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EDUCATION

Duke University | Ph.D., Sociology

University of Chicago | M.A., Social Science

University of California at Berkeley | B.S., Industrial Engineering

APPOINTMENTS

Indiana University | O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs

Professor of Management, Data Science, and Philanthropy, 2026 – Present

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology

Affiliate Faculty, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society

Affiliate Faculty, Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering

Affiliate Faculty, Islamic Studies Program

Associate Professor of Management, Data Science, and Philanthropy, 2020 – 2026

Assistant Professor of Management, Data Science, and Philanthropy, 2015 – 2020

Johns Hopkins University | SNF Agora Institute | Faculty Affiliate 2025 – Present

Tableau | Academic Ambassador, 2024 – Present

GivingTuesday | Academic Research Partner, 2023 – Present

Trinity Church Wall Street | Leadership Fellows Instructor, 2023 – Present

Faith & Prejudice Institute | Director, 2021 – 2024

Aspen Institute | Fellow, 2020 – 2023

EDITORIAL BOARDS

American Journal of Sociology, Consulting Editor, 2021 – 2023

Social Service Review, External Review Board Member, 2021 – 2026

Sociology of Religion, Editorial Board Member, 2019 – 2026

BOOKS

2026 Fulton, Brad R. and Richard L. Wood. *Bridging Social Divides: How Community Coalitions Strengthen Social Cohesion in a Polarized Society*. **Oxford University Press** ([forthcoming](#)).

2015 Wood, Richard L. and Brad R. Fulton. *A Shared Future: Faith-Based Organizing for Racial Equity and Ethical Democracy*. **University of Chicago Press**. [\[Link\]](#)

* 2016 Outstanding Book Award | Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

* 2016 Social Issues Dissertation Award – Finalist | Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

* 2015 Byran Jackson Dissertation Research on Minority Politics Award | Urban Politics Section | APSA

* 2013 Most Promising Dissertation Award | Management, Spirituality, and Religion Division | AOM

* 2013 Dissertation Proposal Competition – Finalist | Organization Science / INFORMS

* Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *American Academy of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, and three other academic journals

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

[§] Student/Post-doc at time of initial collaboration

- 2025 Fulton, Brad R. and David P. King. "Using Google Maps to Generate Organizational Sampling Frames." *Sociological Methods & Research* (online first). [\[Link\]](#)
* 2023 ARNOVA | Data & Analytics Section Award
- 2025 Baggetta, Matthew, Brad R. Fulton, Renzo de la Riva Aguero, and Dereke Richardson. "The Diversity Layer: The Role of Coalitions among Civil Society Organizations" *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (online first). [\[Link\]](#)
- 2025 Lee, Young-joo, David P. King, and Brad R. Fulton. "Barriers Inhibiting Women's Path to the Pulpit and Gender Gap in Compensation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 64:265-78. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2025 King, David P., Mark Sampson, and Brad R. Fulton. "Exploring Theologies of Money: Religious Leaders' Use of Stewardship, Its Strengths, and Limitations." *Religions* 16:124-38. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2024 Ressler, Robert[§], Brad R. Fulton, and Pamela Paxton. "Activity and Identity: Uncovering Multiple Institutional Logics in the Nonprofit Sector." *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 53:560-75. [\[Link\]](#)
* 2024 NVSQ Editors' Choice Recognition
* Reported on by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2024 Williams, Andrew L.[§], David P. King, and Brad R. Fulton. "Politics and Preaching: How Religious Elites Justify Addressing or Avoiding Political Topics." *Politics and Religion* 17:627-47. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2023 Fulton, Brad R. and Marc Doussard. "Sustaining the Grassroots: How Community Organizations Mitigate the Downsides of Collaborating with Unions." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 45:835-54. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2023 Wood, Richard L., Brad R. Fulton, and Rebecca Sager. "Strategic Alliances: The Political Efficacy of Religious-Secular Ties." *Mobilization* 28:279-300. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2023 Torres, Vanessa[§], Brad R. Fulton, Eunice Wong, and Kathryn P. Derosé. "Prevalence and Predictors of Substance Use Support Programming Among U.S. Religious Congregations." *Journal of Drug Issues* 53:581-601. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2022 Fulton, Brad R. and Matthew Baggetta. "Observing Civic Engagement: Using Systematic Social Observation to Study Civil Society Organization Convenings." *Voluntas* 33:1187-95. [\[Link\]](#)
* 2024 Top ranked article in *Voluntas* for receiving attention from scholars, journalists, and policymakers
* 2018 Dugan Research Award on Philanthropic Impact (Award/Grant) | ARNOVA & Charity Navigator
- 2022 Ralph, Allison K., Brad R. Fulton, and Samuel Allen[§]. "Faith-Based Public Foundations: Identifying the Field and Assessing its Impact." *The Foundation Review* 14:21-32. [\[Link\]](#)
* 2022 Alteryx Excellence Award | Best Example of Using Data for Good
- 2022 Austin, Thad[§], David P. King, Jon Bergdoll, and Brad R. Fulton. "Defining and Estimating the Scope of U.S. Faith-Based International Humanitarian Aid Organizations" *Voluntas* 33:970-89. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2022 Baggetta, Matthew, Brad R. Fulton, and Zoe Caplan[§]. "Space and Interaction in Civil Society Organizations: An Exploratory Study in a U.S. City." *Social Inclusion* 10:1-12. [\[Link\]](#)

