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Research interests: Religion, spirituality, social well-being, field experiments

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. December, 1996. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Specialties: Social Psychology, Methods and Statistics. Minor: Psychology

M.S. 1992. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.A. 1986. University of California at Davis  
Major: Cultural Anthropology. Minor: Pre-Medicine

## **POSITIONS HELD**

- 2020- Full Professor (Starting August), Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 2005-2020 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 1998-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 1998-2002 Member, National Consortium on Violence Research
- 1996-98 Postdoctoral Training Fellow, National Consortium of Violence Research, National Science Foundation. University of Wisconsin, Department of Psychology
- 1989-96 Research Assistant. Sociology, Psychology, and Social Work. University of Wisconsin

- 1991-94 Teaching Assistant. Criminology and Social Psychology. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin
- 1993, 94 Lecturer. Homelessness and Homeless Families. Department of Child and Family Studies
- 1993 *Student Intern, American Sociological Review*. Review of submitted papers

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

(<sup>g</sup>=graduate student, <sup>u</sup>=undergraduate when research was initiated)

Brelsford, Gina M., Lynn G. Underwood, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2019. "Love in the Midst of Stressors: Exploring the Role of Daily Spiritual Experiences." *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion* 30: 25-43.

Vuolo, Mike, Bradley R. E. Wright, and Sadé Lindsay. 2019. "Inmate Responses to Experiences with Court System Procedural and Distributive Justice." *The Prison Journal* 99(6): 725-47.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2018. "Field Experiments of Religion: A Dream Whose Time has Come." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 57(2): 193-205.

Baumeister, Roy F., Bradley R. E. Wright, and David Carreon<sup>g</sup>. 2018. "Self-Control 'In the Wild': Experience Sampling Study of Trait and State Self-Regulation." *Self and Identity*.

Kucinkas, Jaime, Bradley R. E. Wright, and Stuart Riepl<sup>g</sup>. 2018. "The Interplay between Meaning and Sacred Awareness in Everyday Life: Evidence from a Daily Smartphone Study." *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* 28(2): 71-88.

Kucinkas, Jaime, Bradley R. E. Wright, D. Matthew Ray<sup>g</sup>, and John Ortberg. 2017. "States and Traits of Spiritual Awareness by Time, Activity, and Social Interaction." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(2): 418-37.

Gutierrez, Ian A. <sup>g</sup>, Crystal L. Park, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2017. "When the Divine Defaults: Religious Struggle Mediates the Impact of Financial Stressors on Psychological Distress." *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* 9(4): 387-98.

Park, Crystal L., Bradley R. E. Wright, Jeremy Pais, and D. Matthew Ray<sup>g</sup>. 2016. "Daily Stress and Self-Control." *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology* 35(9): 738-53.

- Wright, Bradley R. E., Michael Wallace, Annie Scola Wisnesky<sup>g</sup>, Christopher M. Donnelly<sup>g</sup>, Stacy Missari<sup>g</sup>, and Christine Zozula<sup>g</sup>. 2015. "Religion, Race, and Discrimination: A Field Experiment of How American Churches Welcome Newcomers." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(2): 185-204.
- Wallace, Michael, Bradley R. E. Wright, and Allen Hyde<sup>g</sup>. 2014. "Religious Affiliation and Hiring Discrimination in the American South: A Field Experiment." *Social Currents* 1(2): 189-207.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Michael Wallace, John Bailey<sup>u</sup>, and Allen Hyde<sup>g</sup>. 2013. "Religious Affiliation and Hiring Discrimination in New England: A Field Experiment." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 34: 111-26.
- Donnelly<sup>u</sup>, Chris and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2013. "Goffman Goes to Church: Face-Saving and the Maintenance of Collective Order in Religious Services." *Sociological Research Online* 18(1): 18.
- Bailey<sup>u</sup>, John, Michael Wallace, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2013. "Are Gay Men and Lesbians Discriminated against When Applying for Jobs? A Four-City, Internet-Based Field Experiment." *Journal of Homosexuality* 60(6): 873-94.
- Wallace, Michael, Bradley R. E. Wright, Christine Zozula<sup>g</sup>, Stacy Missari<sup>g</sup>, Christopher M. Donnelly<sup>u</sup>, Annie Scola Wisnesky<sup>g</sup>. 2012. "A New Approach for Studying Stratification and Religion: Early Results from a National Internet-Based Field Experiment Study of U.S. Churches." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 23: 369-97.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Christina Zozula<sup>g</sup>, and W. Bradford Wilcox. 2012. "Bad News about the Good News: The Construction of the Christian-Failure Narrative." *Journal of Religion & Society* 14.
- Weakliem, David L., Gordon Gauchat<sup>g</sup>, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2012. "Sociological Stratification: Change and Continuity in the Distribution of Departmental Prestige, 1965-2007." *American Sociologist* 43(3): 310-27.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Dina Giovanelli<sup>g</sup>, Emily G. Dolan<sup>g</sup>, and Mark Evan Edwards. 2011. "Explaining Deconversion from Christianity: A Study of On-Line Narratives." *Journal of Religion & Society*, 13.
- McFarland<sup>g</sup>, Michael J., Bradley R. E. Wright, and David L. Weakliem. 2011. "Educational Attainment and Religiosity: Exploring Variations by Religious Tradition." *Sociology of Religion* 72(2): 166-88.

