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POSITIONS

2019 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston

EDUCATION

2019 - PhD, Sociology, University of Minnesota

2015 - MA, Sociology, University of Minnesota

2012 - BA, Political Theory/Social Relations and Policy, Michigan State University

RESEARCH AREAS

Political & Cultural Sociology, Civic Engagement, Religion, Public Opinion
Survey, Quantitative, & Computational Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Stewart, Evan, Katsyris Rivera-Kientz, and Timothy Dacey. "Mapping Racial and Ethnic Variation in Climate Belief Networks." Conditionally Accepted at *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Rajasekar, Neeraj, Evan Stewart, and Douglas Hartmann. "'Principle-Policy and Principle-Personal Gaps in Americans' Diversity Attitudes." Conditionally Accepted at *Du Bois Review*.

Silcox, Joseph W., and Evan Stewart. 2024. "The Professionalization of Stigma: The Novel Case of Recovery Coaching." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 18(1):204–21. doi:
[10.1177/19367244231218696](https://doi.org/10.1177/19367244231218696).

Stewart, Evan. 2023. "Rethinking Religion & Political Participation: The Case of Voting Among Religiously Unaffiliated Americans." *Sociology of Religion*. Online First
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Stewart, Evan, Penny Edgell, and Jack Delehanty. 2023. "Public Religion and Gendered Attitudes." *Social Problems*. Online First <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spad012>

Stewart, Evan, and Diane Beckman. 2023. "Shifting or Settled? Tracking Racial Animus During COVID-19." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 86(3): 312–333.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725231177637>

Dacey, Timothy, and Evan Stewart. 2023. "The Green Elephants in the Room: Perceived Environmental Harm and Support for Regulation Among Republicans." *Sociological Inquiry* 93(2):250–72. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12511>

Kucinkas, Jaime, and Evan Stewart. 2022. "Selfish or Substituting Spirituality? Clarifying the Relationship between Spiritual Practice and Political Engagement." *American Sociological Review* 87(4):584–617. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00031224221108196>

**Equal Authorship – author order alphabetical by last name

Rajasekar, Neeraj, Evan Stewart, and Joseph Gerteis. 2022. "Assessing Local 'Diversity': A Nationally Representative Analysis." *Social Currents* 9(2):139–58. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965211021644>

Stewart, Evan, and Douglas Hartmann. 2020. "The New Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere." *Sociological Theory* 38(2): 170–191. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0735275120926205>

Edgell, Penny, Evan Stewart, Sarah Catherine Billups, and Ryan Larson. 2020. "The Stakes of Symbolic Boundaries." *The Sociological Quarterly* 61(2):309–33. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2019.1625736>

Delehanty, Jack, Penny Edgell, and Evan Stewart. 2019. "Christian America? Secularized Evangelical Discourse and the Boundaries of National Belonging." *Social Forces* 97(3):1283–1306. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy080>

Stewart, Evan, Penny Edgell, and Jack Delehanty. 2018. "The Politics of Religious Prejudice and Tolerance for Cultural Others." *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(1):17–39. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2017.1383144>

Edgell, Penny, Jacqui Frost, and Evan Stewart. 2018. "From Existential to Social Understandings of Risk: Examining Gender Differences in Nonreligion." *Social Currents* 4(6):556–74. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496516686619>

Edgell, Penny, Douglas Hartmann, Evan Stewart, and Joseph Gerteis. 2016. "Atheists and Other Cultural Outsiders: Moral Boundaries and the Non-Religious in the United States." *Social Forces* 95(2):607–38. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/sow063>

Edited Volumes

Stewart, Evan, Jacqui Frost, and Penny Edgell, eds. 2017. "Special Issue: Intersectionality and Power." *Secularism and Non-Religion*. 6(1).

Book Chapters, Essays, & Reviews

Stewart, Evan, Tim Dacey, and Jaime Kucinkas. Forthcoming. "Lagged Identities and the Underestimated Civic Significance of Spirituality." Chapter in *The Social Significance of the Spiritual Turn*, edited by Dick Houtman and Galen Watts. Columbia University Press.

Brenner, Philip and Evan Stewart. Forthcoming. "Social Psychological Approaches to the Study of Religion at the Macro, Meso, and Micro Levels." Chapter in *Handbook of Social Psychology: Micro, Meso, and Macro Perspectives, Volume II*, edited by Jan Stets, Karen Hegtvedt, and Long Doan. Springer.

Stewart, Evan. Forthcoming. "Book Review: Isabella Kasselstrand, Phil Zuckerman, and Ryan T. Cragun. *Beyond Doubt: The Secularization of Society*." *Review of Religious Research*.

Stewart, Evan. 2022. "Interpreting Nonreligion." Pages 228-249 in *Interpreting Religion*, edited by Erin Johnston and Vikas Singh. Bristol, UK: Bristol University Press.