- 2022 Fulton, Brad R., Ipek Bilgen, Vicki Pineau, Lindsay Liebert, and David King, and J. Michael Dennis. "Evaluating Nonresponse Bias for a Hypernetwork Sample Generated from a Probability-Based Household Panel." *Journal of Quantitative Methods* 6:1-25. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2022 Gazley, Beth, Brad R. Fulton, Wesley Zebrowski[§], and David P. King. "Giving and Going: U.S. Congregational Participation in Disaster Response." *Nonprofit Management & Leadership* 33:157-78. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Reported on by the *Washington Post* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2021 Fulton, Brad R. "Engaging Differences: How Socially Diverse Organizations Can Mobilize Their Resources More Effectively." *Social Forces* 99:1518-46. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Reported on by the *Washington Post* and *Religion News Service* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2021 Fulton, Brad R. "Bridging and Bonding: Disentangling Two Mechanisms Underlying the Diversity-Performance Relationship." *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 50:54-76. [\[Link\]](#)
- * 2022 Outstanding Article Award | *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*
- 2020 Yukich, Grace[†], Brad R. Fulton[†], and Richard L. Wood ([†] joint first authors). "Representative Group Styles: How Ally Immigrant Rights Organizations Promote Immigrant Involvement." *Social Problems* 67:488-506. [\[Link\]](#)
- * 2021 Outstanding Article Award | Altruism, Morality & Social Solidarity Section | Am. Sociological Assoc.
- * 2017 Jack Shand Research Award/Grant (for proposed project) | Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- * 2016 Association Management Research Award/Grant | American Society of Association Executives
- 2020 Doussard, Marc and Brad R. Fulton. "Organizing Together: Identifying Benefits and Drawbacks of Community-Labor Coalitions for Community Organizing Efforts." *Social Service Review* 94:36-74. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Fulton, Brad R. "Religious Organizations: Crosscutting the Nonprofit Sector" in *The Nonprofit Sector: A Research Handbook*, 3rd edition, edited by Walter W. Powell and Patricia Bromley. **Stanford University Press**. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Chapter reviewed in *Philanthropy Daily* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Markofski, Wes[§], Brad R. Fulton, and Richard L. Wood. "Secular Evangelicals: Faith-Based Organizing and Four Modes of Public Religion." *Sociology of Religion* 81:158-84. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Reported on by the *Washington Post* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Adler, Gary J., Brad R. Fulton, and Catherine Hoegeman. "Survey Data Collection Methods and Discrepancy in the Sociological Study of Religious Congregations." *Sociology of Religion* 81:371-412. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2019 Florez, Karen, Brad R. Fulton, and Kathryn Derose. "National Trends in Food Insecurity and Congregation-Based Food Provision between 1998 and 2012." *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 58:265-80. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Reported on by the *Washington Post* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2019 Munday, Peter[§], David P. King, and Brad R. Fulton. "The Economic Practices of U.S. Congregations: A Review of Current Research and Future Opportunities." *Social Compass* 66:400-17. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Covered by the *Religion News Service* [\[Link\]](#)

