

Curriculum Vitae

SAMUEL STROOPE

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Louisiana State University
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
▪ Early tenure and promotion granted.
- 2013-2018 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, Baylor University
Dissertation: "Health Disparities in India: The Role of Gender, Family, and Culture."
- 2010 M.A., Sociology, Baylor University
- 2006 M.A., Theological Studies, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- 2002 M.A., Intercultural Studies, Union University
- 1999 B.A., English, Ouachita Baptist University

PRIMARY INTERESTS

Health; Religion

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Total number of peer-reviewed journal articles: 38

Underline indicates graduate student co-author

- Forth. **Stroope, Samuel**, Tim Slack, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Jonathan Sury, Jeremy Brooks, and Thomas Chandler. "Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Exposure, Industry Sector, and Child Health." *Population Research and Policy Review*.
- Forth. Walker, Mark, Leah Drakeford, **Samuel Stroope**, Joseph O. Baker, and Alexander L. Smith. "Health Differences Between Religious and Secular Subgroups in the United States: Evidence from the General Social Survey" *Review of Religious Research*.
- Forth. Walker, Mark, Leah Drakeford, and **Samuel Stroope**. "Glad Tidings? Personal Witnessing, Religiosity, and Mental Health among US Adults" *Society and Mental Health*.

- Forth. **Stroope, Samuel**, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, and Jiabin Fan. "Gender Contexts, Dowry, and Women's Health in India: A National Multilevel Longitudinal Analysis." *Journal of Biosocial Science*. DOI: 10.1017/S0021932020000334
- Forth. **Stroope, Samuel**, Blake Victor Kent, Ying Zhang, Donna Spiegelman, Namratha R. Kandula, Anna B. Schachter, Alka M. Kanaya, and Alexandra E. Shields. "Mental Health and Self-Rated Health among U.S. South Asians: The Role of Religious Group Involvement." *Ethnicity and Health*. DOI: 10.1080/13557858.2019.1661358
- 2021 **Stroope, Samuel**, Paul Froese, Heather M. Rackin, and Jack Delehanty. "Unchurched Christian Nationalism and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Sociological Forum*.
- 2021 **Stroope, Samuel**, Heather M. Rackin, and Paul Froese. "Christian Nationalism and Views of Immigrants in the United States: Is the Relationship Stronger for the Religiously Inactive?" *Socius*.
- 2020 **Stroope, Samuel**, Blake Victor Kent, Ying Zhang, Namratha R. Kandula, Alka M. Kanaya, and Alexandra E. Shields. "Self-Rated Religiosity/Spirituality and Four Health Outcomes Among U.S. South Asians in the MASALA Cohort: Findings from the Study on Stress, Spirituality, and Health." *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 208(2): 165-168.
- 2020 Slack, Tim, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, **Samuel Stroope**, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jonathan Sury, Jeremy Brooks, Thomas Chandler, and Jaishree Beedasy. "Deepwater Horizon oil spill exposure and child health: a longitudinal analysis." *Population and Environment*.
- 2020 Kent, Blake Victor, **Samuel Stroope**, Alka M. Kanaya, Ying Zhang, Namratha R. Kandula, and Alexandra E. Shields. "Private Religion/Spirituality, Self-rated Health, and Mental Health among U.S. South Asians." *Quality of Life Research* 29: 495-504. DOI: 10.1007/s11136-019-02321-7
- 2020 Forrest, Danequa L., Rhiannon A. Kroeger, and **Samuel Stroope**. "Autism spectrum disorder symptoms and bullying victimization among children with autism in the United States." *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders* 50(2): 560-571.
- 2018 Baker, Joseph O., **Samuel Stroope**, Mark H. Walker. "Secularity, Religiosity, and Health: Physical and Mental Health Differences between Atheists, Agnostics, and Nonaffiliated Theists Compared to Religiously Affiliated Individuals." *Social Science Research* 75: 44-57.
- 2018 **Stroope, Samuel**, and Joseph O. Baker. "Whose Moral Community? Religiosity, Secularity, and Self-Rated Health across Communal Religious Contexts." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 59(2): 185-199.
- 2018 **Stroope, Samuel**, Heather M. Rackin, Jessica L. Stroope, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Breastfeeding and Maternal Religion: Results from a National Prospective Cohort Study." *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* 52(4): 319-330.
- 2018 Clark, Joseph and **Samuel Stroope**. "Intergenerational Social Mobility and Religious Ecology: Disaggregating the Conservative Protestant Bloc." *Social Science Research* 70: 242-253.

