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Positions

- 2025– Associate Research Professor (primary appointment)
Duke Global Health Institute
Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
- 2025– Assistant Research Professor (secondary appointment)
Department of Sociology, Duke University
- 2019–24 Assistant Research Professor (primary appointment)
Duke Global Health Institute
Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
- 2022–24 Assistant Research Professor (secondary appointment)
Department of Sociology, Duke University
- 2015–19 Associate in Research
Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research, Duke University
- 2012–13 Sessional Instructor
Department of Sociology, King's University, Edmonton, AB, Canada

Other Relevant Experience

- 2002–08 Senior Pastor
Saanich Community Church (Mennonite Brethren), Victoria, BC, Canada

Education

- 2015 Ph.D. in Sociology, Duke University
- 2011 M.A. in Sociology, Duke University
- 2009 Th.M. Duke University Divinity School
- 2002 M.Div. Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, Fresno, CA, USA
- 1997 B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada

Peer-reviewed Publications

*corresponding author, #co-first author.

1. Trexler, E., **Eagle, D.E.**, Pontzer, H. (2025). “Relationships between oral contraceptive use, physical activity, and chronic inflammation.” *PLOS One*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0319928>
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9. Yao J., Steinberg D., Turner L., Cai, G., Cameron J., Hybels C., **Eagle, D.E.**, Milstein G., Rash J., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2023). “When shepherds shed: Trajectories of weight, diet and exercise in a holistic health intervention tailored for US Christian clergy.” *Journal of Religion and Health*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10943-023-01910-8>
10. Johnston, E.F., **Eagle, D.E.**, & Headley, J. (2023). “Pastoring in a Pandemic: Sources and Types of Social Support Used by United Methodist Clergy in the Early Period of

- the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 51(4), 459-476. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1177/00916471231182737>
11. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., **Eagle, D.E.**, Tice, L.C., Yao, J., Rash, J.A., Choi, J.C., Stringfield, B., & Labrecque, S.A. (2023). “The Selah Pilot Study of Spiritual, Mindfulness, and Stress Inoculation Practices on Stress-Related Outcomes Among United Methodist Clergy in the United States.” *Journal of Religion and Health*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10943-023-01848-x>
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 15. **Eagle, D.E.** & Gaghan, J.A. & Johnston, E.F. (2023). “Introducing the Seminary to Early Ministry Study.” *Religious Education*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00344087.2023.2199240>
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 17. Biru, B., Yao, J., Plunkett, J., Hybels, C.F., Kim, E. T., **Eagle, D.E.**, Choi, J., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2022). “The Gap in Mental Health Service Utilization Among United Methodist Clergy with Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms.” *Journal of Religion and Health*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10943-022-01699-y>
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 19. **Eagle, D.E.**, & Mueller, C.W. (2022). “Reproducing Inequality in a Formally Anti-Racist Organization: The Case of Racialized Career Pathways in the United Methodist Church.” *American Journal of Sociology*, 127(5): 1507–1550. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1086/719391>
 - Winner of the 2023 Best Article Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
 20. Johnston, E.F., **Eagle, D.E.**, Corneli, A.L., Perry, B., Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2022). “Seminary Students and Physical Health: Beliefs, Behaviors, and Barriers.” *Journal of Religion and Health*, 61: 1207–1225. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10943-021-01480-7>