- 2019 Fulton, Brad R., Michelle Oyakawa[‡], and Richard L. Wood (authors contributed equally). “Critical Standpoint: Leaders of Color Advancing Racial Equality in Predominantly White Organizations.” *Nonprofit Management & Leadership* 30:255-76. [\[Link\]](#)
- * 2021 Editors’ Prize for Best Article | *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*
 - * 2017 Felice Perlmutter Best Paper Award | Theories, Interests, and Boundaries Section | ARNOVA
 - * Featured in the *Nonprofit Quarterly* [\[Link\]](#)
 - * Reprinted in *Understanding Nonprofit Organizations: Governance, Leadership, and Management*, edited by Lisa Dicke and Steven Ott. 2023. Taylor & Francis. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2018 Fulton, Brad R. “Organizations and Survey Research: Implementing Response Enhancing Strategies and Conducting Nonresponse Analyses.” *Sociological Methods & Research* 47:240-76. [\[Link\]](#)
- * 2014 Academy of Management | Research Methods Division – Best Paper Proceedings
- 2018 Wong, Eunice C., Brad R. Fulton, and Kathryn P. Derosé. “Prevalence and Predictors of Mental Health Programs among U.S. Congregations.” *Psychiatric Services* 69:154-160. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Covered by Salon.com [\[Link\]](#) and Religion News Service [\[Link\]](#)
 - * Featured article on the *From the Pages to Practice* podcast [\[Link\]](#)
- 2018 Williams, Malcolm V., Kathryn P. Derosé, Ann Haas, Beth Ann Griffin, and Brad R. Fulton. “Religious Congregations Addressing HIV: Examining Predictors of Different Types of Congregational HIV Activities.” *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services* 17:290-312. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2018 Fulton, Brad R. and Richard L. Wood. “Civil Society Organizations and the Enduring Role of Religion in Promoting Democratic Engagement.” *Voluntas* 29:1068-79. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2017 Fulton, Brad R. “Fostering Muslim Civic Engagement through Faith-Based Community Organizing.” *Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society* 1:23-39. [\[Link\]](#)
- * 2013 ARNOVA President’s Award for Nonprofit Research | ARNOVA and RGK Center
- 2017 Fulton, Brad R. and Richard L. Wood. “Achieving and Leveraging Diversity through Faith-Based Organizing” pp. 29-55 in *Religion and Progressive Activism*, edited by Ruth Braunstein, Todd Nicholas Fuist, and Rhys H. Williams. New York University Press. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2016 Fulton, Brad R. “Network Ties and Organizational Action: Explaining Variation in Social Service Provision Patterns.” *Management and Organizational Studies* 3:1-20. [\[Link\]](#)
- * 2013 Best Student Paper Award | Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2016 Fulton, Brad R. “Trends in Addressing Social Needs: A Longitudinal Study of Congregation-Based Service Provision and Political Participation.” *Religions* 7:51-67. [\[Link\]](#)
- * Reported on by the *New York Times* [\[Link\]](#), *Washington Post* [\[Link\]](#), and *Chicago Tribune* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2015 Williams, Malcolm V., Laura Bogart, Kathryn P. Derosé, Brad R. Fulton, Beth Ann Griffin, Ann Haas, and David Kanouse. “Predictors of Congregational HIV Programs: Similarities and Differences Compared with Other Health Programs.” *American Journal of Health Promotion* 29:225-35. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2014 Braunstein, Ruth[‡], Brad R. Fulton, and Richard L. Wood (authors contributed equally). “The Role of Bridging Cultural Practices in Racially and Socioeconomically Diverse Civic Organizations.” *American Sociological Review* 79:705-25. [\[Link\]](#)

- * 2016 Clifford Geertz Best Article Award | Sociology of Culture Section | Am. Sociological Association
- * 2015 Dennis Gouran Award for Outstanding Research | National Communication Association
- * Featured in the *Washington Post* [\[Link\]](#), *New York Magazine* [\[Link\]](#), and *Huffington Post* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2012 Fulton, Brad R. and Richard L. Wood. “Interfaith Community Organizing: Emerging Theological and Organizational Challenges.” *International Journal of Public Theology* 6:398-420. [\[Link\]](#)
 - * Translated into German and reprinted in *Community Organizing Eine Einführung* edited by Tobias Meier, Leo Penta, and Andreas Richter. 2022. Basel, Switzerland: Beltz Juventa,
 - * Reprinted in *Yours the Power: Faith-Based Organizing in the USA*, edited by Katie Day. 2013. Boston: Brill.
- 2011 Fulton, Brad R. “Black Churches and HIV/AIDS: Factors Influencing Congregations’ Responsiveness to Social Issues.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50:617-30. [\[Link\]](#)
 - * 2011 Student paper award (2nd place) | Health Policy Division | Society for the Study of Social Problems

DATASETS

- Fulton, Brad R. 2024. Foundation-Grantee Network of the U.S. Nonprofit Sector. Indiana University.
- * 2022 Alteryx Excellence Award | Best Example of Using Data for Good
- Fulton, Brad R. and David King. 2023. *Google Maps Sampling Frame of U.S. Congregations*. Indiana University.
- * 2023 ARNOVA | Data & Analytics Section Award
- Fulton, Brad R. 2021. *National Study of Public and Private Foundations: Datafile*. Indiana University.
- Fulton, Brad R. and David P. King. 2018. *National Study of Congregations' Economic Practices: Survey Datafile*. Indiana University.
- Fulton, Brad R., Richard L. Wood, and Interfaith Funders. 2011. *National Study of Community Organizing Organizations: Datafile*. Duke University.
- * 2013 American Sociological Association | Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology
Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement – Honorable Mention

