

Curriculum Vitae

SAMUEL STROOPE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023-Present Professor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
2018-2023 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
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

Medical Sociology; Sociology of Religion

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Underline indicates graduate student co-author at the time of writing

- 2025 **Stroope, Samuel**, Samantha E. Ramey, and Jessica L. Stroope. "Health-related declines in activity level: Examining religious participation in older Mexican Americans." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.
- 2025 **Stroope, Samuel**, Blake Victor Kent, Alka M. Kanaya, Nilay S. Shah, and Alexandra E. Shields. "Religious Affiliations, Religious Practices, and Health Behaviors in US South Asians." *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* 59(1):kaaf063. DOI:10.1093/abm/kaaf063.
- 2025 **Stroope, Samuel**, Rachel J. Bacon, Michael S. Barton, Elizabeth E. Brault, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, and Joseph O. Baker. "Institutional Anomie, Religious Ecologies, and Violence in American Communities." *Social Forces*. DOI:10.1093/sf/soaf034.
- 2025 **Stroope, Samuel**, and Rhiannon A. Kroeger. "Age Changes in Religious Service Attendance in Mexican American Older Adults: A Growth Curve Analysis." *Journal of Aging and Health* 37(1-2):31-39. DOI:10.1177/08982643231219034.

- 2024 **Stroope, Samuel**, Blake Victor Kent, Anna Boonin Schachter, Alka M. Kanaya, and Alexandra E. Shields. "Why Is Religious Attendance Linked to More Anxiety in U.S. South Asians? The Mediating Role of Congregational Neglect." *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* 11: 3068–3075. DOI: 10.1007/s40615-023-01764-6.
- 2023 **Stroope, Samuel**, Tim Slack, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Tim Slack, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Jonathan Sury, Jeremy Brooks, and Thomas Chandler. "Deepwater Horizon oil spill exposures and long-term self-rated health effects among parents in coastal Louisiana." *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* 17: e329.
- 2022 **Stroope, Samuel**, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Tim Slack, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Thomas Chandler, Jeremy Brooks, and Jonathan Sury. "Bidirectional longitudinal associations of parent and child health following the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill." *Population & Environment* 44: 123–144.
- 2022 Greene, Matthew, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, **Samuel Stroope**, Bailey Houghtaling, and Denise Holston. "An Analysis of Equity in the SNAP-Ed Program: A Comparison of Dietary Outcomes among African American and White Participants in Louisiana." *Journal of Health Sciences and Extension* 10(3): 13-29.
- 2022 **Stroope, Samuel**, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Tim Slack, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Thomas Chandler, Jonathan Sury, and Jeremy Brooks. "Parental education and child physical health following the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill." *American Journal of Health Promotion* 36: 1200–1203. DOI: 10.1177/08901171211041424
- 2022 **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* 27(2): 388-406. DOI: 10.1080/13557858.2019.1661358
- 2022 **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* 6:1-21.
- 2022 Slack, Tim, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, **Samuel Stroope**, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Thomas Chandler, Jonathan Sury, and Jeremy Brooks. "Disparate Effects of BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Exposure on Psychological Resilience." *Traumatology* 28: 503–509. DOI:10.1037/trm0000357
- 2021 **Stroope, Samuel**, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Courtney E. Williams, and Joseph O. Baker. "Socio-demographic correlates of vaccine hesitancy in the United States and the mediating role of beliefs about governmental conspiracies." *Social Science Quarterly* 102(6): 2472-2481. DOI:10.1111/ssqu.13081
- 2021 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* 63(1):67-81.
- 2021 Walker, Mark, Leah Drakeford, and **Samuel Stroope**. "Glad Tidings? Personal Witnessing, Religiosity, and Mental Health among US Adults." *Society and Mental Health* 11(2):149-167.