21. Hybels, C.F., Blazer, D.G., **Eagle, D.E.**, & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2022). “Age Differences in Trajectories of Depressive, Anxiety, and Burnout Symptoms in a Population with a High Likelihood of Persistent Occupational Distress.” *International Psychogeriatrics*, 34: 21–32. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1041610220001751>
22. Tice, L.C., **Eagle, D.E.**, Rash, J.A., Larkins, J.S., Labrecque, S.M., Platt, A., Yao, J., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2021). “The Selah Study Protocol of Three Interventions to Manage Stress Among Clergy: A Preference-Based Randomized Waitlist-Control Trial.” *Trials*, 22, 892. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s13063-021-05845-x>
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26. Liu, X., Whetten, K., Prose, N.S., **Eagle, D.E.**, Parnell, H.E., Amany, C., Vann, V., Dubie, M.E., Kaza, V.G., Tzudir, S., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2020). “Enjoyment and Meaning in Daily Activities Among Caregivers of Orphaned and Separated Children in Four Countries.” *Children and Youth Services Review*, 116, 105103. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105103>
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29. Kinghorn, W.A., Keyes, C.L., Parnell, H.E., **Eagle, D.E.**, Biru, B.M., Amany, C., Vann, V., Kaza, V.G., Tzudir, S., Saddo, Y.B., Whetten, K.A., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2019). “Putting Virtues in Context: Engaging the VIA Classification of Character Strengths in Caregiving for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Across Cultures.” *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 14(6): 845–853. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2019.1579363>
30. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Molokwu, N.J., Keyes, C.L., Sohail, M.M., **Eagle, D.E.**, Parnell, H.E., Kinghorn, W.A., Amany, C., Vann, V., Madan, I., Biru, B.M., Lewis, D., Dubie,

- M.E., & Whetten, K.A. (2019). "Caring and Thriving: An International Qualitative Study of Caregivers of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children and Strategies to Sustain Positive Mental Health." *Children and Youth Services Review*, 98:143–153. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.12.024>
31. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Steinberg, D.R., Yao, J., **Eagle, D.E.**, Smith, T.W., Cai, G., & Turner, E.L. (2018). "Using a Holistic Health Approach to Achieve Long-Term Weight Maintenance: Results from the Spirited Life Intervention." *Translational Behavioral Medicine*, 10(1):223–233. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/tbm/iby117>
32. **Eagle, D.E.**, & Hybels, C.F. (2018). "Perceived Social Support, Received Social Support, and Depression Among Clergy." *The Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 36(7): 2055–2073. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0265407518776134>
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34. **Eagle, D.E.**, Keister, L.A., & Read, J.G. (2017). "Household Charitable Giving: The Role of Gender, Marital Status, and Religion." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 47(1): 185–205. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0899764017734650>
35. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Turner, E.L., Li, X.F., Yao, J., Bennett, G.G., & **Eagle, D.E.**, et al. (2017). "A 2-Year Holistic Health and Stress Intervention: Results of an Intervention in Clergy." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 53(3): 290–299. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2017.04.009>
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44. **Eagle, D.E.** (2011). "The Loosening Bond of Religion on Canadian Society: A Comment on Bibby." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(4): 838–839. Here is some latex code with references in it. Find the article titles and convert them to title case and return the full latex code back:
45. Read J.G., & **Eagle, D.E.** (2011). "Intersecting identities as a source of religious incongruence." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(1): 116–132. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01555.x>
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In Revision/Under Review

1. Okuwobi, O. **Eagle, D.E.**, & Mulller, C. "House Negro or Field Negro?: Racial Salience and Claims-making in the United Methodist Church." Revise and resubmit at the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
2. Varela G, **Eagle, D.E.**, Hess O, King D. "Malcontented ministers: Political mismatch and occupational distress among United Methodist Clergy." Under review at *Politics and Religion*.
3. **Eagle, D.E.**, Parker, R., and Asobee, M. "Divergent views on depression: Charismatic vs. non- Charismatic Protestant pastors in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo." Revise and resubmit at *Culture, Religion and Mental Health*

Chapters in Books

1. **Eagle, D.E.** (2019). "The growth of the megachurch." In Hunt, S.J. (Ed.), *Handbook of Megachurches* (pp. 43–67). Brill.
2. Read, J.G., & **Eagle, D.E.** (2014). "Intersectionality and identity: An exploration of Arab American women." In Keister, L.A., & Sherkat, D. (Eds.), *Religion and inequality in America* (pp. 75–96). Cambridge University Press.
3. **Eagle, D.E.** (2013). "The U.S. mainstream Protestant context." In Callahan, S.H. (Ed.), *Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook*. Sage Publications.

