

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**KATIE E. CORCORAN**

Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
West Virginia University  
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## **Academic Positions**

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**Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University (2020-).

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University (2015-2020).

**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 Kitts, Edgar Kiser, and James Wellman. Certification in Social Statistics, from the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS). (2011).

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

*Committee*: James Wellman (chair), James 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 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 Kitts

## **Research Interests**

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Sociology of Religion, Criminology and Deviance, Organizations, Health, Social Networks, Social Movements, Social Psychology, and Emotion.

## Books

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- Wellman, James K. Jr., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Kate Stockly. 2020. *High on God: How Megachurches Won The Heart of America*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Stark, Rodney and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2014. *Religious Hostility: A Global Assessment of Hatred and Terror*. Waco: ISR Books.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

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- Scheitle, Christopher P. and **Katie E. Corcoran**. 2020. "More than Nothing: Examining the Worldview Influences of Nonreligious College Students." *Review of Religious Research* 62: 249-271.
- Stein, Rachel E., **Katie E. Corcoran**, Brittany M. Kowalski, and Corey J. Colyer. 2020. "Congregational Cohesion, Retention, and the Consequences of Size Reduction: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of An Old Order Amish Congregation." *Sociology of Religion* 81(2): 206-229.
- Corcoran, Katie E.** and Rodney Stark. 2020. "Region, Routine Activities, and Violent Victimization: A Cross-National, Multilevel Analysis of 112 Countries." *International Review of Victimology* 26(2): 234-252.
- Corcoran, Katie E.** 2020. "Emotion, Religion, and Civic Engagement: A Multilevel Analysis of U.S. Congregations." *Sociology of Religion* 81(1): 20-44.
- Corcoran, Katie E.**, Christopher Scheitle, and Erin Hudnall. Forthcoming. "Organizational Activities and Property Crime Victimization." *The Sociological Quarterly* 61(1): 164-186.
- Corcoran, Katie E.** 2019. "Religious Capital Specificity: Predicting Member Retention." *Interdisciplinary Journal for Research on Religion* Volume 15, Article 1.
- Stein, Rachel E., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Corey J. Colyer. 2019. "Fostering Interaction in a Strict Non-communal Group: A Case Study of Amish Visiting Practices." *Interdisciplinary Journal for Research on Religion* Volume 15, Article 3.
- Hudnall, Erin B., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2019. "Is West Virginia A Religious Void? An Empirical Investigation." *Review of Religious Research* 61(2): 109-118.
- Scheitle, Christopher P, **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Erin Hudnall. 2019. "Adopting a Stigmatized Label: Social Determinants of Identifying as an Atheist beyond Disbelief." *Social Forces* 97(4): 1731-1756.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles Continued

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- Scheitle, Christopher P., **Katie E. Corcoran**, and Caitlin Halligan. 2018. "The Rise of the Nones and the Changing Relationships between Identity, Belief, and Behavior." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 33(3): 567-579.
- 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.
- 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.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles Continued

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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.

## 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.

## **Research Grants**

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**West Virginia University Humanities Center.** Co-Principal Investigator, “Experiencing the Pandemic in a Closed Religious Group: The Amish and COVID-19.” \$4,507 (2020). Principal Investigator: Rachel Stein; co-Principal Investigator: Corey Colyer.

**Sociology of Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation Grant.** Co-Principal Investigator, “Religion, Science, and the Enchanted Worldview.” \$167,797, (2020-2022). Principal Investigator: Christopher Scheitle.

**Sociology-Anthropology Excellence in Research Fund.** Principal Investigator, “Twisted up Inside: Prevalence, Delayed Diagnosis, and Health Outcomes of Infants and Children Diagnosed with Intestinal Malrotation.” \$4,800 (2019-2020).

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

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

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

## **Research Honors and Awards**

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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).

## Teaching Honors and Awards

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

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

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

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

*SOC 494 – 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 of 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 of the Religion Newswriters Association, Atlanta (September 2014).

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

## **Conference Presentations**

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Scheitle, Christopher P., **Katie E. Corcoran** and Erin Hudnall. "Adopting a Stigmatized Label: Social Determinants of Identifying as an Atheist beyond Disbelief."

Presented at the Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 26, 2018.

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." Presented at the Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Montreal, Quebec Canada, November 5, 2017.