- 2021 **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* 53(4): 508-521. DOI: 10.1017/S0021932020000334
- 2021 **Stroope, Samuel**, Paul Froese, Heather M. Rackin, and Jack Delehanty. "Unchurched Christian Nationalism and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Sociological Forum* 36(2): 405-425.
- 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* 7. DOI:10.1177/2378023120985116
- 2021 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* 42: 477–500.
- 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 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.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2025-2026	Collaboration in Action Program – Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc.
	Award Number: 4333
	Title: "Advancing Long-Term Athlete Health and Well-Being Through Translational Research."
	Principal Investigators: Neil Johannsen
	Role: Co-Investigator
	Award Amount: \$249,792
2022-2023	Louisville Institute
	Award Number: 2022039
	Title: "Health Conditions and Church Participation Declines among Mexican Americans in Late Life."
	Principal Investigators: Samuel Stroope
	Role: Principal Investigator
	Award Amount: \$29,967
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
	Award Amount: \$4,000
2012-2013	National Science Foundation (NSF)
	Award Number: SES-1203263
	Title: "Community Context and Women's Health in India."
	Principal Investigators: Samuel Stroope and Paul Froese
	Role: Principal Investigator
	Award Amount: \$4,690
2012-2013	Association for the Sociology of Religion
	Award: Fichter Research Grant Competition
	Title: "Religion, Gender, and Health Disparity in India."
	Principal Investigators: Samuel Stroope
	Role: Principal Investigator
	Award Amount: \$1,000

INTRAMURAL GRANTS

2024 Manship Fellowship, Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University, *Religion and Health in South Asians in the United States: Measurement in a New Subcohort of Bangladeshi and Pakistani Participants*. Amount: \$5,000

- 2021 Manship Fellowship, Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University, *Relationships between religious service attendance and multiple categories of health outcomes among older Mexican Americans: A dynamic panel analysis*. Amount: \$5,000
- 2018 Manship Fellowship, Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University, *Understanding Social Isolation: The Role of Local Religious Contexts in the United States*. Amount: \$5,000
- 2017 Manship Fellowship, Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University, *Contextual Religion, Individual Religion, and Mortality in the United States: A Multilevel Survival Analysis*. Amount: \$5,000
- 2015 Council on Research (CoR) Summer Stipend Program, Louisiana State University, *Conservative Protestantism and Adolescents' Easy Access to Firearms at Home: Results from a National Study*. Amount: \$5,000
- 2014 Humanities & Social Sciences Summer Research Funding, Louisiana State University, *Community Contexts, Religious Involvement, and Health in the United States: Understanding Subnational Contextual Effects*. Amount: \$5,000

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2015 Rising Faculty Research Award, Louisiana State University Alumni Association
- 2011 Winner, 2011 Robert J. McNamara Award from the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
- 2011 Awarded Distinction, Comprehensive Doctoral Exams

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2025 Scale Construction and Development. Statistical Horizons. Instructor: Deborah Bandalos
- 2025 Mediation, Moderation, and Conditional Process Analysis. Statistical Horizons. Instructor: Amanda Montoya
- 2022 Data Wrangling with R. Statistical Horizons. Instructor: Kieran Healy
- 2019 Longitudinal Data Analysis using SEM. Statistical Horizons. Instructor: Paul Allison
- 2018 Longitudinal Data Analysis using Stata. Statistical Horizons. Instructor: Paul Allison
- 2014 LSU CxC Faculty Summer Institute, Louisiana State University
- 2012 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