Book Reviews

1. Eagle, D.E. (2022). "Beyond Profession: The Next Future of Theological Education by Dan Aleshire." Book review. *Practical Theology*. <https://dx.doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1080/1756073X.2022.2113301>
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Reports and Popular Writing

1. Roso, J. C., & Eagle, D.E., D. (2024). Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church in North Carolina: Challenges and Opportunities. <https://dx.doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/7ET5R>
2. Eagle, D.E. & Mueller, C.W. (2022). "Unequal careers of Black and White pastors in the United Methodist Church in North and South Carolina." Report. Clergy Health Initiative.
3. Eagle, D.E. Gaghan, J.G. & Johnston. E.F. (2022). "Field Education: Student experiences and reflections." Report. Seminary to Early Ministry Study.
4. Eagle, D.E. (2018). "Theological students and educational debt: A retrospective study of Duke Divinity School alumni, 2012–2017." Report. Duke Divinity School and the Clergy Health Initiative.
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Grants

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| 2023–28 | The Duke Endowment |
| | The Seminary to Early Ministry Study (\$4,386,910) |
| | Role: Principal Investigator |
| 2023–24 | Jack Shand Research Award |
| | Politics and Polarization in the UMC: A Text Analysis of Sermons (\$4,995) |
| | Role: Principal Investigator |
| 2022–23 | Bass Connections Grant, Duke University |

- Politics and Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations (\$24,875)
Role: Multiple Principal Investigator (with Chris Johnston and Erin Johnston)
- 2022–23 **Duke Global Health Institute Pilot Research Grant**
Pilot testing respondent-driven sampling among sexual and gender minorities (\$25,000)
Role: Multiple Principal Investigator (with Christine Gray)
- 2018–23 **The Duke Endowment**
The Seminary to Early Ministry Study (\$2,100,000)
Role: Principal Investigator (with Carl Weisner, multiple PIs)
- 2020–21 **Templeton Religion Trust, TRTo344**
The Art of Discernment: Aesthetic Understanding & Spiritual Calling (\$33,000)
Role: Site-Principal Investigator (Aaron Rosen, Wesley Theological Seminary, PI)
- 2018–19 **Religious Research Association, Jacquet Research Award**
A Pilot Study of Imam Health in Pakistan (\$4,000).
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2017–18 **Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Jack Shand Award**
Evaluating Clergy Health in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (\$5,000).
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2015 **Lake Institute on Faith and Philanthropy, Emerging Scholars Award**
The Impact of the Great Recession on Philanthropy in the United States (\$3,000).
Role: Principal Investigator

Teaching

Duke University

- Politics and Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations (Joint Instructor of Record, Fall and Spring 2022–2023)
- Social Reception of Ebola in the DRC (Directed Study, Fall 2019)
- Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (Instructor of Record, Summer, 2014)
- Research Methods in Global Health (TA, Fall 2009)
- Social Determinants of U.S. Health Disparities (TA, Spring 2009)

The Kings University

The Sociology of Gangs and Gang Control (Instructor of Record, Spring 2012)

The Sociology of Gender (Instructor of Record, Spring 2012)

The Sociology of Religion (Instructor of Record, Spring 2012)

Introduction to Sociology (Instructor of Record, Fall 2012)

The Sociology of Deviance and Crime (Instructor of Record, Fall 2011)