RESEARCH GRANTS & CONTRACTS

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|------|--|-----------|
| 2026 | Nathan Cummings Foundation Racial Justice and Racial Wealth Gap Program
Philanthropic Redlining: Addressing Structural Racism in Foundation Giving (under review) | \$250,000 |
| 2026 | Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Trust for Civic Life
Observing, Surveying, and Analyzing Civic Life in Rural U.S. Communities
(w/ co-PIs Matthew Baggetta and Claire Woodward) | \$100,000 |
| 2026 | Fidelity Charitable Catalyst Fund
Intermediaries and End-Users: Mapping the Flow of Philanthropic Funding | \$205,000 |
| 2026 | DAFgiving360 (formerly Schwab Charitable)
Constructing a Typology of Grant Makers, Grant Recipients, and Grants | \$300,000 |
| 2026 | Richard L. Duchossois Foundation
Mapping Chicagoland’s Nonprofit Ecosystem and
Identifying the Field of Veteran-Serving Foundations and Nonprofits | \$150,000 |

2026	Lilly Endowment Inc. National Storytelling Initiative (w/ co-PIs Chad Brennan and Jon Houghton)	\$4,999,500
2026	Fidelity Charitable Catalyst Fund Identifying Philanthropy Deserts and Seeding Oases in the Black Belt Region	\$55,000
2026	Center on Rural Innovation Mapping the Field of Philanthropy in Rural America	\$30,000
2026	Amazon Web Services Accelerating Research Innovation via AWS Sandbox Experimenting with Language Models to Classify the Field of Nonprofit Organizations	In Kind
2026	Indiana University Office for Research Development Bridge Grant Observing Civic Engagement (w/ co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$75,000
2025	Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Trust for Civic Life Observing Civic Engagement in Rural U.S. Communities (w/ co-PIs Matthew Baggetta and Claire Woodward)	\$414,000
2025	Lilly Endowment Inc. Rural and Small Towns Initiative (co-PI with Indiana University's Center for Rural Engagement)	\$1,425,863
2025	Lake Institute on Faith & Giving National Study of Congregations' Economic Practices (Wave II)	\$79,526
2025	Entrepreneurship Funders Network Identifying and Mapping the Field of Foundations that Fund Entrepreneurial Activity	\$26,000
2025	Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky Comparing Grantmaking to the Central Appalachia Region with the S.F. Bay Area	\$22,000
2025	RGK Center ARNOVA President's Award for Nonprofit Research Philanthropic Redlining: Examining How Structural Racism Shapes Foundation Giving	\$20,000
2025	Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development Research Fund Mapping the Distribution of U.S. Philanthropic Funding Outside the U.S.	\$4,500
2024	AmeriCorps National Service and Civic Engagement Research Observing Civic Engagement & Assessing Civic Infrastructure (Phase 3) (w/ co-PIs Matthew Baggetta and Julie Beasley)	\$904,265
2024	National Science Foundation Civic Innovation Challenge Philanthropy Deserts: Identifying and Addressing Mismatches between Charitable Giving and Community Need (w/ Bridgespan, Independent Sector, and Trust for Civic Life)	\$74,975
2024	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Decision-Making in Civil Society Organizations (w/ co-PIs Matthew Baggetta and Julie Beasley (PhD candidate))	\$29,323
2024	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Health-related Philanthropy Deserts: Maternal Health, Mental Health, & Substance Use	\$10,000

2024	Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Faculty Research Grant Philanthropy Deserts: Examining How Structural Racism Shapes Charitable Giving	\$12,150
2024	Indiana University Vice Provost for Research Social Sciences Research Funding Program Philanthropy Deserts: Examining How Structural Racism Shapes Charitable Giving	\$30,000
2023	AmeriCorps National Service and Civic Engagement Research Observing Civic Engagement & Assessing Civic Infrastructure (Phase 2) (w/ co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$249,997
2022	Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE) Faith in Democracy Fund Identifying and Comparing Faith-Based and Secular Private Foundations (w/ co-PI Allison Ralph)	\$50,000
2022	AmeriCorps National Service and Civic Engagement Research Observing Civic Engagement & Assessing Civic Infrastructure (Phase 1) (w/ co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$199,968
2021	Aspen Institute Mapping the Entire Network of U.S. Foundations and Grantees Funding to purchase proprietary data on private foundations	\$3,500
2020	Indiana University Vice Provost for Research Social Sciences Research Funding Program Observing Civic Engagement: Measuring the Internal Dynamics of Organizations and Assessing Their Impact on Organizational Outcomes (with co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$40,000
2019	AmeriCorps Observing Civic Engagement How Internal Dynamics Influence Volunteering and Civic Engagement Outcomes (w/ co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$145,788
2018	Lilly Endowment Inc. Indiana Data Partnership Project Developing a Collaborative Support Network for Human Service Provision (co-PI with the State of Indiana's Management Performance Hub)	\$2,996,185
2018	Corporation for National and Community Service Observing Civic Engagement The Effects of Internal Dynamics on Organizational Outcomes (w/ co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$146,651
2017	Lilly Endowment Inc. National Study of Congregations' Economic Practices (w/ co-PI David King)	\$1,670,000
2017	Corporation for National and Community Service What Happens in Organizations? The Effects of Internal Dynamics on Organizational Outcomes (w/ co-PI Matthew Baggetta)	\$144,000
2017	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Jack Shand Research Grant Immigrant Rights Organizations and the Challenge of Involving Immigrants (w/ co-PIs Grace Yukich and Richard Wood)	\$2,500
2016	American Society of Association Executives Assoc. Management Research Grant Increasing Representation among Underrepresented Groups (w/ co-PIs Grace Yukich and Richard Wood)	\$7,500