Stewart, Evan. 2022. "Review of *The Nones: Where They Came From, Who They Are, and Where They Are Going*, by Ryan P. Burge." *Sociology of Religion*. 83(1): 141-142.

Stewart, Evan. 2021. "Review of *None of the Above: Non-religious Identity in the U.S. and Canada* by Joel Thiessen and Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme." *Sociology of Religion* 82(2):241–242.

Stewart, Evan. 2016. "The True (Non)Believer? Atheism and the Atheistic in the United States" pp.137-160 in *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion Volume 7: Sociology of Atheism* edited by Roberto Cipriani and Franco Garelli. London: Brill

Stewart, Evan. 2016. "Simply White: Race, Politics, and Invisibility in Advertising Depictions of Farm Labor." pp. 130-147 in *Invisible Labor: Hidden Work in the Contemporary World* edited by Marion Crain, Winifred Poster and Miriam Cherry. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Public Writing

Johnna Flahive, Katsyris Rivera Kientz, Dlynzee Damas, Chris Watson, Evan Stewart, Ellen Douglas. 2023 "Who Counts in Climate Resilience? Transient Populations and Climate Resilience in Boston and Cape Cod, Massachusetts." University of Massachusetts, Boston Sustainable Solutions Lab. (<https://www.umb.edu/media/umassboston/editor-uploads/sustainable-solutions-lab/documents/Who-Counts-In-Climate-Resilience-Web.pdf>)

Stewart, Evan. 2023. "Not religious, not voting? The 'nones' are a powerful force in politics – but not yet a coalition." *The Conversation*. (<https://theconversation.com/not-religious-not-voting-the-nones-are-a-powerful-force-in-politics-but-not-yet-a-coalition-207584>)

Stewart, Evan, and Jaime Kucinkas. 2022. "Yoga versus democracy? What survey data says about spiritual Americans' political behavior." *The Conversation*. (<https://theconversation.com/yoga-versus-democracy-what-survey-data-says-about-spiritual-americans-political-behavior-187960>)

Stewart, Evan. 2022. "The Politics of Unaffiliated Americans." PRRI Research Spotlight (<https://www.prii.org/spotlight/the-politics-of-unaffiliated-americans/>)

Williams, Tarah, Nazita Lajevardi, Evan Stewart and Roy Whitaker. 2022. "Do many Americans believe in the 'great replacement' theory?" *Washington Post Monkey Cage*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/06/buffalo-shooting-replacement-theory-violence-whites-blacks-terrorism/>)

Stewart, Evan. Nazita Lajevardi, Roy Whitaker, and Tarah Williams. 2022. "What Does American Identity Mean? A Cultural Legacy of Pluralism and Exclusion." PRRI Research Spotlight

<https://www.ppri.org/spotlight/what-does-american-identity-mean-a-cultural-legacy-of-pluralism-and-exclusion/>)

Stewart, Evan. 2022. "Smoothing the Rough Places: Infrastructure as an Act of Secular Love." *OnlySky* (<https://onlysky.media/estewart/infrastructure-as-an-act-of-secular-love/>)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grants

2023 – Evan Stewart. Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Fellow. Social Science Research Council (\$11,110)

2022 - Evan Stewart. "The Culture of Climate Crisis: A Pilot Survey" UMB Endowed Faculty Early Career Development Award (\$4,500)

2022 - Amit Patel and Evan Stewart. "Making Sense of Climate Strikes: A Bottom-up Approach to Systematically Identify Policy Communication from Protesters' Placards." UMB Policy Across Disciplines Grant (\$5,000)

2021 - Evan Stewart and Jack Delehanty. "Public Religious Repertoires in the United States." Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers (\$29,754)

2021 - Ellen Douglas and Evan Stewart. "Including Transient Populations in Climate Resiliency" UMB Sustainable Solutions Lab Project Grant (\$48,402)

