

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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PhD in Sociology	University of Washington: 2003
MA in Sociology	University of Washington: 1999
MA in Philosophy	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee: 1992
BA in Russian	Grinnell College: 1990

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **Books:**

Froese, P. 2016. *On Purpose: How We Create the Meaning of Life*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Froese P. and Christopher Bader. 2015. *America's Four Gods: What We Say about God and What that Says about Us. Updated Edition* New York: Oxford University Press

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*\*\*Winner for the 2009 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR).*

## Peer-Reviewed Articles:

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- Froese, P. 2005. "'I am an Atheist and a Muslim': Ideological Competition and Accommodation in Central Asia" *Journal of Church and State*. 47(Summer): 473-503
- Froese, P. 2005. "Devout Czechs and Secular Slovaks" *Review of Religious Research* 46(3):269-283.
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### **Solicited Writing**

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Froese, P. 2013. "Forward: The artistry of Rodney Stark." *The Rodney Stark Reader*. Baylor University Press.

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Froese, P. and Steven Pfaff. 2003. "Polish Catholicism: Without its Communist Opponent, Less Monolithic" *East-West Church Ministry Report*. 11(1):10.

#### **Submitted Articles:**

Uecker, Jeremy and P. Froese. "Religious Individualism and Moral Progressivism." Revised and resubmitted to *Politics & Religion*.

Wang, Xuihua and P. Froese. "Religious Tolerance and the Status Quo in China" Submitted to *Social Forces*.

#### **Articles in Process:**

Froese, P., Xuihua Wang, and Murat Yilmaz. "Religion and Trust in Turkey, China, and the United States."

Ellison, Christopher and P. Froese. "Conservative Protestantism and Lay Beliefs about the Etiology of Mental Illness."

Fox, Jonathan, Kenneth Vaughan, and P. Froese. "The Plight of Religious Minorities in Eastern Europe."

Froese, P. and Xuihua Wang. "Global Existential Stratification."

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#### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2009 Outstanding Book Award for *The Plot to Kill God: Findings from the Soviet Experiment in Secularization*.
- (\$259,000) Co-Principal Investigator on the *God in America qualitative interview project*.  
Dates: June 2007 – January 2009
- (\$718,000) Co-Principal Investigator on the *Baylor Survey of Religious Values and Behavior*. Dates: January 2005 – January 2012
- (\$3,000) University Research Committee Grant  
Dates: June 2006 – August 2006

#### PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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Froese, P. and Jeremy Uecker. “The Power of Prayer and the 2017 Presidential Election.” Presented at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference October 2017 in Washington D.C.

Froese, P., Park, Jerry, and Lindsay Wilkinson. “American Values, Mental Health, and using Technology in the age of Trump.” Presented at the Religion Newswriters Conference September 2017 in Nashville.

Froese, P. “Author Meets Critics: On Purpose.” At the American Sociological Association’s annual conference in 2017 in Montreal, Canada.

Froese, P. “Competing Global Purposes.” Presented at the Word and Note Symposium. Wichita, Kansas. February 2016.

Froese, P. “How We Find our Purpose in Life.” Presented at the Word and Note Symposium. Wichita, Kansas. February 2016.

Froese, P. “Revisiting America’s Four Gods.” Presented at the Word and Note Symposium. Wichita, Kansas. February 2016.

Froese, P. “Teaching the Sociology of Religion.” Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference October 2015.

F. Carson Mencken and P. Froese. “In the Valley of the Gun: Measuring America’s Gun Culture.” Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference November 2014.

- Froese, P. and Bob Thomson. "God, Party, and Retributive Justice." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference November 2014.
- Froese, P. "The global politics of God." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference October 2013.
- Froese, P. and Steven Pfaff. "The Religious Divide Revisited: Subjective Secularization, Images of God, and American Exceptionalism." Presented at the *Lichtenbergkolleg Workshop* in Berlin, Germany. June 2012.
- Froese, P. "Religion and American Politics from a Global Perspective." Presented at the Religion and Politics Conference at the Jackson School of International Studies in Seattle, Wa. October 2011.
- Froese, P. "God, Rick Perry, and depression." Presented at the Religion's Newswriters Conference in Durham, NC. September 2011.
- Froese, P. "Conservatives are realists and liberals are idealists? Think again." Presented at Texas Newswriters Conference in Waco, TX. September 2011.
- Froese, P. "Revisiting Secularization for the Nth time." Presented at the Conference for the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture in Indianapolis, IN. June 2010.
- Froese, P. "God around the World" Presented at the Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture in Washington, DC April 2011.
- Froese, P. "The effects of God and the Christian World" Presented at the BRIC conference hosted by the Institute for Studies of Religion, October 2010.
- Froese, P. "Best Practices in the Study of Religion" Presented at the Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture in Washington, DC April 2009.
- Froese, P. "Islam and Communism: A Match made in Heaven?" Presented at the Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture in Washington, DC April 2009.
- Froese, P. and Christopher Bader. "Science and Religion: Conflict or Convergence?" Presented at the Southwestern University February 2009.
- Froese, P. and Jiexia Elisa Zhai, "Faith in China: the success of secularization and the failure of communist ideology" Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference October 2008.
- Froese, P. "Predicting Attitudes about the Iraq War" Presented to the National Association of State Legislators Conference in Boston, MA August 2007.