- Wright, Bradley R. E. and C. Wesley Younts. 2009. "Reconsidering the Relationship between Race and Crime: Positive and Negative Predictors of Crime among African-American Youth." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 46(3): 27-352.
- Weakliem, David and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2009. "Robustness of Group-Based Models for Longitudinal Count Data." *Sociological Methods & Research* 38(1): 147-70.
- Piquero, Alex R., Terrie E. Moffitt, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2007. "Self-Control and Criminal Career Dimensions." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 23: 72-89.
- Ostertag<sup>g</sup>, Steven, Bradley R. E. Wright, Robert S. Broadhead, and Frederick L. Altice. 2006. "Trust and Other Characteristics Associated with Health Care Utilization by Injection Drug Users." *Journal of Drug Issues* 36(4): 953-74.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Avshalom Caspi, Terrie E. Moffitt, and Ray Paternoster. 2004. "Does the Perceived Risk of Punishment Deter Criminally-Prone Individuals? Rational Choice, Self-Control, and Crime." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 41(2): 180-213.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Avshalom Caspi, Terrie E. Moffitt, and Phil Silva. 2001. "The Effects of Social Ties on Crime Vary by Criminal Propensity: A Life-Course Model of Interdependence." *Criminology* 39(2): 321-48.
- Baier<sup>u</sup>, Colin and Bradley R. E. Wright. 2001. "'If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments': A Meta-Analysis of the Effect of Religion on Crime." *Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency* 38(1): 3-21.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Avshalom Caspi, Terrie E. Moffitt, and Phil Silva. 1999. "Low Self-Control, Social Bonds, and Crime: Social Causation, Social Selection, or Both?" *Criminology* 37(3): 479-514.
- Wright, Bradley R. E., Avshalom Caspi, Terrie E. Moffitt, Richard Miech, and Phil Silva. 1999. "Reconsidering the Relationship between SES and Delinquency: Causation but Not Correlation." *Criminology* 37(1): 175-94.
- Miech, Richard, Avshalom Caspi, Terrie E. Moffitt, Bradley R. E. Wright, and Phil Silva. 1999. "Low Socioeconomic Status and Mental Disorders: A Longitudinal Study of Selection and Causation during Young Adulthood." *American Journal of Sociology* 104(4): 1096-131.
- Wright, Bradley R. E. 1998. "Behavioral Intentions and Opportunities among Homeless Individuals: An Extension of the Theory of Reasoned Action." *Social Psychological Quarterly* 61(4): 271-86.

Wright, Bradley R. E., Avshalom Caspi, Terrie E. Moffitt, and Phil A. Silva. 1998. "Factors Associated with Doubled-Up Housing—A Common Precursor to Homelessness." *Social Service Review* 72(1): 92-111.

Caspi, Avshalom, Bradley R. E. Wright, Terrie E. Moffitt, and Phil A. Silva. 1998. "Early Failure in the Labor Market: Childhood and Adolescent Predictors of Unemployment in the Transition to Adulthood." *American Sociological Review* 63(3): 424-51.

Wong, Irene, Irving Piliavin, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 1998. "Residential Transitions among Homeless Families and Homeless Single Individuals: A Comparison Study." *Journal of Social Service Research*. 24(2): 1-27.

Courtney, Mark E., Irving Piliavin, and Bradley R. E. Wright. 1997. "Transitions From and Returns to Out-of-Home Care." *Social Service Review* 71(4): 652-67.

