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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Purdue University (2022)

Dissertation: “The Ecological Effects of Religion on Health and Mortality in China”

Committee: Fenggang Yang (Chair), Shawn Bauldry, Christopher G. Ellison, Daniel V.A. Olson

Graduate Certificate in Advanced Quantitative Methods, Purdue University (2021)

M.S. in Sociology, Purdue University (2018)

M.A. in Theology/Crosscultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary (2013)

B.A. in Sociology/Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2005)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Health, Religion, Family, East Asia, Quantitative Methods, Survey Methods

PUBLICATIONS

McPhail, Brian L. & Fenggang Yang. 2023. “Measuring Religiosity of East Asians: Multiple Religious Belonging, Believing, and Practicing.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12827>

McPhail, Brian L. & Fenggang Yang. 2020. “Religious Heterogamy and the Intergenerational Transmission of Religion in China.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 59(3): 439–54. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12667>

McPhail, Brian L. 2019. “Religious Heterogamy and the Intergenerational Transmission of Religion: A Cross-National Analysis.” *Religions* 10(2): 109-25. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10020109>.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Perrault, Evan K., & **Brian L. McPhail**. “Doctors’ Disclosure of Religion on Patients’ Provider Decision: An Experiment.” Under review at *Journal of Religion and Health*.

McPhail, Brian L. “Does Religion Buffer the Effect of Childhood Abuse on Adult Sleep Quality? Differences by Race.”

McPhail, Brian L. & Fenggang Yang. “The Local Religious Environment and Population Mortality in China.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Perrault, Evan K., & McPhail, Brian L. 2022. "Doctors' Disclosure of Religion on Patients' Provider Decision: An Experiment." Annual Meeting of National Communication Association, New Orleans, L.A.

McPhail, Brian L. 2020. "Does Religion Buffer the Effect of Childhood Abuse on Adult Sleep Quality? Differences by Race." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Online

Yang, Xiaozhao & Brian L. McPhail. 2020. "Using Network Scale-up Method to Estimate Hidden Religious Population and Religious Networks among Asians." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Canceled due to COVID-19).

McPhail, Brian L. & Fenggang Yang. 2019. "Is there a Secularization Trend in the Global East?" Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, M.O.

Olson, Daniel V.A. & Brian L. McPhail. 2019. "The Influence of Your Neighbors' Religions on Your Attitudes toward Government Spending." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, M.O.

McPhail, Brian L. & Fenggang Yang. 2018. "Religious Heterogamy and the Intergenerational Transmission of Religion in China." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, N.V.

McPhail, Brian L. 2018. "Religious Heterogamy and the Intergenerational Transmission of Religion: A Cross-National Analysis." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, P.A.

McPhail, Brian L. 2018. "Religious Heterogamy in China." Annual Meeting of the East Asian Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Singapore.

McPhail, Brian L. 2017. "Atheist Privilege, Religious Penalty: The Socioeconomic Consequences of Being Religious in Mainland China." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, D.C.

McPhail, Brian L. 2012. "The Hermeneutical Circle and the Significance of the Reader's Context: A Comparison of the Biblical Interpretation of Chinese and American Christians in the Twentieth Century." Conference on "Sacred and Classical Texts in Cross-Cultural Context," Minzu University of China, Beijing, P.R.C.

McPhail, Brian L. 2011. "Towards A Global Theology of Revelation: The Significance of Human Experience and History." Colloquium at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, Nanjing, P.R.C.

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR

Purdue University, Department of Sociology, West Lafayette, IN

Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2019)

Introduction to Statistics for Sociology (online: Summer 2020, Summer 2021)

Minzu University of China, School of Foreign Studies, Beijing, P.R.C.

Advanced Graduate Academic English: Reading and Writing Skills (2014-2016)

Advanced Graduate Academic English: Oral Communication Skills (2014-2016)

Advanced Undergraduate English: Oral Communication Skills (2013-2014)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Purdue University, Department of Sociology, West Lafayette, IN

Advanced Social Research Methods (graduate, Spring 2020)

Categorical Data Analysis (graduate, Fall 2019)

Introduction to Statistics for Sociology (Fall 2020)

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

Social Problems (Spring 2017)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

“Mapping Chinese Spiritual Capital,” Center on Religion and the Global East, Purdue University, conducted statistical analyses of large scale survey data, 2017-2019

“Measuring Religious Change in the Global East,” Center on Religion and the Global East, Purdue University, developed and implemented an online survey ($N = 1,400$), conducted statistical analyses, 2019-2021

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant, *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*, 2017-2022.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foreign Language Lecturer, School of Foreign Studies, Minzu University of China, Beijing, P.R.C., 2013-2016

China Program Coordinator, Fuller Theological Seminary, Beijing, P.R.C., 2012-2016

Graduate Admissions Counselor, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2010-2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Review of Religion in Chinese Society*, *Current Sociology*, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, *PLOS ONE*, 2018-present

Senator, Purdue Graduate Student Government Senate & Sociology Graduate Organization, Purdue University, 2018-2019

Staff Administrator of the Diversity Council, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2012-2013

Co-President of the School of Intercultural Studies Graduate Union, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2009-2010

Member of Graduate Student Council, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2009-2010

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Travel Grant (\$670) (conference cancelled due to COVID-19), 2020

School of Intercultural Studies Scholarship (\$20,000), Fuller Theological Seminary, 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA) (Sections: Asia and Asia America, Sociology of Religion, Medical Sociology), 2016-present

Member, Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), 2017-present

Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), 2018-present

Member, East Asian Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (EASSSR), 2018-present

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate of Foundations in College Teaching, Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2019

CertTESOL, Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Trinity College London & Oxford TEFL, Prague, Czech Republic, 2013

Mandarin Chinese, 2-year Language Certificate, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, Kunming, P.R.C., 2007

WORKSHOPS

Regression Analysis for Spatial Data, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2021

Survey Experiments Testing Causality in Diverse Samples, Advanced Methods at Purdue (AMAP), 2019

Survey Design: How to Implement Best Practices Using Qualtrics, AMAP, 2018

Fundamentals of Research Organization and Data Management, AMAP, 2018

Stata Programming Tools & Tricks for the Applied Analyst, AMAP, 2018

Data & Model Visualization, AMAP, 2018

Missing Data: Best Practices for Analyzing Incomplete Data, AMAP, 2017

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

R, Stata, SPSS

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese, HSK III (Intermediate), May 2012