Fellowships

2021-2022 Public Fellow – Public Religion Research Institute

2021-2022 Religion & World Affairs Fellow – Boston University CURA Institute

2020 UMB Faculty Research Startup Funding (\$20,000)

2018 American Mosaic Project Graduate Research Project Proposal Fellowship (\$4,000)

2016 University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$23,000)

2015 University of Minnesota Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship (\$23,000)

Professional Development

2020 UMB Junior Faculty Research Seminar (\$500)

2019 SSSR Mentoring Program (\$1500 over three years)

AWARDS & HONORS

2018 Engaged Scholar Award, University of Minnesota Department of Sociology

2017 Outstanding Graduate Instructor, University of Minnesota Department of Sociology

2011 Phi Beta Kappa, Michigan State University

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Author Meets Critics. *The Spiritual Turn* by Galen Watts. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2022 Author Meets Critics. *Situating Spirituality* edited by Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, and Anna Sun. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion [Presenter and AMC Panel Coordinator].
- 2022 Author Meets Critics. *Taking America Back for God* by Andrew Whitehead and Sam Perry. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2021 “Relating Religious and Spiritual Practice to Civic and Political Engagement in the United States.” Hamilton College Sociology Faculty Colloquium
- 2020 “The New Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere.” Harvard Cultural Sociology Workshop.
- 2020 “Disbelievers in Democracy” MIT Secular Student Society
- 2020 Author Meets Critics: *Fear Itself: The Causes and Consequences of Fear in America* by Christopher D. Bader, Joseph O. Baker, L. Edward Day and Ann Gordon at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion [Canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 Author Meets Critics: *The Mindful Elite* by Jaime Kucinkas at Association for the Sociology of Religion [Canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 “Disbelievers in Democracy” MIT Secular Student Society [Canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 “Rethinking Religion and Political Participation.” Boston University CURA Colloquium
- 2019 “Understanding the Nonreligious” First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2023 “Working on your Soul: Irregular Work and the Changing American Civic Landscape.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2022 “Queer, Spiritual, But Not Religious. Spiritual Practice and Religious Switching Among LGB Respondents.” Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2022 “Public Religious Repertoires in the United States”
“Selfish or Substituting Spirituality?” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association.
- 2022 “Cultural Repertoires of Coming Out”
“Is Civic Engagement Routine, Ritual, or Recreational? Aspirational Social Behavior and COVID-19”
“Shifting or Settled? Tracking Racial Animus During COVID-19.” Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society
- 2021 “Sunday Morning Shits: Religious Practice in Time Use, 2003-2019”
“Resilient or Reticent? COVID-19 and Intended Return to Religious Services”
“Relating Religious and Spiritual Practice to Civic and Political Engagement in the United States.” Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2021 “Low Religion or No Religion? Improving Research with the Logic of Machine Learning.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association.

- 2020 “Reassessing Spiritual and Religious Resilience in Mental Health: A Model Robustness Approach.” Accepted for Society for the Scientific Study of Religion [Cancelled Due to COVID-19]
- 2020 “Rethinking Religion & Political Participation: Voting Among Nonreligious Americans.” Accepted for the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association [Cancelled Due to COVID-19]
- 2020 “Public Religion and Gendered Attitudes.” Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2019 “Public Religion as Cultural Repertoire: A Newer Paradigm for the Sociological Study of Religion.” Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Seminars

- Quantitative Methods (UMB – Two Semesters)
- Advanced Quantitative Methods (UMB – Three Semesters)
- Political Sociology (UMB – Fall, 2023)

Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to Sociology (UMB – Four Semesters)
- Social Statistics (UMB – Three Semesters; UMN – Two Semesters)
- Politics in the Digital Age (UMB – Two Semesters)

SERVICE

Service to Profession

- Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion*. January 2023-2025
- Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Religion*, Spring 2022
- Proposal Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, 2021-2023

Manuscripts reviewed for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Currents*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Gender & Society*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, *Society & Mental Health*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Socius*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, *Secularism & Nonreligion*

Departmental Service

- Department Personnel Committee, UMB Department of Sociology, 2022-2023
- Graduate Affairs Committee, UMB Department of Sociology, 2019-2023
- Hiring Committee, UMB Department of Sociology, 2020
- Social Psychology Committee, UMB Department of Sociology, 2019-2020

University Service

- UMB College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Committee, 2021-2023
- UMB University Research Computing Committee, 2021-2023
- UMB Quantitative Reasoning Committee, Spring 2021

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

- Editor and Principal Author, *Sociological Images*

Selected Media Coverage of Research

WBUR Radio Boston. “Christian nationalism and Massachusetts.” February 29, 2024.

Religion News Service. “Studies suggest spiritual practices may prompt people to get off the mat and engage.” August 18, 2022.

Washington Post Monkey Cage. “Do many Americans believe in the ‘great replacement’ theory?” June 6, 2022.

Religion News Service. “Can a tender-hearted president solve the Southern Baptists’ trust problem?” June 23, 2021.

FiveThirtyEight. “More And More Americans Aren’t Religious. Why Are Democrats Ignoring These Voters?” Sep. 17, 2020

The Syllabus, Issue #40: Featured Academic Article “The New Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere.” July 12, 2020

ThinkProgress. “How Trump’s presidency reveals the true nature of Christian nationalism” Sept. 13, 2017

CNN. “Secret cost of Islamophobia.” Nov. 15, 2016

Fusion. “For years, atheists were America’s most disliked religious group. Now, it’s Muslims.” Sept. 15, 2016

Huffington Post. “Muslims Are More Unpopular Than Atheists In The U.S.” Sept. 15, 2016

Sojourners. “Americans Still Distrust Atheists and Muslims. The Reasons Why Are Changing.” Sept. 15, 2016.

Religion News Service. “Muslims surpass atheists as most unpopular group in US.” Sept. 14, 2016.

ADVISING

Dr. Timothy Dacey, Assistant Professor of Sociology, SUNY Oswego

Dissertation Chair: “After The Disaster: Environmental Harm And Cultural Change”

Defended at University of Massachusetts Boston, 2024

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Association for the Sociology of Religion