Piliavin, Irving, Bradley R. E. Wright, Robert D. Mare, and Alex H. Westerfelt. 1996 "Exits from and Returns to Homelessness." *Social Service Review* 70(1): 33-57.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS, FOR A SCHOLARLY AUDIENCE

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2019. "Methodological Innovations in the Study of Spirituality." *Social Dimensions of Spirituality Conference*, Indianapolis, Indiana. Invited paper, to be included in an edited volume.

Wright, Bradley R. E., Richard Blackmon, David Carreon, and Luke Knepper. 2017. "Lessons Learned from SoulPulse, A Smartphone-Based Experience Sampling Method (S-ESM) Study of Spirituality." Pp. 344-64 in *Faithful Measures: New Methods in the Measurement of Religion*, edited by Roger Finke and Christopher D. Bader. New York: New York University Press.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2011. "Protestantism." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. Ed. Jeff Manza. New York: Oxford University Press.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2011. "Response to *Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice*." *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 11(3).

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2010. "Life-Course Interdependence." Invited entry in *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, edited by Francis Cullen and Pamela Wilcox. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2002. "Intelligence and Crime." Invited entry in *Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice*, Revised Edition, edited by Joshua Dressler. Macmillan: New York.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2000. "Aggression and Unemployment, Mediation and Moderation." *Prevention and Treatment* 3(34).

Wright, Bradley R. E. 1997. "Pathways Off the Streets: Homeless People and Their Use of Resources." *Focus* 19(1).

### **PRESENTATIONS, TO A SCHOLARLY AUDIENCE**

April 2019. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Methodological Innovations in the Study of Spirituality." Social Dimensions of Spirituality Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

September 2018. Bradley R. E. Wright. "The Plausibility and Promise of Field Experiments on Religion." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas.

September 2018. Bradley R. E. Wright. "The Plausibility and Promise of Field Experiments on Religion." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas.

August 2018. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Pew-Reviewed Research: Lessons in Conducting Helpful Research for Religious Practitioners." Presentation at the symposium, Giving Psychology Away---Applying the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality in Faith Communities. American Psychological Association, San Francisco.

August 2017. Gina M. Brelsford, Lynn G. Underwood, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Love and Care in the Midst of Stress: The Buffering Effect of Ordinary Spiritual Experiences." American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

April 2017. Blake Victor Kent, W. Matthew Henderson, Matt Bradshaw, Christopher G. Ellison, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Daily Stressors, Depressive Symptoms, and the Moderating Effect of Daily Spiritual Experiences: An Experience Sampling Study." Southwestern Social Science Association, Austin, TX.

October 2016. Bradley R. E. Wright, Rick Blackmon, Luke Knepper, and David Carreon. "Lessons Learned from SoulPulse: A Smartphone-Based Experience Sampling Method (S-ESM) Study of Spirituality." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

October 2016. Bradley R. E. Wright. "What's Missing in Sociology? Lessons from a Large-Scale

- Experiential Sampling Method Study." Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
- March 2016. Bradley R. E. Wright. "What Would You Learn about Spirituality if You Interviewed People at Various Times on Cellphones?" Advancing the Demography of Religion, Pew Foundation, Washington, DC.
- March 2016. Philip Moore, Crystal Park, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Negative Emotions and Daily Dietary Behavior: The Distinct Roles Of Anger, Sadness And Anxiety." The Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, D.C.
- March 2016. Crystal L. Park, Phillip J. Moore, Bradley R. E. Wright, & Craig L. Esposito. "Stress, Emotions, and Health." Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual, Washington, DC.
- February 2016. Bradley R. E. Wright. "The Ins and Outs of Using Data from the SoulPulse Study." Department of Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX.
- February 2016. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Studying Spirituality as Both a Trait and a State: Findings from the SoulPulse Study." Institute for the Study of Religion, Waco, TX.
- October 2015. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Religion and Self-Control." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, CA.
- August 2015. Jaime Kucinkas, Bradley R. E. Wright, and D. Matthew Ray. "'I Am Aware of God at this Moment': An Experiential Sampling Study of Lived Religion." American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- June 2015. Bradley R. E. Wright and Roy Baumeister. "The Situational and Social Distribution of Willpower." International Positive Psychology Association, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- March 2015. Bradley R. E. Wright and Jaime Kucinkas. "An Experiential Sampling Study of Daily Religion." Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture. Boston, MA.
- March 2015. Ian Gutierrez, Crystal Park, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Rendered unto Caesar: Exploring Relationships Between Financial Hardship, Daily Stress, and Spiritual Struggle." International Convention of Psychological Science, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- November 2014. Bradley R. E. Wright and Jeremy Pais. "Patterns in Spiritual Experiences across Time and Place." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN.
- November 2013. Bradley R. E. Wright. "An Online ESM Study of Daily Spirituality." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA.