2016	Lilly Endowment Inc. Planning Grant National Study of Congregations and Religious Giving (w/ David King)	\$104,102
2014	Henry Luce Foundation Research Travel Grant	\$2,000
2013	RGK Center ARNOVA President's Award for Nonprofit Research Bridging and Bonding: How Diversity Influences Organizational Effectiveness	\$10,000
2011	W.K. Kellogg Foundation, C.S. Mott Foundation, Needmor Fund, New York Foundation, Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (via Interfaith Funders) Research grant and fellowship to conduct the National Study of Community Organizing (NSCO)	\$100,000
2011	Hearst Foundation Research grant to conduct the NSCO	\$8,000
2011	Religious Research Association Jacquet Research Grant to conduct the NSCO	\$4,000
2011	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research grant to conduct the NSCO	\$3,000
2011	Duke University Linda K. George Research Grant to conduct the NSCO	\$2,000

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026	Insight into Academia Civic Engagement and Community Service Award (w/ Matthew Baggetta and the Observing Civic Engagement Lab)	
2026	Indiana University Generative AI Faculty Fellow	
2025	ARNOVA President's Award for Nonprofit Research	
2025	Tableau Academic Ambassador	
2024	Chief Data Officer Magazine 2024 Outstanding Academic Leader in Data	
2023	Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award	
2023	ARNOVA Data & Analytics Section Award (w/ David King)	
2023	Chief Data Officer Magazine 2023 Academic Data Leader	
2023	Faculty Academy on Excellence in Teaching Innovate Award Finalist	
2022	<i>Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly</i> Outstanding Article Award	
2022	Aspen Institute Religion & Society Program Fellowship	
2022	Alteryx Excellence Award Best Example of Using Data for Good	
2021	<i>Nonprofit Management & Leadership</i>	

- Editors' Prize for Best Article (w/ Michelle Oyakawa and Richard Wood)
- 2021 American Sociological Association | Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section
Outstanding Article Award (w/ Grace Yukich and Richard Wood)
- 2020 Aspen Institute | Inclusive America Project Fellowship
- 2018 ARNOVA | Charity Navigator Dugan Research Award on Philanthropic Impact (w/ Matt Baggetta)
- 2017 ARNOVA | Theories, Issues, & Boundaries Section
Felice Davidson Perlmutter Best Paper Award (w/ Michelle Oyakawa and Richard Wood)
- 2016 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Social Issues Dissertation Award (Finalist)
- 2016 American Sociological Association | Sociology of Culture Section
Clifford Geertz Best Article Award (w/ Ruth Braunstein and Richard Wood)
- 2016 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
Outstanding Book Award (w/ Richard Wood)
- 2015 National Communication Association | Group Communication Division
Dennis Gouran Research Award for Outstanding Article (w/ Ruth Braunstein and Richard Wood)
- 2015 American Sociological Association | Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section
James D. Thompson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
- 2015 American Political Science Association | Urban Politics Section
Byran Jackson Dissertation Research on Minority Politics Award
- 2015 Duke University | Office of the Provost
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award [[Link](#)]
Awarded annually to one member of Duke University to recognize excellence in character & service
- 2014 Duke University | Sanford School of Public Policy | Center for Philanthropy and Volunteerism
Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2014 Academy of Management | Research Methods Division
Best Paper Proceedings
- 2014 Duke University | Sociology Department
Graduate Student Teaching Award
Awarded annually to one graduate student to recognize excellence in teaching
- 2013 Duke University | Sociology Department
Vorsanger-Smith Scholar Award
Awarded annually to one graduate student to recognize overall excellence in the program
- 2013 Academy of Management | Management, Spirituality, and Religion Division
Most Promising Dissertation Award
- 2013 American Sociological Association | Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology
Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement – Honorable Mention

Awarded in recognition for conducting the National Study of Community Organizing

- 2013 ARNOVA | President's Award for Nonprofit Research
- 2013 Organization Science / Institute for Operations Research and Management Science (INFORMS)
Dissertation Proposal Competition (Finalist)
- 2013 ARNOVA | Doctoral Fellow
- 2013 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Best Student Paper Award
- 2013 Duke University | Graduate School
Anne Firor Scott Fellowship
Awarded annually to one graduate student who is engaged in public scholarship
- 2011 Society for the Study of Social Problems | Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
Student Paper Competition (2nd place)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Select)

