadership in Institutionalized Religion." *Sociology of Religion* 77(4): 309-333.
- Pfaff, Steven, Michael Hechter, and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2016. "The Problem of Solidarity in Insurgent Collective Action: The Nore Mutiny of 1797." *Social Science History* 40(2): 247-270.
- Corcoran, Katie E.**, David Pettinicchio, and Jacob T.N. Young. 2015. "Perceptions of Societal Injustice and Efficacy: Participation in Low/Moderate/High-Cost Collective Action." *Sociological Inquiry* 85(3): 429-461.
- Corcoran, Katie E.** 2015. "Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Giving." *Social Science Research* 52: 686-700.

## **Publications Continued**

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Wellman, James K. Jr., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk. 2014. "“God is like a Drug..”: Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches.” *Sociological Forum* 29(3): 650-672.

Wellman, James K. Jr. and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2013. “Religion and Regional Culture: Embedding Religious Commitment within Place.” *Sociology of Religion* 74(4): 496-520.

**Corcoran, Katie E.** 2013. "Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior." *Rationality and Society* 25(3): 335-369.

Pfaff, Steven and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2012. “Piety, Power, and the Purse: The Political Religious Economies Theory and Urban Reform in the Holy Roman Empire.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(4): 757-776.

**Corcoran, Katie E.**, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2012. “Religion and the Acceptability of White-Collar Crime: A Cross-National Analysis.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(3): 542-567.

**Winner of the 2011 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Paper Award.**

**Corcoran, Katie E.** 2012. “Religious Human Capital Revisited: Testing the Effect of Religious Human Capital on Religious Participation.” *Rationality and Society* 24(3): 343-379.

**Winner of the 2011 Rationality and Society Student Paper Award.**

**Corcoran, Katie E.**, David Pettinicchio, and Jacob T. N. Young. 2011. “The Context of Control: A Cross-National Investigation of the Link between Political Institutions, Efficacy, and Collective Action.” *British Journal of Social Psychology* 50(4): 575-605.

## **Book Manuscripts**

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Wellman, James K. Jr., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Kate Stockly. *High on God: How the Megachurch Conquered America*. New York: Oxford University Press, **Under contract, under review.**

Stark, Rodney and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2014. *Religious Hostility: A Global Assessment of Hatred and Terror*. Waco: ISR Books.

## **Under Review/In Revision**

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**Corcoran, Katie E.** “Religious Capital Specificity: Predicting Member Retention.”

**Corcoran, Katie E.**, Christopher Scheitle, and Erin Hudnall. “Organizational Activities and Property Crime Victimization.”

**Corcoran, Katie E.** and Rodney Stark. “Region, Routine Activities, and Violent Victimization: A Cross-National, Multilevel Analysis of 112 Countries.”

## **Technical Reports & Other Publications**

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Johnson, Byron, William Wubbenhorst, Curtis Schroeder, and Katie E. Corcoran. “Stronger Families, Stronger Society: An Analysis of The RIDGE Project, Inc.” Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR Research Report), Baylor University (2014).

Corcoran, Katie E. and James A. Kitts. 2012. “Communitarianism: Industrial Experiments.” In *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements, Facts on File*.

Pfaff, Steven and Katie E. Corcoran. 2012. “Seattle Protests.” In *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, George Ritzer (ed.) Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

Corcoran, Katie E. 2010. “Book Review: BOUNDLESS FAITH: THE GLOBAL OUTREACH OF AMERICAN CHURCHES. By: Robert Wuthnow.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(1): 193-4.

## **Pending Projects**

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**Corcoran, Katie E.** “Organizational Context and Crime Victimization in the United States.”

**Corcoran, Katie E.** “Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement.”

## **Research Grants**

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**Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars (LINES) Research Award.** “Religion and Formal and Informal Giving: A Contextual and Multilevel Analysis.” \$2,975 (August 2015).

**University of Washington Graduate School,** Graduate Student Travel Grant (2012).

**The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion,** Student Research Grant, \$1,500 (2012).

## **Research Grants Continued**

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**University of Washington, Department of Sociology**, Dissertation Grant \$1,000 (2010-2011).