- November 2012. Bradley R. E. Wright. "A National Field Experiment of Churches' Receptivity to Newcomers by Social Class." Bradley R. E. Wright, Michael Wallace, Stacy Missari, and Christine Zozula. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ.
- September 2012. "Conducting Field Experiments on Religion." Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT.
- March 2012. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Perceptions and Misperceptions of American Christianity." Biola University, La Mirada, CA.
- October 2011. Bradley R. E. Wright, Michael Wallace, Christopher M. Donnelly, Annie Scola Wisnesky, and Sunny Vongchandala. "A National Field Experiment of Churches' Receptivity to Newcomers by Race." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Milwaukee.
- May 2011. Michael Wallace, Bradley R. E. Wright, Christine Zozula, Stacy Missari, Christopher M. Donnelly, and Annie Scola Wisnesky. "A New Approach for Studying Stratification and Religion: Early Results from a National Internet-Based Field Experiment Study of U.S. Churches." Penn State Stratification and Social Change Conference, University Park, PA.
2010. Christopher Donnelly, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Goffman Goes to Church: Face-Saving and the Maintenance of Collective Order in Religious Services." Divining the Message / Mediating the Divine. Conference, Columbia University.
2008. Bradley R. E. Wright, Christina Zozula, and W. Bradford Wilcox. "Manufacturing Moral Fear in Religion: The Case of Christian Divorce Rates." Association for the Sociology of Religion.
2008. Bradley R. E. Wright, Dina Giovanelli, Emily Dolan and Mark Edwards. "Explaining Deconversion from Christianity: Evidence from On-Line Narratives." American Sociological Association, Boston.
2008. David Weakliem, Gordon Gauchat, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Sociological Stratification: Change and Continuity in the Distribution of Departmental Prestige, 1965-2007." American Sociological Association, Boston.
2007. Bradley R. E. Wright and Emily Dolan. "Exploring Why People Leave Christianity." UConn Center for Population Research Seminar.
2007. Bradley R. E. Wright and Emily Dolan. "Explaining Deconversion from Christianity: Evidence from Online Narratives." English Graduate Student Association.



2006. Michael Vuolo and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Exposing the Effects of Procedure and Outcome: The Court System, Justice, and Prisoner Mental Distress." American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.
2005. Timothy Stablein and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Revisiting Subterranean Values Theory." Eastern Sociological Society.
2005. Emily Meanwell and Bradley R. E. Wright. "How Homeless People Self Identify and Define Homelessness." The Seventh Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference.
2002. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Reconsidering the Relationship between Race and Self-Reported Criminal Behavior." American Society of Criminology, Chicago.
2001. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi and Terrie Moffitt. "The Effects of Social Ties on Crime Vary by Criminal Propensity." The Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis.
1999. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi, and Terrie Moffitt. "Reinterpreting the Positive Correlation between Youth Employment and Crime." American Society of Criminology, Toronto.
1999. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi, and Terrie Moffitt. "Integrating Rational Choice and Criminal Propensity Theories of Crime." American Sociological Association, Chicago.
1999. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Studying Recidivism among Connecticut Parolees." The Summer Workshop of the National Consortium on Violence Research, Pittsburgh.
1998. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi, and Terrie Moffitt. "The Effects of Social Bonds on Crime Vary by Criminal Propensity: A Life-Course Model of Interdependence." American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.
1998. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi, and Terrie Moffitt. "Low Self-Control, Social Bonds, and Crime: Social Causation, Social Selection, or Both." American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
1997. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi, and Terrie Moffitt. "Reconsidering the Relationship between SES and Delinquency: Causation but Not Correlation." American Society of Criminology, San Diego.
1996. Bradley R. E. Wright, Josh Rossol, Irving Piliavin, and Michael Polakowski . "The Dynamic Status of State Lotteries as Deviance." American Sociological Association, New York City.

1995. Bradley R. E. Wright, Avshalom Caspi, and Terrie Moffitt. "Doubled-Up Housing among Young Adults." American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.
1995. Bradley R. E. Wright. "The Dynamics of Homelessness." Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago.
1994. Bradley R. E. Wright. "Planning to Leave the Streets: An Application of the Theory of Reasoned Action." American Sociological Association, Los Angeles.
1994. Irvin Garfinkel, Irving Piliavin, and Bradley R. E. Wright. "Some Comments on Policies to Lessen the Prevalence of Homelessness." Presented at the Russell Sage Foundation Conference on Homelessness, New York City.
1994. Bradley R. E. Wright. "The Homeless Self-Concept." American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh.