- 2018 Martinez, Brandon C., Joshua C. Tom, Todd W. Ferguson, Brita Andercheck, and **Samuel Stroope**. "Parenting Practices and Attitudes and the Role of Belief in Supernatural Evil: Results from a National U.S. Survey." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(6): 1616-1638.
- 2017 **Stroope, Samuel, Isaiah F. A. Cohen**, Aaron B. Franzen, Joshua C. Tom, Matthew A. Valasik, and Kyriakos S. Markides. "Neighborhood Perception and Self-rated Health among Mexican American Older Adults." *Geriatrics & Gerontology International* 17(12): 2559-2564.
- 2017 **Stroope, Samuel**, and Joshua C. Tom. "In-Home Firearm Access among US Adolescents and the Role of Religious Subculture: Results from a Nationally Representative Study." *Social Science Research* 67: 147-159.
- 2017 **Stroope, Samuel**, Mark H. Walker, and Aaron B. Franzen. "Stress Buffer or Identity Threat? Negative Media Portrayal, Public and Private Religious Involvement, and Mental Health among Adults in the United States." *Society and Mental Health* 7(2): 85-104.
- 2017 Ferguson, Todd W., **Samuel Stroope**, Brita Andercheck, Joshua C. Tom, and Brandon C. Martinez. "Social Sources of Community Sentiment in US Congregations." *Sociological Spectrum* 37(4): 223-236.
- 2016 Henderson, W. Matthew, Jeremy E. Uecker, and **Samuel Stroope**. "The Role of Religion in Parenting Satisfaction and Parenting Stress among Young Parents." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57(4): 675-710.
- 2016 Uecker, Jeremy E., Damon Maryl, and **Samuel Stroope**. "Family Formation and Returning to Institutional Religion in Young Adulthood." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55(2): 384-406.
- 2015 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Disease and Dowry: Community Context, Gender, and Adult Health in India." *Social Forces* 93(4): 1599-1623.
- 2015 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Seclusion, Decision-Making Power, and Gender Disparities in Adult Health: Examining Hypertension in India." *Social Science Research* 53: 288-299.
- 2015 **Stroope, Samuel, Brandon C. Martinez**, Karl Eschbach, M. Kristen Peek, and Kyriakos S. Markides. "Neighborhood Ethnic Composition and Problem Drinking among Older Mexican American Men: Results from the Hispanic Established Populations for the Epidemiologic Study of the Elderly." *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 17(4): 1055-1060.
- 2015 Whitehead, Andrew L., and **Samuel Stroope**. "Small Groups, Contexts, and Civic Engagement: Results from the United States Congregational Life Survey." *Social Science Research* 52: 659-670.
- 2015 **Stroope, Samuel**, Aaron B. Franzen, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Social Context and College Completion in the United States: The Role of Congregational Biblical Literalism." *Sociological Perspectives* 58(1): 120-137.
- 2015 Ferguson, Todd W., Brita Andercheck, Joshua C. Tom, Brandon C. Martinez, and **Samuel Stroope**. "Occupational Conditions, Self-Care, and Obesity among Clergy in the United States." *Social Science Research* 49: 249-263.