Talks & Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.** “Clergy and Childhood Trauma: Exploring the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Clergy Well-Being.” Canadian Church Research Gathering 2024, Canadian Institute for Empirical Church Research, Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON.
- 2023 Holleman, A & **Eagle, D.E.** “Mental Health Outcomes, Attitudes, and Programming among Congregations, Clergy, and Seminarians.” U.S. Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Washington, DC.
- 2023 Johnston, E.F. & **Eagle, D.E.** “Theology in the Making: The Structure of Belief Change in a Protestant Seminary.” Public Lecture, Stanford University Graduate School of Education, Palo Alto, CA.
- 2023 Rawlings, C., **Eagle, D.E.** & Johnston, E.F. “Schism in a Seminary: Ideology and Influence in Core Belief Change.” Departmental Talk, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, ON Canada.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E.** and Gray, C.L. “Making Sexual and Gender Diverse Populations Count.” Presentation to the Board of Visitors for The Duke Global Health Institute, Durham, NC.
- 2021 **Eagle, D.E.** “How Anti-Racism Policies Fail: Barriers for Black Pastors.” Public Lecture at the Center for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC Canada.

Invited Workshops

- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.** “Who are we now? United Methodist Clergy and Congregations after Disaffiliation.” Invited workshop at the Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.
- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.**, Holleman, A. “Adverse Childhood Experiences Among Seminarians.” Invited Workshop at Duke Divinity School.

- 2023 **Eagle, D.E.** “Ministry in Contentious Times: Pastoring in the Midst of Social Upheaval.” Invited workshop at Convocation and Pastor’s School, Duke Divinity School.

Conference Presentations

- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.**(presenter), Rawlings, C, & Johnston, E. “How Social Embeddedness Predicts Ideological Change in Seminary Students.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
- 2024 **Eagle, D.E..** “Mainline Malaise: Testing Political Mismatch as a Mechanism for Lower Mental Wellbeing among Mainline Clergy.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.&** Trexler, E. “Pathways for improving clergy health: Effect of physical activity in a 2-year longitudinal study in UMC pastors.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.** “When Differences do Damage: Evidence from clergy in the United States.” *Duke Global Mental Health Conference*, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2024 Ollerenshaw, T.J., Johnston, C. (presenter), Johnston, E.F., **Eagle, D.E.** “Racial Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church” *Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology*. Santiago, Chile.
- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.&** Gaghan, J. “The Trump Paradox: Unraveling the Ties between Religious Service Attendance, Conservative Protestantism, and Political Affiliation in the Trump Era” *WVS Conference: (De)polarisation in values, attitudes & beliefs: comparative perspectives*, King’s College, London, UK.
- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.**, Johnston, E.F., Holleman, A. & Mischke, K. “Walking the Tightrope: How White UMC Clergy Approach Race and Racial Justice.” *Ecclesiology & Ethnography Conference*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- 2023 Holleman, A., Upenieks, L. & **Eagle, D.E..** “Adverse Childhood Experiences Among Seminarians: Personal Experiences of Trauma and Selection into Pastoral Ministry.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2023 Eagle. “The Impact of Polarization on the Health and Wellbeing of Mainline Protestant Clergy.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2023 Okuwobi, O., Mueller, C. & **Eagle, D.E..** “Organizational Racial Logics and Identity.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2023 **Eagle, D.E..** “Book Panel - Stuck: Why Clergy Are Alienated from Their Calling, Congregation, and Career ... and What to Do About It.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Salt Lake City, UT.

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- 2023 **Eagle, D.E..** “The Impact of Political Difference on the Health and Wellbeing of Mainline Protestant Clergy.” *Annual Meeting of the Polarization Research Lab*, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E.** Session organizer and convener for: “What accounts for religious change in the United States? Unanswered questions and promising directions.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E. & Holleman, A.** “Trends in clergy obesity in the United States: a meta-analysis of studies, 2000-2022.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E.** Wilkins-LaFlamme, S & Fosse, E. “Religion in red and blue: an age-period-cohort analysis of religious trends in the US, 1972-2018.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E. & Okuwobi, O.** “‘Nothing is like all puppy dogs and roses and rainbows’: The experiences of BIPOC clergy in a majority-White denomination.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Johnston, E. & **Eagle, D.E..** “Expanding the Horizontal Call: A Typology of Social Influences on the Call to Ministry.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 **Eagle, D.E.** “Introducing the National Survey of Religious Leaders: Clergy Health and Well-Being.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Portland, OR.
- 2021 **Eagle, D.E.** Session organizer and convener for: “Rethinking Religious Education: New Perspectives on Core Questions.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Portland, OR.
- 2021 **Eagle, D.E.** Session organizer and convener for: “The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Congregational Leaders.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Portland, OR.
- 2019 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Impact of Re-affirming a ‘Traditional’ View of Marriage on Candidates for Ordination in the United Methodist Church.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, St. Louis, MO.
- 2019 **Eagle, D.E.** “Trajectories of Burnout Symptoms in Clergy.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, St. Louis, MO.