## REVIEWS

- Wright, Bradley R. E. 2015. *Review of A Culture of Faith: Evangelical Churches in Canada*, by Sam Reimer and Michael Wilkinson. ***Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*** 54(4): 844-5.
- Wright, Bradley R. E. 2008. Review of *The Bible and Lay People*, by Andrew Village. ***Review of Religious Research*** 49(3): 345-6.
- Wright, Bradley R. E. 2008. Review of *Reveal: Where are You?* By Greg L. Hawkins, Cally Parkinson, and Eric Arnson. ***Review of Religious Research*** 49(3): 343-4.
- Wright, Bradley R. E. 2000. Review of *On the Self-Regulation of Behavior*, by Charles S. Carver and Michael F. Scheier. ***Contemporary Sociology*** 29(2): 386-87.

## BOOKS, FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

- Wright, Bradley R. E. ***LifeChange: Applying Habit Formation and Self-Control in Everyday Life.*** (Manuscript in preparation). Brings together research literatures on habit formation and self-control and includes analyses from the SoulPulse study.
- Wright, Bradley R. E. 2011. ***Upside: Surprising Good News about the State of Our World.*** Bethany House Publishers (Baker Books): Social and economic trends in the United States

and World. Data from US Census, United Nations, and numerous other sources.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2010. ***Christians are Hate-Filled Hypocrites... and Other Lies You've Been Told: A Sociologist Shatters Myths from the Secular and Christian Media.*** Bethany House Publishers (Baker Books): Minneapolis. Analysis of religious trends in America using data from the GSS, Add Health, Roper, Pew, Gallup, and other sources. Winner of Book of the Year Award in "Christianity and Culture," *Christianity Today*.

### ARTICLES, FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2019. "Is American Christianity on Its Last Legs? The Data Say Otherwise." *Christianity Today*, September.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2017. "The Science of Sinning Less: What New Research Reveals about Self-Control and Willpower." *Christianity Today*, May (cover story).

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2015. "Dear Pastor, Can I Come to Your Church? Inside a New Experiment that Tests our Hidden Racial Biases." *Christianity Today*, July/August (cover story).

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2014. "Your Faith Might Cost You Your Next Job." *Christianity Today*, June.

Wright, Bradley R. E. and various contributors. 2012-2017. ***Black, White, and Gray Blog***, published on Patheos.com. A team of scholars posting about religion and society. Organizer.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2012. "The 'War' on Religion: A Closer Look at What America Really Thinks about Christians." *Relevant Magazine*, May/June: 70-2.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2011. "Americans Like Evangelicals After All: What They Really Think about Evangelicals, and Why We Worry about It." *Christianity Today*, August 5 (cover story).

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2010. "The Lies We Buy About Youth Ministry." *Group Magazine*, September/October.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2009. "Can We Follow Willow Creek's *Follow Me*? An Examination of the Latest Reveal Study." *Journal of Youth Ministry* 7(2): 93-104.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2008. "What We Can and Can't Learn from Willow Creek's REVEAL Study." *Journal of Youth Ministry* 7(1): 101-14.

## **PRESENTATIONS, TO A GENERAL AUDIENCE**

March 2020. Podcast Guest, National Association of Evangelicals.

March 2019. "Developing a Practice of Gratitude." Keynote speaker, Inspire Series, LEGO, North American headquarters, Enfield, CT.

August 2017. "The Science of Sinning." Research on Religion Podcast.

March 2017. "Thriving in Graduate School: Three Problems and Four Solutions." Keynote Address at the Graduate Student Council Research Forum, College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. University of Connecticut.

June 2016. "Fake News and the Culture of Fear." Pomfret Public Library, Pomfret, CT.

February 2016. "The Statistical Analysis of American Religion." Theology Pub, Manchester, CT.

August 2015. "Religion, Race, and Discrimination." Research on Religion Podcast.

June 2014. "The SoulPulse Study." Research on Religion Podcast.

March 2013. Keynote speaker, National Religious Broadcasters Association Conference, Nashville, TN.

July 2012. "Reimagining American Christianity: A Statistical Perspective." Talks given at the Woodcrest Theological Initiative, Columbia, MO.

May 2012. "Perceptions and Misperceptions of American Christianity." Theology on Tap series, St. James, Glastonbury CT.