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

**Corcoran, Katie E.**, Christopher P. Scheitle, and Erin Hudnall. "Organizational Activities and Property Crime Victimization." Presented at the Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 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 of 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 of 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 of 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 of the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston (November 2013).

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

## **Conference Presentations Continued**

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**Corcoran, Katie E.** “Thinkers and Feelers: Emotion and Religious Giving.” Presented at the Meeting of 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 of 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 of 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 of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee (October 2011)

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

**Corcoran, Katie E.** “Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior.” Presented at the Meeting of 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 of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas (August 2011).

**Corcoran, Katie E.** “Rethinking Religious Human Capital.” Presented at the Meeting of 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 of 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 of 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 of the Association of the Study of Religion Economics and Culture, Portland, Oregon (June 2010).



## Conference Presentations Continued

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**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 of 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 of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston (August 2008).

## Media Coverage

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“Gender Inequality and Cross-National Violent Crime” presented at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois (August 2015).

- Yahoo! Finance, [phys.org](http://phys.org)
- Medical Daily
- Money Talks News

“Divine Exchanges: Applying Social Exchange Theory to Religious Behavior.”  
*Rationality and Society* article.

- Science Blog
- Phys.org
- NBCNEWS.com
- Science Codex
- Yahoo News
- [ketkNBC.com](http://ketkNBC.com)
- [Livescience.com](http://Livescience.com)
- Science Codex

“‘God is like a Drug..’: Explaining Interaction Rituals in American Megachurches”  
presented at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver,  
Colorado (August 2012).

- Washington Post
- King 5 News (TV)
- Huffington Post
- Huffington Post U.K.
- Science Codex
- Christian Century
- Counsel & Heal.com
- NBCnews.com
- Seattle Weekly
- [Sciencedaily.com](http://Sciencedaily.com)
- Edmonton Sun
- Toronto Sun
- Phys.org
- Christianity Today
- Eureka! Science News
- 24 Hours Vancouver
- Calgary Sun
- Orlando Sentinel
- [Livescience.com](http://Livescience.com)
- [Newstrack India](http://Newstrack India)
- [Science.orf.at](http://Science.orf.at)
- Yahoo News

## **Service**

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### **West Virginia University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology:**

Graduate Student Advisor, 2019.

Speaker Series Chair, 2019-2020.

Graduate Student Awards Committee Member, 2020.

Graduate Program Committee Member, 2018-.

Faculty Evaluation Committee Member, 2018-2019.

Ad hoc Research Center Committee Member, 2018-2019.

Ad hoc Graduate Student Awards Committee Chair, 2019.

Undergraduate Program Committee Member, 2016-2018.

Social Science Cafe Committee Chair, 2016-2017.

Mary L. Thomas Lecture Series Committee Member, 2015-2016.

### **University of Washington, Department of Sociology:**

Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Undergraduate Committee, 2008-2011.

### **West Virginia University:**

Ad Hoc Methodology Committee Member, 2020-.

Graduate Council member, 2019-.

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

### **Discipline:**

*Sociology of Religion* Editorial Board, 2020-.

*Review of Religious Research* Editorial Board, 2020-.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Publications Committee Member, 2019-2020.

American Sociological Association, Rationality and Society Section Council Member, 2017-2019.

## Service Continued

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American Sociological Association, Mathematical Sociology Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member, 2019.

Association for the Sociology of Religion, Membership Committee Member, 2018-2019.

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

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

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

American Sociological Association, Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Section Outstanding Published Article Award Committee Member, 2015.

American Sociological Association, Rationality and Society Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member, 2011.

### Reviewer for

- *Advances in Research: Religion and Society*
- *American Journal of Sociology*
- *American Sociological Review*
- *British Journal of Sociology*
- *City and Community*
- *British Journal of Sociology*
- *European Journal of Social Psychology*
- *European Sociological Review*
- *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*
- *International Journal for Qualitative Studies on Health & Well-being*
- *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*
- *Mobilization*
- National Science Foundation
- *New Media and Society*
- *Political Behavior*
- *Qualitative Sociology*
- *Rationality and Society*
- *Review of Religious Research*
- *Social Forces*
- *Social Problems*
- *Social Psychology Quarterly*
- *Social Science Research*
- *Sociological Forum*
- *Sociological Inquiry*
- *Sociological Perspective*
- *Sociology of Religion*
- *The Sociological Quarterly*
- *Violence & Victims*