- “Community Foundations and Rural Philanthropy”
Aspen Institute | Aspen Philanthropy Group | Aspen, CO | August 2026
- “Engaging Volunteers and Finding Funders”
Civic Champs | Monthly Training Webinar | (virtual) | June 2026
- “Identifying and Addressing Philanthropy Deserts”
Aspen Institute | Seminar for Mid-America Foundation CEOs | Aspen, CO | June 2026
- “The Philanthropic Sector and Civic Engagement”
GivingTuesday | Civic Intent Working Group | (virtual) | April 2026
- “Let's Pull Together: Co-Activating Black Faith Assets and Philanthropy for Community Power”
ABFE (Association of Black Foundation Executives) | Harambee Conference | San Francisco | April 2026
- “Mapping the Money: Tracking Philanthropic Grantmaking for Entrepreneurship”
Entrepreneurship Funders Network | Funder Learning Lab | (virtual) | March 2026
- “Observing Civic Life in Rural U.S. Communities” (w/ Matthew Baggetta and Claire Woodward)
Trust for Civic Life Funders Meeting | (virtual) | January 2026
- “Mapping the Gaps: Using Data Science to Address Philanthropy Deserts”
Independent Sector National Summit | Atlanta, GA | October 2025
- “Identifying and Mapping Foundations that Fund Entrepreneurial Activity”
Entrepreneurship Funders Network | Annual Convening | Chicago, IL | October 2025
- “Mapping Health-Related Philanthropy Deserts”

Elev8 Health | 100 Million Reach Collective | Charlotte, NC | September 2025

“Philanthropy Deserts: Identifying Gaps Between Philanthropic Funding and Community Need”

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia | Community Development & Outreach | Philadelphia, PA | Sep. 2025

“State of Funding in Appalachia”

Reimagine Appalachia | Coalition Update | (virtual) | August 2025

“The Impact of Philanthropy Deserts on Rural America”

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia | Rural Health Convening | Harrisburg, PA | June 2025

“Comparing the Grantmaking Ecosystems of the S.F. Bay Area and Central Appalachia”

Appalachia Funders Network | Annual Gathering | Bristol, TN | April 2025

“Identifying Foundations that Fund Entrepreneur-Related Activity”

IU Innovates | Internal Advisory Board Meeting | Indianapolis, IN | March 2025

“Harnessing Cutting-Edge Research to Promote Individual and Community Flourishing”

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation | Kansas City, MO | September 2024

“Strategic Philanthropy: Foundations and Faith-Based Nonprofits Addressing Health Needs”

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | Washington DC | September 2024

“How Engaging is Civic Engagement? Interaction at Civil Society Organization Convenings”

(w/ Matt Baggetta and Julie Beasley)

AmeriCorps | Office of Research and Evaluation | Washington DC | July 2024

“Fast, Accurate, Explainable Text Categorization” (w/ David Ross and Jessi Arthur)

Alteryx Inspire Conference | Las Vegas | May 2024

“The Nonprofit Sector: Holding the Line of Independence”

Syracuse University | Maxwell School | Syracuse | November 2023

“Observing Civic Engagement and Assessing Civic Infrastructure” (w/ Matt Baggetta and Julie Beasley)

AmeriCorps | Office of Research and Evaluation | Washington DC | May 2023

“Faith in Philanthropy: Assessing the Scope and Scale of Faith-Based Giving and Charity Work”

Waraich Family Fund | Community Collaboration Initiative | Chicago | September 2022

Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement | Faith and Democracy | Kalamazoo | August 2022

Aspen Institute | Religion & Society Program | Aspen | July 2022

“Using Natural Language Processing to Map the Network of U.S. Foundations and Grantees” (w/ Jessi Arthur)

Alteryx | Higher Ed User Group | (virtual) | May 2022

“Critical Standpoint: Leaders of Color Advancing Racial Equality in Predominantly White Organizations”

Vanderbilt University | Department of Human and Organizational Development | March 2022