March 2012. "Perceptions and Misperceptions of American Christianity." Convocation speaker, Gordon College, Wenham, MA.

February 2012. "Perceptions and Misperceptions of American Christianity." Flier Lecture, Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO.

August 2010. "Christian Stereotypes." Research on Religion Podcast.

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

**John Templeton Foundation.** "Transforming the Study of Religion and Spirituality by Promoting the Use of Field Experiments." Principle Investigator. 2017-2019. \$214,399.

**John Templeton Foundation.** "Self-Control, Spirituality, and Well-Being: An Online Experience Sampling Method Study." Principle Investigator. 2014-16. \$429,708.

**National Institute of Mental Health.** "Studies of the Personal and Social Predictors of Criminal Behavior." Subcontracted from Terrie Moffitt, Principle Investigator. \$15,791.

**National Science Foundation,** via the **National Consortium on Violence Research.** "The Effects of Rational-Choice Perceptions on Crime Vary by Criminal Propensity." 1999-2000. \$7,744.

**University of Connecticut Graduate School.** "The Effects of Rational-Choice Perceptions on Crime Vary by Criminal Propensity: A Preliminary Study." 1999-2000. \$12,573.

**Developmental Program on Personality and Psychopathology.** Travel Grant. 1997. \$1,200.

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.** "Pathways Out of Homelessness." Dissertation Grant. 1995. \$15,000.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

*The Society Pages.* "Taking the Pulse of Spirituality in Real Time." March 19, 2018.

*WLAD, 94.1* Hartford. Radio interview on my research on self-control. May 11, 2017.

*The Behemoth Magazine.* "Inside the 'Spiritual Fitbit.'" January 21, 2016.

*Afro.* "Study Highlights Mainline Protestant Church Bias against Blacks & Other Minorities." December 17, 2015.

*FiveThirtyEight.Com.* "Mainline Protestant Churches are Warmer to Potential Members if They're White." November 2015.

*Medical Daily.* "Spiritual Awareness Decreases When You're at Work." August 25, 2015.

*India Today.* "Is Work Making you Less Spiritual?" August 24, 2015.

*Daily Mail.* "People Are at Their Most Spiritual in the Morning, Study Claims." August 24, 2015.

*The New Yorker.* "Big Data for the Spirit." August 5, 2014.

*Brant Hansen Show.* Syndicated radio show. Interview on my research on religion and discrimination.

*National Public Radio.* Interview on Religious Discrimination." October 29, 2014.

*Jerusalem Post.* "Religious Minorities in the South Experience Discrimination... Except for Jews." June 20, 2014.

*Washington Post*. "Putting Religion on Your Resume Hurts You." June 18, 2014.

*Huffington Post*. "Identifying as Muslim on Resumes May Lead to Fewer Job Opportunities." June 16, 2014.

*WATR-1320*. Radio interview. February 4, 2014.

*Connecticut Public Radio, WNPR*. Radio interview. February 6, 2014.

*Fox-61, Hartford*. "UConn Professor Taking Pulse of Nation's Spirituality." January 20, 2014.

*Associated Press*. "UConn Prof Delves into Spirituality in Daily Life." January 19, 2014.

*Seattle Times*. "Gauging Daily Spirituality with a Smartphone." January 18, 2014.

*NBC Connecticut*. "UConn Professor Uses Cellphones to Measure Spirituality." January 18, 2014.

*Ray Dunaway Show, WTIC-1080*, Radio interview. January 13, 2014.

*Washington Post*. "New 'SoulPulse' App Lets Users Monitor their Spirituality." January 10, 2014.

*Baptist Standard*. "Sermon Illustrations often Rely on Bad Stats." January 10, 2014.

*Moody Radio 90.1*, Chicago. Radio interview on the state of Christianity in America. February 17, 2013.

*KTIS 900 AM*, Minneapolis. Radio interview. November 2, 2012.

*MoodyRadioSouth-88.9*, Tuscaloosa, AL. Radio interview. November 2, 2012.

*WSDK-1550 AM*, Hartford. Radio interview. July 2, 2012.

*Christian Post*. "Why Youth are Leaving the Church: Politics, Postmodernity, or Pure Rebellion." December 30, 2011.

*GetReligion.Org*. "Surveying Religion with Bradley Wright." September 6, 2011.

*World Magazine*. "Not Dead Yet: The Death of Culture and Christianity." August 27, 2011.

*Washington Post*. "Can Being Christian Save Your Marriage?" March 19, 2011.