- Froese, P. "The Effects of Sacralization Ideology on Political Attitudes" Presented to the National Association of State Legislators in Austin, TX January 2007.
- Froese, P. "Why Theology is not Simply the Concern of Philosophers" Presented at the Society for the Study of Religion in Portland OR, October 2006.
- Froese, P. "Soviet Communism as a Religion?" Presented at the Society for the Study of Religion in Portland OR, October 2006.
- Froese, P. "American Piety 2005." Presented at the Press Club in Washington, DC. September 2006.
- Froese, P. "America's Four Gods." Presented at the Religion Writers News Conference in Salt Lake City, September 2006.
- Bader, Christopher and P. Froese. "God's Influence around the World" Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2004.
- Froese P. "Failing to Kill God" Featured speaker at the Politics and Religion Seminar at Harvard University, September 2004.
- Froese, P, and Steven Pfaff. "Explaining a Religious Anomaly" at the Religion and Politics symposium at Calvin College, April 2004.
- Froese, P. "Islam's Ability to Accommodate: Ideological Competition in Central Asia" at the Southern Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta. April 2004.
- Froese, P., and Christopher Bader. "Measuring Religious Differences" at the Southern Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta. April 2004.
- Froese, P. "Eastern Europe and the Secularization Debate." Presented at New York University's Conference entitled Religion in Modern Societies. April 2004.
- Pfaff, Steven and P. Froese. "Explaining religious persistence under Communism." Presented at the annual meeting of the Social History Association, November 2003.
- Froese, P and Steven Pfaff. "Religious demand: a model of secularization" Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2003.
- Froese, P. "Religious Persistence: Evidence from the Soviet Union." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 2002.



Froese, P. "The Rise and Fall of Scientific Atheism." Presented at Yale University's sponsored graduate student retreat for Social Comparative Research, May 2002.

Burstein, Paul; Bauldry, Shawn, and P. Froese. "Public Opinion and Congressional Support for Policy Change." Presented at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 2001.

Froese, P. "Evaluating State Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities." Presented at the Washington State Disability Conference, August 1997.

Froese, P and Phillip Terry. "Research Methods to Interview Persons with Developmental Disabilities." Presented at Senior Management Conference for the Department of Social and Human Services of Washington State, December 1996.

## MENTORING

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### Chaired PhD Dissertations:

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Joshua Tom	2015	<i>Religion and Interracial Marriage</i>
Ashley Palmer	2014	<i>Romantic Partner Selection in a Religious Marriage Market</i>
Aaron Franzen	2014	<i>The Role of Belief and Values in Directing Clinical Conversations</i>
Samuel Stroope	2013	<i>Health Disparities in India: The Role of Gender, Family, And Culture</i>
Scott Draper	2012	<i>Effervescence and Solidarity in Religious Organizations</i>
Alessandra Gonzalez	2011	<i>Variations in the Sociology of Islam and Gender</i>

### Chaired MA Theses:

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Xiuhua Wang	2015	<i>Explaining Christianity in China</i>
Murat Yilmaz	2015	<i>Religion and Trust: Turkish Case</i>
Kenneth Vaughan, Jr.	2015	<i>Who Benefits from Consociationalism? Evidence from Lebanon</i>
Paul McClure, Jr.	2014	<i>Tinkering with Technology and Religion in the Digital Age.</i>
Brita Andercheck	2013	<i>The Religiosity of Latino, Latino and Angelo Catholics in America</i>
Joshua Tom	2012	<i>Social Origins of Scientific Deviance</i>
Lindsay Morrow	2011	<i>The Gods Must be making Us Crazy: The Effect of God Concepts on Mental Health</i>
Aaron Franzen	2011	<i>Reading the American Bible: Its Role in Liberal Morality Criminal Justice Attitudes</i>
Samuel Stroope	2010	<i>Caste, Class, and City: The Shaping of Religious Social Capital in India</i>
Scott Draper	2009	<i>Dogmatic Orientations toward Worldly and Otherworldly Authority</i>
Alessandra Gonzalez	2008	<i>Islam, Sex, and Sect: A Quantitative Look at Women's Rights in the Middle East</i>

## COURSES

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- *Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)*
- *Survey of Sociology (Writing Intensive Undergraduate Course)*
- *Capstone Sociology Colloquium (Undergraduate)*
- *Sociology of Religion (Undergraduate and Graduate)*
- *Historical Methods (Graduate)*
- *Comparative Sociology (Graduate)*
- *Social Movements (Graduate)*
- *Contemporary Social Theory (Undergraduate and Graduate)*
- *Professionalization Seminar (Graduate)*

## REFERENCES

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