- 2015 **Stroope, Samuel**, Michael J. McFarland, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Marital Characteristics and the Sexual Relationships of U.S. Older Adults: An Analysis of National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project Data." *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 44: 233-247.
- 2014 **Stroope, Samuel**, and Joseph O. Baker. "Structural and Cultural Sources of Community in American Congregations." *Social Science Research* 45: 1-17.
- 2014 **Stroope, Samuel**, Aaron B. Franzen, Charles M. Tolbert, and F. Carson Mencken. "College Graduates, Local Retailers, and Community Belonging in the United States." *Sociological Spectrum* 34(2): 143-162.
- 2014 Blanchard, Troy, **Samuel Stroope**, and Charles M. Tolbert. "Bringing the Congregations Back in: Religious Markets, Congregational Density, and American Religious Participation." *Religions* 5(3): 929-947.
- Reprinted in Kerley, Kent R. ed. 2015. *Current Studies in the Sociology of Religion*. Basel, Switzerland: MDPI.
- 2013 **Stroope, Samuel**, Scott Draper, and Andrew L. Whitehead. "Images of a Loving God and Sense of Meaning in Life." *Social Indicators Research*, 111(1): 25-44.
- 2012 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Social Networks and Religion: The Role of Congregational Social Embeddedness in Religious Belief and Practice." *Sociology of Religion* 73(3): 273-298.
- 2012 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Caste, Class, and Urbanization: The Shaping of Religious Community in Contemporary India." *Social Indicators Research* 105(3): 499-518.
- 2011 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Education and Religion: Individual, Congregational, and Cross-Level Interaction Effects on Biblical Literalism." *Social Science Research* 40(6): 1478-1493.
- Winner, 2011 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award from the Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 2011 **Stroope, Samuel**. "How Culture Shapes Community: Bible Belief, Theological Unity, and a Sense of Belonging in Religious Congregations." *The Sociological Quarterly* 52(4): 568-592.
- 2011 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Hinduism in India and Congregational Forms: Influences of Modernization and Social Networks." *Religions* 2(4): 676-692.
- Reprinted in Kerley, Kent R. ed. 2015. *Current Studies in the Sociology of Religion*. Basel, Switzerland: MDPI.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2015 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Hinduism in India and Congregational Forms: Influences of Modernization and Social Networks." In *Current Studies in the Sociology of Religion*, Ed. Kent R. Kerley. Basel, Switzerland: MDPI.
- Reprinted from: Stroope, Samuel. 2011. "Hinduism in India and Congregational Forms: Influences of Modernization and Social Networks." *Religions* 2(4): 676-692.

- 2015 Blanchard, Troy, **Samuel Stroope**, and Charles M. Tolbert. "Bringing the Congregations Back in: Religious Markets, Congregational Density, and American Religious Participation." In *Current Studies in the Sociology of Religion*, Ed. Kent R. Kerley. Basel, Switzerland: MDPI.
- Reprinted from: Blanchard, Troy, Samuel Stroope, and Charles M. Tolbert. 2014. "Bringing the Congregations Back in: Religious Markets, Congregational Density, and American Religious Participation." *Religions* 5(3): 929-947.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2011 **Stroope, Samuel**. "Review: A Place at the Multicultural Table: The Development of an American Hinduism by Prema A. Kurien." *Review of Religious Research* 52(3): 338-339.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

- 2018 Course Development Grant, Global Religion Research Initiative of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame, funded by the Templeton Religion Trust
- 2015 Rising Faculty Research Award, Louisiana State University Alumni Association
- 2012 National Science Foundation (NSF), Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1203263). "Community Context and Women's Health in India."
- 2012 Fichter Research Grant Competition, Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR). "Religion, Gender, and Health Disparity in India."
- 2011 Winner, 2011 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award from the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
- 2011 Awarded Distinction, Comprehensive Doctoral Exams