- Verghese, Ajay, Samuel Stroope, Ruiqian Li. "Religiosity in the World's Largest Country: Religious Dimensions in a Diverse India." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA, 2024.
- Stroope, Samuel, Samantha Ramey, and Rhiannon A. Kroeger. "Aging, Health, and Religious Attendance Change among older Mexican Americans." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT, 2023.
- Stroope, Samuel, Nathaniel Porter, and Ajay Verghese. "Religiosity in India." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD, 2022.
- Slack, Tim, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Samuel Stroope, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Thomas Chandler, Jonathan Sury, and Jeremy Brooks. "Oil Spill Exposure and Psychological Resilience: Does Type of Exposure Matter?" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Denver, CO, 2022.
- Slack, Tim, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Samuel Stroope, Kathryn Sweet Keating, Jaishree Beedasy, Thomas Chandler, Jonathan Sury, and Jeremy Brooks. "BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Exposure and Psychological Resilience." Poster presented at the Gulf of Mexico Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, 2022.
- Baker, Joseph, and Samuel Stroope. "The Rhetoric of Christian Nationalism in White Supremacy Movements" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, OR. 2021.
- 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 Umstattd 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

Psychology Today March 22, 2022 “The Truth About Marriage and Sexual Satisfaction Today”
The Bulwark March 6, 2021 “Thomas Jefferson’s Not-So-Peculiar Mind”
Religion News Service March 4, 2021 “Being ‘godless’ might be good for your health, new study finds”
Outside the Beltway July 7, 2021 “Religion and the Capitol Attack”
Patheos January 12, 2021 “The Symbolism of Old Gods and the U.S. Capitol Assault”
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
Data Visualization (graduate 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:

Harleen Sandhu (2024-)
Danequa Forrest (2018-2021)
Ramazan Aydogdu (2020; co-chair)
Joseph Clark (-2019; co-chair)

M.A. committee chair:

Xinying Zhou (2023-2025; co-chair)
Harleen Sandhu (2021-2024)
Danequa Forrest (2018)
Leah Drakeford (2016)

Ph.D. committee member:

1. Jayasinghe Kaththiriarachchilage (2024-)
2. Samantha Ramey (2023-)
3. John Aggrey (2019-2021)
4. Barnali Mazumdar (-2021, Communication Sciences & Disorders)
5. Wei-Cheng Chiu (2015-2021)
6. Isaiah Cohen (-2020)
7. Mohammed Yildiz (2019)
8. Hyojung Kim (-2019)
9. Kasia Plessy (-2019, Psychology)
10. Kate Austin (2015, Kinesiology)
11. Kayla Fontenot (-2015)
12. Win Guan (-2015)
13. John McEwen (-2014, Geography & Anthropology)

M.A. committee member:

1. Seunghwan Yoo (2024)
2. Jayasinghe Kaththiriarachchilage (2023-2024)
3. Samantha Ramey (2023)
4. Mominul Haque (2021-2022)
5. Becca Bock (2020-)
6. John Aggrey (-2019)
7. James W. Jordan (2019)
8. Kathryn Keating (-2018)
9. Ramazan Aydogdu (-2016)
10. Elizabeth Marks (2016)
11. Ugur Orak (2015)
12. Wei-Cheng Chiu (-2015)
13. Joseph Clark (-2015)
14. Shana Khan (-2015)
15. Hyojung Kim (2015)
16. Chelsea Adams (2017*)
17. Cristian Nunez (2018*)
18. Don Asay (2013*)

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT

Member, Graduate Program Committee, 2021-2024.

Coordinator, Department Colloquium, 2023-2025.

Member, Dissertation Year Fellowship Selection Committee, 2023.

Member, Awards Committee, 2021.

Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2019.

Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2016.

Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, 2016-2019.

Member, Awards and Enhancement Committee, 2014-2015.

Member, Metrics and Assessment Committee, 2013-2015.

Chair, Roland Pellegrin Outstanding Student Award Committee, 2015.

Member, Graduate Program Committee, 2013-2015.

Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2014.

UNIVERSITY

Member, Graduate Council, 2024-present.

Member, Faculty Senate Technology Committee, 2025-.

Member, Committee to develop a Bachelor of Science in Data Science, 2023-2024.

Member, Internal Program Review Panel, Office of Academic Affairs, 2021.

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

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

PROFESSIONAL

Senior Mentor, Mentoring Program, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2023.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2022.

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