*Baptist Press*. "The Christian Divorce Rate Myth (and What You've Heard Wrong)." February 15, 2011.

*Christianity Today*. "Stop Browbeating: The Stats on Evangelicalism are Much Better than You've Been Led to Believe." September 28, 2010.

*Christian Post*. "Sociologist Debunks Myths on U.S. Christianity." July 26, 2010.

*NPR's Morning Edition*. Interviewed for story on the influence of Christianity in the U.S..

*Chicago Tribune*. Interviewed for story on statistics and church surveys. December 10 2007.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Undergraduate Courses:*

- Introduction to Sociology (Soci 1001)
- Social Well-Being (Soci 2275)
- Criminology (Soci 2301)
- Methods of Social Research (Soci 3201)
- Deviant Behavior (Soci 3311)
- Juvenile Delinquency (Soci 3315)
- Sociology of Religion (Soci 3521)

Society and the Individual (Soci 3351)  
Sociology Internship Program (Soci 3990/1)  
Meaning and Purpose in Society, freshman honors seminar (UNIV 1784)

*Graduate Courses:*

The Logic of Social Research (Soci 5201)  
Social Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behavior (Soci 6005)

## **COURSES DEVELOPED**

Social Well-Being (Soci 2275) in 2016. This course examines socially-embedded facets of well-being, definitions and levels of well-being; relationship of well-being to social situations, social interactions, and social institutions. It has become one of the more popular classes offered by the Sociology Department.

## **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

### ***Undergraduate Honors Students and Other Advanced Students***

Grace Scully (SHARE undergraduate research award)  
Madeline Teixeira  
Lais Timoteo  
Benjamin Gallati  
Benjamin White (Honors, IDEA award)  
Caitlinn Leffingwell (Honors)  
Mike Vuolo (Honors)  
Gordon Gaucht (Senior thesis)  
Emily Meanwell (University Scholar)  
Lyn Famiglietti (Distinctive Scholar)  
Colin Baier (Honors)  
David Orzechowicz (Honors)  
Todd Vincino (Honors)

### ***Undergraduate Independent Studies***

Many dozens, names available on request. Typically, I meet with them on a weekly basis. This semester, Spring 2019 for example, I have 9 independent study students working with me on two separate projects.

### ***Graduate Advising***

Joonghyun Kwak (PhD committee)  
Laura Krull (PhD committee. She's a student at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Allen Hyde (PhD committee)  
Christina Zozula (PhD committee, area exam committee)  
Rodrigo Figueroa (Area exam committee)  
Chris Donnelly (Masters committee)  
Ranita Ray (Area exam committee)  
Melissa Levin (Area exam committee)  
Jaime Gusrang (Area exam committee)  
David Kremelberg (PhD committee, area exam committee)  
Tom Hochschild (Area exam committee)  
Andrew Haakenson (Graduate advisor)  
Casey Borch (PhD committee)  
Timothy Stablien (PhD committee, area exam committee)  
Carl Saldaha (Masters committee. He was a student in the Pharmacy Department)  
Steve Ostertag (MA, PhD committee)  
Kirsten Hoffman (MA committee)  
Elena Sher (MA committee)  
Gordon Gaucht (MA committee)

***Graduate Research Supervision and Independent Readings***

Christine Zozula  
Andrew Flowers

**TEACHING MATERIALS PUBLISHED**

Wright, Bradley R. E. (Editor). 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008. ***A Reader in Criminology***. An anthology of 200 criminology articles, each with abstract and pedagogy. In ***Boundaries: A Reader of Deviance, Crime, and Justice***, Bradley R. E. Wright and Ralph McNeal (General Editors). Boston: Prentice Hall.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2001. "Understanding Crime." Essay in ***Boundaries: A Reader of Deviance, Crime, and Justice***, Bradley R. E. Wright and Ralph McNeal (General Editors). Boston: Prentice Hall.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2001. "Explaining Crime." Essay in ***Boundaries: A Reader of Deviance, Crime, and Justice***, Bradley R. E. Wright and Ralph McNeal (General Editors). Boston: Prentice Hall.

Wright, Bradley R. E. 2001. "Varieties of Crime." Essay in ***Boundaries: A Reader of Deviance, Crime, and Justice***, Bradley R. E. Wright and Ralph McNeal (General Editors). Boston: Prentice Hall.



Wright, Bradley R. E. 2001. "Social Reactions to Crime." Essay in *Boundaries: A Reader of Deviance, Crime, and Justice*, Bradley R. E. Wright and Ralph McNeal (General Editors). Boston: Prentice Hall.