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2019 Statistical Horizons "Longitudinal Data Analysis using SEM." Instructor: Paul Allison
- 2018 Statistical Horizons "Longitudinal Data Analysis using Stata." Instructor: Paul Allison
- 2014 LSU CxC Faculty Summer Institute, Louisiana State University
- 2012 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) sponsored Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program "Health Disparities Research and Minority Populations" (Competitive Funding Awarded).
- 2012 RAND Summer Institute (Competitive Funding Awarded):
- Mini Medical-School for Social Scientists
 - Demography, Economics, Psychology, and Epidemiology of Aging
- Center for the Study of Aging, RAND Corporation
- 2012 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research "Longitudinal Data Analysis, Including Categorical Outcomes." Instructor: Donald Hedeker
- 2011 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research "Structural Equation Modeling and Latent Variables: An Introduction." Instructor: Kenneth Bollen

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Slack, Tim, Rhiannon Kroeger, Samuel Stroope, Jaishree Beedasy, Thomas Chandler, and Kathryn Keating. "A Longitudinal Assessment of Disaster Resilience: Examining the Relationship between Exposure and Health following the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." Presented at Demographic Responses to Changes in the Natural Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. 2019.
- Kent, Blake V., Samuel Stroope, and Alexandra E. Shields. "Mental Health and Self-Rated Health among South Asians in the United States: The Role of Religious Involvement in the MASALA Study" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis, MO. 2019.
- Stroope, Samuel, and Joseph Baker. "Religious Context, Religious Involvement, and Self-Rated Health." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, DC. 2017.
- Baker, Joseph, and Samuel Stroope. "Anxious Atheists or Relaxed Rationalists? Mental Wellbeing among Different Types of Secular Americans." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA. 2016.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Conservative Protestantism and Adolescents' Easy Access to a Firearm at Home: A National Study." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC. 2016.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Disease and Dowry: Community Context, Gender, and Adult Health in India." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA. 2015.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., Damon Mayrl, and Samuel Stroope. "Religious Trajectories and Family Formation during the Transition to Adulthood." Presented at the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Pew Research Center, 2015.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Cultural Context, Dimensions of Gender, and Women's Self-Rated Health in India." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA. 2014.
- Tom, Joshua C., Brandon Martinez, Todd Ferguson, Brita Andercheck, and Samuel Stroope. "Belief in Supernatural Evil and Childrearing Practices." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR. 2014.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., Damon Mayrl, and Samuel Stroope. "Do Marriage and Childrearing Bring Young Adults Back to Religion? Evidence from the Add Health Study." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA. 2013.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., Samuel Stroope, and W. Matthew Henderson. "Religion, Parenting Stress, and Parenting Satisfaction." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY. 2013.
- Whitehead, Andrew L. and Samuel Stroope. Small Groups and Civic Engagement: Examining Congregational Context. Presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, Boston, MA. 2013.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Neighborhood Perception and Health among Older Mexican Americans." Presented at the 2012 International Conference on Aging in the Americas. Los Angeles, CA. 2012 (Competitive Funding Awarded).

- Stroope, Samuel. "Men's Honor and Women's Health: Dowry in India and Gender Differences in Morbidity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, CO. 2012.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Community Context, Gender, and Health in India." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Denver, CO. 2012.
- Stroope, Jessica L., Emily Cunningham, Samuel Stroope, M. Renée Umstatt Meyer, and. "Measuring the Milk of Confidence: A Review of Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy Scales." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA. 2012.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Education and Religion: Congregational, Individual, and Cross-Level Interaction Effects on Biblical Literalism" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Las Vegas, NV. 2011.
- Stroope, Samuel. Participant at the Penn State Stratification and Social Change Conference. State College, PA. 2011.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Cultivating Gemeinschaft: Organizational Factors and a Sense of Belonging in Religious Congregations." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore, MD. 2010.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Exploring the Religious Landscape of India." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO. 2009.
- Stroope, Samuel, Scott Draper, and Andrew Whitehead. "Theodicy and the Gods: The Role of God Concepts in Life Purpose." Presented at the Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture. Waco, TX. 2009.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Religion in India: Social Sources and Contexts of Religiosity in a Modernizing Society." Presented at the Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture. Waco, TX. 2009.
- Stroope, Samuel. "Friends at Church: Religious Participation and Identification." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA. 2009.
- Stroope, Samuel. Participant at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Louisville, KY. 2008.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- Huffington Post* April 11, 2017 "Faith and health: Who suffers most when TV goes low on religion?"
- The Today Show* (NBC TV Program) Feb 24, 2015 "Married Sex Gets Better in the Golden Years"
- New York Times* February 23, 2015 "Married Sex Gets Better in the Golden Years"
- Huffington Post* February 19, 2015 "Married Couples' Sex Lives Rebound—After 50 Years, Study Finds"
- Men's Health* April 1, 2015 "Couples Have More Sex After 50 Years Together"
- Washington Times* January 12, 2015 "Portly pastors: Study finds over a third of America's clergy are obese due to stress, long hours"
- Washington Post* April 18, 2014 "Inequality, belief and elections in India"
- Huffington Post* September 22, 2013 "Does Religion Increase or Decrease Parental Stress?"
- America Magazine* February 27, 2012 "Help From Our Friends"
- World News* February 1, 2012 "Getting pious with a little help from our friends"
- St. Louis American* August 25, 2011 "Sociologist studies impact of education on religion"