Pepperdine University | Business Administration Division | February 2019

- “Using Google Maps to Generate Organizational Sampling Frames” (with David King)
Indiana University | Workshop in Methods | January 2022
- “Maximizing Mentorship” (w/ Jeff Guhin)
American Sociological Association | Religion Section Panel (virtual) | August 2021
American Sociological Association | Religion Section Panel (virtual) | August 2020
- “Civic Engagement as a Catalyst for Community Change” (w/ Matthew Baggetta)
AmeriCorps | 2021 Research Grantee Dialogue (virtual) | June 2021
- “Advancing Organizational Theory and Bridging Social Divides”
Sponsored panel: Advancing Theory in a Polarized World
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | San Diego | November 2019
- “Capacity Building among Religious Congregations in the U.S.” (w/ David King and Chris Munn)
University of Southern California | Philanthropy and Social Impact Symposium | March 2019
- “What Happens in Civil Society Organizations?” (w/ Matthew Baggetta)
Corporation for National and Community Service | Grantee Meeting | October 2018
- “Religious Organizations: Bridging Fields and Advancing Organizational Research”
Stanford University | Nonprofit Handbook Author Workshop | June 2018
- “National Study of Congregations’ Economic Practices – Overview”
Lake Institute on Faith & Giving | Board of Directors | March 2018
- “Disentangling the Mechanisms Underlying the Diversity-Performance Relationship”
Stanford University | Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society | Junior Scholar Forum | June 2017
- “Engaging Differences: How Socially Diverse Organizations Access and Mobilize Resources”
University of Notre Dame | Department of Sociology | CBSM Young Scholars Conference | March 2017
- “Fostering Muslim Civic Engagement through Faith-Based Community Organizing”
Center on American Muslim Philanthropy | September 2016
- “Bridging and Bonding: How Social Diversity Influences Organizational Performance”
University of Michigan | School of Social Work | January 2015
University of Arizona | School of Government and Public Policy | December 2014
University of Southern California | Price School of Public Policy | December 2014
University of Chicago | School of Social Service Administration | December 2014
North Carolina State University | School of Public and International Affairs | November 2014
Cornell University | School of Industrial and Labor Relations | November 2014
Indiana University | School of Public and Environmental Affairs | November 2014
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis | SPEA | November 2014
- “Bridging and Bonding: Mechanisms Influencing Organizational Performance”

University of Southern California | Center for Philanthropy and Public Policy | March 2014
Indiana University | Lilly Family School of Philanthropy | February 2013

“Building Bridges, Building Power: Developments in Institution-Based Community Organizing”
University of Southern California | Center for Religion and Civic Culture | March 2014
New York University | Wagner School of Public Service | September 2012

“Racial Justice and Community Organizing”
W. K. Kellogg Foundation | September 2013 (virtual)
Interfaith Funders hosted at U. C. Berkeley Boalt School of Law | February 2013

“Immigration and Community Organizing”
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (virtual) | September 2013
The San Francisco Foundation | February 2013

“A Decade of Developments in Institution-Based Community Organizing: What Funders Need to Know”
Intermountain West Funder Network (virtual) | January 2013
Neighborhood Funders Group (virtual) | October 2012
Philanthropy New York | September 2012

“Uncommon Collaborators: How Network Ties Enable and Constrain Organizational Action”
Duke University | Duke Network Analysis Center | September 2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Select and Recent)

“From Federal Investment to Civic Insight: A Decade of Research on Volunteering, National Service, and Civic Engagement” (w/ AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Philadelphia | Nov. 2026

“Moral Shocks, Participation Bumps, and Sustained Engagement in Civil Society Organizations”
(w/ Matthew Baggetta, Ashlea Raemer, and Claire Woodward)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Philadelphia | Nov. 2026

“Who Leads When Civic Organizations Meet? Gender and Leadership Practice Across Organizational Types”
(w/ Claire Woodward and Matthew Baggetta)
American Sociological Association | New York City | August 2026
International Society for Third-Sector Research | Lisbon, Portugal | July 2026

“Decision-Making in Civil Society Organizations” (w/ Matthew Baggetta & Julie Beasley)
American Sociological Association | Chicago | August 2025
Midwest Political Science Association | Chicago | April 2025

“The Ecosystem of Faith-Based Grantmaking: Mapping Grantmakers to Grantees” (w/ Allison Ralph)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Washington DC | Nov. 2024

“Convening Spaces: Mapping the Sites of Collective Civic Engagement” (w/ Baggetta, Beasley & Hunter)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Washington DC | Nov. 2024
American Sociological Association | Montreal | August 2024

“Using Google Maps to Generate Organizational Sampling Frames” (with David King)

- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Orlando | Nov. 2023
- “How Engaging is Civic Engagement?: Interaction at Civil Society Convenings” (w/ Baggetta & Beasley)
West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference | Phoenix | April 2024
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Orlando | Nov. 2023
American Sociological Association | Philadelphia | August 2023
- “Exploring Congregational Practices Around Religious Giving in the U.S.” (w/ Brian Starks & David King)
Association for the Sociology of Religion | Philadelphia | August 2023
- “Observing Civic Engagement: Using Systematic Social Observation to Study Civil Society Organization Convenings” (w/ Baggetta & Beasley)
Methodological Pluralism in Public Management | Bloomington | May 2023
- The Stained-Glass Ceiling: Clergy Gender and Congregational Characteristics” (w/ King & Dennis)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Raleigh | Nov. 2022
- “Faith-Based Private Foundations: Identifying the Field and Assessing its Impact” (w/ Allison Ralph)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Raleigh | Nov. 2022
- “Socio-Political Discourse in Religious Congregations: Theological or Pragmatic” (w/ Williams & King)
International Society for Third-Sector Research | Montreal | July 2022
- “Faith-Based Public Foundations: Identifying the Field and Assessing its Impact” (w/ Ralph and Allen)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Atlanta | Nov. 2021
- “Giving and Going: Congregational Participation in Disaster Relief Efforts” (w/ Zebrowski, Gazley, and King)
International Society for Third-Sector Research (virtual) | July 2021
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (virtual) | November 2020
- “Activity and Identity: Uncovering Multiple Institutional Logics in the Nonprofit Sector” (w/ Ressler & Paxton)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (virtual) | November 2020
- “The Diversity Layer: Civil Society Organizations-of-Organizations” (w/ Matt Baggetta and Zoe Caplan)
American Sociological Association | New York | August 2019
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Austin | November 2018
- “International Engagement of U.S. Congregations” (w/ Jamie Goodwin and David King)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | San Diego | November 2019
- “Survey Data Collection Methods and Discrepancy in the Sociological Study of Religious Congregations”
American Sociological Association | New York | August 2019 (w/ Gary Adler and Katie Hoegeman)
- “Managing Resources and Legitimacy: The Impact of Leadership Diversity on Nonprofit Survival”
Academy of Management | Boston | August 2019 (w/ Ruodan Zhang)
- “Engaging Differences: How Socially Diverse Organizations Can Mobilize Resources to Improve Performance”
Academy of Management | Boston | August 2019
American Sociological Association | Philadelphia | August 2018
- “Evaluating Nonresponse Bias in Hypernetwork Samples Constructed Using a Probability-Based Household Panel” (w/ David King, Ipek Bilgen, et al.)
West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference | Phoenix | April 2019

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Austin | November 2018

“Critical Standpoint: Leaders of Color Advancing Racial Equality in Predominantly White Organizations”
Academy of Management | Boston | August 2019

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Chicago | November 2017

“Evaluating Google Maps as a Sampling Frame for Religious Congregations”
American Association for Public Opinion Research | Denver | May 2018 (w/ Dennis Quinn and David King)

“Organizational Surveys: Using Response Enhancing Techniques and Conducting Nonresponse Analyses”
Academy of Management | Philadelphia | August 2014 [Selected for Best Paper Proceedings]

“Collaborator Networks and Congregation-Based Social Service Provision”
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action | Hartford | November 2013

“The Declining Significance of Theology: A Network Analysis of Congregation-Based Social Services”
American Sociological Association | Atlanta | August 2010

“Factors Influencing Organizational Responsiveness to Stigmatized Crises”
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion | Denver | October 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Nonprofit Management and Leadership | Instructor [[Link to online version](#)]

Master of Public Affairs Client-Based Capstone Project | Instructor [[Link](#)]

Management in the Nonprofit Sector | Instructor [[Link to online version](#)]

Leading in a Diverse Society | Instructor [[Link to online version](#)]

Statistics Made Simple | Instructor [[Link to online version](#)]

Data Science in Practice | Project Sponsor and Coordinator [[Link](#)]

Social Science Research Methods | Instructor

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UNIVERSITY SERVICE

MPA Program Capstone Coordinator – Indiana University O’Neill School	2024 – Present
MPA Program Admissions Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2022 – Present

Academic Fairness Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2022 – Present
MPA Program Nonprofit Management Lead Advisor – Indiana University O’Neill School	2019 – Present
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2016 – Present
Social Sciences Research Funding Program Reviewer – Vice Provost for Research Office	2022 – 2023
Budgetary Affairs Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2020 – 2021
Personnel Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2020 – 2021
Public Affairs Ph.D. Program Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2017 – 2018
Arts Admin. Program Advisory Committee – Indiana University O’Neill School	2016 – 2017
Duke University’s Collective Learning Task Force	2013 – 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Independent Sector National Summit Planning Committee	2026
ARNOVA Data & Analytics Section Board Member	2025 – 2027
<i>Social Service Review</i> External Review Board Member	2021 – 2026
<i>Sociology of Religion</i> Editorial Board Member	2019 – 2026
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> Consulting Editor	2021 – 2023
Social Science Research Council Reviewer	2022 – 2023
AOM Public and Nonprofit Division’s Best Article and Dissertation Award Committees	2021 – 2025
ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section Council Member	2019 – 2021
ASA Collective Behavior and Social Movements Faculty-Student Mentoring Program	2015 – 2021
ARNOVA Faculty-Student Mentoring Program	2017 – 2024
ARNOVA Local Arrangements Committee Member for 2020 Annual Conference	2019 – 2020
ARNOVA Community and Grassroots Organizations Track Chair	2017 – 2019
ARNOVA Felice Perlmutter Best Paper Award Selection Committee	2018
ASA Sociology of Religion Section Faculty-Student Mentoring Program	2015 – 2017
General Social Survey Board of Overseers (Graduate Assistant)	2010 – 2011

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*, *Social Service Review*, *Sociology Compass*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Field Methods*, *Journal of Social Structure*, and *Oxford University Press*