**The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion**, Graduate Student Travel Grant (2011).

**University of Washington Graduate School**, Graduate Student Travel Grant (2010).

## **Research Honors, Awards, and Certifications**

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**Selected Participant with full scholarship** Graduate Student Workshop with the Institute for the study of Religion, Economics and Society, Chapman University, CA (June 2012).

**Best Student Paper Award**, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: "Religion and the Acceptability of White-Collar Crime: A Cross-National Analysis." With David Pettinicchio and Blaine Robbins (2011).

**Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, the American Sociological Association, Rationality and Society section: "Religious Human Capital Revisited: Testing the Effect of Religious Human Capital on Religious Participation" (2011).

**Otto Larsen Dissertation Award**, Sociology Department, University of Washington, (2010-2011).

**Certification in Social Statistics**, from the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS). (2011).

Master's Degree in International Studies graduated **with Honors** (2009).

## **Teaching Honors and Awards**

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**Graduate Mentor of the Year Award** (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, 2016-2017).

Annual Excellence in **Teaching Award** (Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2010-2011).

**Teaching Recognition** from the Dean of Sciences (2007).

Annual Excellence as a **Teaching Assistant Award** (Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2006-2007).

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **West Virginia University**

*SOCA 393 – Special Topics, Sociology of Religion (2015-)*

*SOCA 304 – Complex Organizations (2015-)*

*SOCA 302 – Deviant Behavior (2016-)*

*SOCA 601- Research and Writing Pro-Seminar (2017-)*

*SOCA 615- Data Analysis 1 (2017-)*

*SOCA 690 – Teaching Practicum (2016-)*

*SOCA 720- Individuals and Society (2018-)*

### **University of Washington**

*SOC 357 - Sociology of Religion (2007-2015).*

*SOC 494D - Sociology of Organizations and Work Practicum (2010-2012).*

*SOC 494 A&B - Sociology of Education Practicum (2008-2009).*

*RELIG 254 - American Religion (2012)*

*Writing Tutor, Odegaard Library Writing and Recent Center. (2008-2012).*

## **Invited Presentations**

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Corcoran, Katie E. Invited Panel: “Navigating the Job Market.” Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta (October 2016).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement: A Multilevel Analysis of U.S. Congregations.” Presented at the Lake Institute Network of Emerging Scholars (LINES) inaugural workshop, Indianapolis (April 2015).

Corcoran, Katie E. and Rodney Stark. “Religious Persecution.” Presented at the meeting for the Religion Newswriters Association, Atlanta (September 2014).

Corcoran, Katie E. “Religious Capital Specificity: Explaining Member Commitment and Retention.” Invited Session. Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Denver (August 2012).

## **Conference Presentations**

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Wurpts, Bernd, Katie E. Corcoran, and Steven Pfaff. “The Hanseatic League and the Coming of the Reformation: Urban Networks, Social Diffusion and the Adoption of Protestantism.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec Canada, November 5, 2017.

Corcoran, Katie E. “Gender Inequality and Cross-National Homicide: An Analysis of 146 Countries.” Presented at the Southern Demographic Association, Morgantown, WV on October 27, 2017.

## **Conference Presentations Continued**

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Corcoran, Katie E., Christopher P. Scheitle, and Erin Hudnall. "Organizational Activities and Property Crime Victimization." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., on October 14, 2017.

Corcoran, Katie E. and Rodney Stark. "Cross-National Criminal Victimization: Confronting the Neglected Regional Effects." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Seattle (August 2016).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement: A Multilevel Analysis of U.S. Congregations." Presented at the meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach (October 2015).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Gender Inequality and Cross-National Violent Crime: An Analysis of 146 Countries." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Chicago (August 2015).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "A Double-Edged Sword: The Countervailing Effects of Religion on Cross-National Crime." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, San Francisco (August 2014).