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociology of Health and Illness (graduate level) – Louisiana State University
Sociology of Medicine (undergraduate level) – Louisiana State University
Methods of Social Investigation (graduate level) – Louisiana State University
Proseminar in Sociology (graduate level) – Louisiana State University
Sociology of Religion (graduate level) – Louisiana State University
Sociology of Religion (undergraduate level) – Louisiana State University
Criminology (undergraduate level) – Baylor University
Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate level) – Baylor University

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Ph.D. committee chair: 4

Joseph Clark (-2019; co-chair)
Leah Drakeford (current)
Danequa Forrest (-2021)
Ramazan Aydogdu (2020; co-chair)

M.A. committee chair: 2

Leah Drakeford (2016)
Danequa Forrest (2018)
Katie Cali (current)

Ph.D. committee member: 11

1. Kate Austin (Kinesiology)
2. Ramazan Aydogdu (2019)
3. Wei-Cheng Chiu (current)
4. Isaiah Cohen (-2020)
5. Kayla Fontenot (-2015)
6. Win Guan (-2015)
7. Hyojung Kim (-2019)
8. Barnali Mazumdar (-2021, Communication Sciences & Disorders)
9. John McEwen (-2014, Geography & Anthropology)
10. Kasia Plessy (-2019, Psychology)
11. Muhammed Yildiz (-2019)

M.A. committee member: 14

1. Becca Bock (2020-)
2. Chelsea Adams (past member)
3. John Aggrey (current)
4. Don Asay (past member)
5. Ramazan Aydogdu (-2016)
6. Wei-Cheng Chiu (-2015)
7. Joseph Clark (-2015)
8. James W. Jordan (current)
9. Kathryn Keating (-2018)
10. Shana Khan (-2015)

11. Hyojung Kim (2015)
12. Elizabeth Marks (2016)
13. Cristian Nunez (past member)
14. Ugur Orak (2015)
15. Mohammed Yildiz (2015)

SERVICE

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

Editorial Board Member, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, 2016-present.

Program Review Committee, Louisiana State University, 2021-present.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2019.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2016.

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2016-2019.

Manship Summer Research Fellowship Reviewer, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University, 2016.

Instructional Impact Committee, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University, 2015.

Awards and Enhancement Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2014-2015.

Metrics and Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2013-2015.

Chair, Roland Pellegrin Outstanding Student Award Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2015.

Graduate Policy and Admissions Committee, Louisiana State University, 2013-2015.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2014.

Ad Hoc Reviewer:

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Demography, European Sociological Review, Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion, International Journal of Happiness and Development, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Aging and Health, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Religion and Health, National Science Foundation (NSF), Religions, Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion, Research on Aging, Review of Religious Research, Social Currents, Social Problems, Social Forces, Sociological Forum, Social Science & Medicine, Social Science Research, Society and Mental Health, Sociological Spectrum, Sociology of Religion, Socius, Spatial Demography