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Awards Committee  
Colloquia and Rituals Committee, head and member  
Computer Committee.  
Departmental Hearing Officer  
Executive Committee  
Faculty Search Committee, head and member  
Fierberg Scholarship Committee, head and member  
Graduate Aid Committee  
Graduate Program Committee  
Head Search Committee  
Merit Committee  
Merit Form Revision Ad Hoc Committee  
Portfolio Committee  
Promotion, Tenure, and Review Committees  
Research Mentor for Junior Faculty  
Space Committee  
Student Conduct Hearing Officer  
Teaching Assessment Materials Ad Hoc Committee  
Teaching Committee, head and member  
Teaching Mentor for Junior Faculty  
Undergraduate Program Committee, director and member

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chancellor's Library Advisory Committee  
Curricula & Courses Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Science  
Criminal Justice Minor Advisor  
Dean's Grade Appeal Committee  
Education Abroad Transcript Evaluator  
Faculty Advisor, Ballroom Dancing Club  
Faculty Advisor, One Group  
Faculty Advisor, St. Paul's Students

Faculty Advisor, The Bridge  
Faculty Advisor, University Christian Fellowship  
Faculty Advisor, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Student Group  
First-Year Reading Project, Discussion Leader  
Guest Speaker, Psychology Undergraduate Club  
NEASC Fifth Year Reaccreditation Report Committee  
People's Bank Community Internship Awards Committee  
Reviewer, UConn Research Foundation  
Reviewer, UConn IDEA Undergraduate Research Program  
Technology Oversight Committee  
UConn Teaching Assessment Initiative, Department Representative  
Vice Provost's Multicultural Affairs Committee for Assessing Diversity

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Founder, Field Experiments of Religion Research Network, January 2019  
Consultant, Stanford Behavior Design Lab, 2019  
Religious Research Association, Publications Committee Member, 2018-  
Training Seminar, Organizer. "Using Field Experiments to Study Religion." Society for the  
Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, September 2018  
Advisor, National Survey of Religious Leaders, 2017  
Editorial Board, *Contexts*, 2009-2012  
Area chair, Panels on Life Course Theories, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, 2007  
Discussant, Session on Deviance and Social Control, American Sociological Association, 2005  
Editorial Board, *Criminology*, 2003-2006  
Program Committee. American Society of Criminology, Denver, 2003  
Session Chair. "Age of Onset and Delinquency." American Society of Criminology, Denver, 2003  
Member, Student Paper Competition Committee, American Sociological Association Section on  
Crime, Law, and Deviance, 2002  
Session Chair, "Life Events and Crime: Processes of Selections and Causation." American Society  
of Criminology, Atlanta, November 2001  
Chair, Student Paper Competition, American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law,  
and Deviance, 1999-2000, 2000-2001

## **REVIEWING**

### **Journals**

*American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Comparative Sociology,*

*Contemporary Sociology, Contexts, Criminology, Demography, Evaluation and Program Planning, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, Rationality and Society, Religion and Brain Behavior, Research in the Scientific Study of Religion, Social Forces, Sociological Forum, Sociological Inquiry, Social Psychology Quarterly, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Social Service Review, Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Perspectives, Sociology of Religion, Western Criminology Review*

**Granting Agencies and Research Projects**

National Science Foundation

John Templeton Foundation

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Research Advisor, International Justice Mission, 2017-8.  
Research Advisor, Menlo Park Church, Menlo Park, CA. 2015.  
Connecticut Voices for Children (Connecticut researchers conducting work on children, adolescents, families, and communities), 2000-2001.  
Research Consultant, State of Connecticut, Department of Parole, 1999.  
Opportunity Calls, A program to give homeless people in Madison access to telephone accounts, co-organizer, 1995.  
Speaker, College for Kids, University of Wisconsin.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

Sociology Department Nominee, AAUP Career Teaching Award, Spring 2019.  
Sociology Department Nominee, CETL Teaching Fellow Award, Spring 2018.  
Favorite Professor Lecture Series, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, UConn, Spring 2010.  
Postdoctoral Training Fellowship, National Science Foundation, National Consortium on Violence Research, Carnegie Mellon University. 1996.  
University of Wisconsin Dissertation Fellowship, 1995.  
First Prize, American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Student Paper Award, 1994.  
Distinction, Preliminary Examination on Sociological Methods, 1993.  
Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association Section, Social Psychology Student Paper Award, 1992.