Corcoran, Katie E. and James K. Wellman Jr. "'People Forget He's Human': Charismatic Leadership in Institutionalized Religion." Presented at the meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston (November 2013).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Religious Giving." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, New York City (August 2013).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Religious Giving." Presented at the meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix (November 2012).

Wellman, James K., Katie E. Corcoran, and Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk. "'God is like a Drug.': Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Denver (August 2012).

Pfaff, Steven, Michael Hechter, and Katie E. Corcoran. "Solidarity and High-risk Collective Action: the Nore Mutiny of 1797." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Denver (August 2012).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Religion and Attitudes toward White-Collar Crime" Presented at the meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee (October 2011)

## **Conference Presentations Continued**

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Corcoran, Katie E., James K. Wellman, and Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk. "Dance of Desire: The Role of Emotions in American Megachurches." Presented at the meeting for Group Processes, Las Vegas (August 2011).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas (August 2011).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Jacob T. N. Young. "The Context of Control: A Cross-National Investigation of the Link between Social Structure, Efficacy, and Collective Action." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas (August 2011).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Rethinking Religious Human Capital." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Atlanta (August 2010).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Context Matters: A Cross National Analysis of the Effect of Religion on Crime." Presented at the meeting for the American Sociological Association, Atlanta (August 2010).

Corcoran, Katie E., Jacob T. N. Young, and David Pettinicchio. "A Cross-National Analysis of the Effect of Religion on Social Movement Participation." Presented at the meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta (August 2010).

Pfaff, Steven and Katie E. Corcoran. "The Political Economy of the Reformation: Religious Monopoly, Political Regime, and Urban Reform in the Holy Roman Empire." Presented at the meeting for the Association of the Study of Religion Economics and Culture, Portland, Oregon (June 2010).

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Belief, Ritual, and Moral Community: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Tolerance of Crime." Presented at the meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco (August 2009).

Corcoran, Katie E. "Finding Faith and Fellowship Online: Using Social Network Analysis to Identify Virtual Religious Communities." Presented at the meeting for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston (August 2008).

## Media

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**Media coverage for paper** “Gender Inequality and Cross-National Violent Crime” presented at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois (August 2015): Yahoo! Finance, phys.org, Medical Daily, and Money Talks News.

**Media coverage for *Rationality and Society* article** “Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior.” Science Codex, Science Blog, Phys.org, NBCNEWS.com, Yahoo News, ketkNBC.com, and livescience.com.

**Media coverage for paper** “‘God is like a Drug.’: Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches” presented at the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado (August 2012): Washington Post, King 5 News (TV), Huffington Post (in Science and Religion), Huffington Post U.K., Seattle Weekly, Sciencedaily.com, Edmonton Sun, Toronto Sun, 24 Hours Vancouver, Calgary Sun, Orlando Sentinel, Livescience.com, Sciencecodex.com, Phys.org, NBCnews.com, Christian Century, Christianity Today, Science.orf.at, Counsel & Heal.com, Eureka! Science News, Yahoo News, and Newstrack India.

## Service

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### ***Departmental:***

Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, 2016-2018.

Social Science Cafe Committee Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, 2016-2017.

Mary L. Thomas Lecture Series Committee Member, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, 2015-2016.

### ***University:***

WVU Operations and Systems Research in Acute Care Collaborative member, 2016-.

### ***Discipline:***

Council Member for the Rationality and Society section of the American Sociological Association, 2017-.

Membership Committee for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, committee chair, 2017-2018.

Membership Committee for the Association for the Sociology of Religion, committee member, 2016-2017.

The Section on Mathematical Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award committee member, American Sociological Association, 2016.

The Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Outstanding Published Article Award committee member, American Sociological Association, 2015.

Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, 2008-2011.

Rationality and Society Graduate Student Paper Award selection committee member, American Sociological Association, 2011.

Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, the National Science Foundation, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *European Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Political Behavior*, *the Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *Rationality and Society*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Mobilization*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Advances in Research: Religion and Society*, *New Media and Society*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Violence & Victims*, *the International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, and the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.