- 2018 **Eagle, D.E.** “Findings from a Survey of Clergy and the Congregations they Serve in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2018 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Clergy Health Initiative: 10-year Retrospective,” Session Organizer *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2018 **Eagle, D.E. & Mueller, C.** “The Economic and Occupational Attainment of Black Clergy Professionals in a Predominantly White Denomination.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 **Eagle, D.E.** “Using Religious Giving to Measure Secularization in the United States.” *Notre Dame Younger Scholars in American Religion Conference*, South Bend, IN.
- 2018 **Eagle, D.E.** “Mental Health Symptomatology and Conceptions of Mental Illness in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.” *ThinkGlobal Lecture Series*, Duke Global Health Institute, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2017 **Eagle, D.E. & Mueller, C.** “Barriers to Economic and Occupational Attainment of Black Professionals in a White Organization: The Case of United Methodist Clergy.” *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- 2016 **Eagle, D.E.** “How well do Megachurches Mirror their Local Environments?” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 **Eagle, D.E.** “Health and Well-Being in Clergy: Do Patterns of Racial Difference Hold True?” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 **Eagle, D.E.** Convener for the author meets critics session: “The Meaning of Sunday: The Practice Belief in a Secular Age, by Joel Thiessen.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 **Eagle, D.E.** Discussant for author meets critic session: “Recognizing the Non-religious: Re-imagining the Secular, by Lois Lee.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 **Eagle, D.E. & Proeschold-Bell, R.J.** “The Clergy Health Initiative: Major Findings and Key Challenges.” *Southern Association of Public Opinion Research*, Raleigh, NC.
- Featured on NPR’s (WNCU), “The Measure of Everyday Life: Stories from Social Science (November 28, 2015).”
- 2015 **Eagle, D.E.** “Size and Member Participation in Religious Congregations.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 **Eagle, D.E.** “Survey Gremlins: Using Name Generators to Elicit Social Networks.” *American Association of Public Opinion Research*, Hollywood, FL (poster).
- 2015 **Smith, T.W., Eagle, D.E.** “Prospective Associations between Depressive Symptoms and the Metabolic Syndrome.” *American Psychosomatic Association*, Savannah, GA.

- 2014 **Eagle, D.E. & Keister, L.A.** “Religion, Gender, Marital Status and Charitable Giving.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2013 **Eagle, D.E.** “Spectator Religion: Congregational Size and Member Participation.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Boston, MA.
- 2012 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Idea of the Megachurch.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2012 **Eagle, D.E.** “Hispanic Catholic, Hispanic Protestant: Reshaping the American Religious Landscape?” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2012 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Historical Precedents of the Modern Megachurch.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion*, Denver, CO.
- 2011 **Eagle, D.E.** Author Meets Critic Panel Respondent: “Reginald Bibby’s *Beyond the Gods & Back*.” *Canadian Sociological Association*, Waterloo, ON.
- 2011 **Eagle, D.E.** “Size, Satisfaction and Member Involvement in Churches.” *Canadian Sociological Association*, Waterloo, ON.
- 2011 **Eagle, D.E.** “Mega, medium and mini: Size and the SES composition of Protestant congregations.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2010 **Eagle, D.E.** “Congregational size and social composition.” *Conference on Religion and Social Stratification*, University Park, PA.
- 2010 **Eagle, D.E.** “Declining Response Rates and Measures of Religion.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2010 **Baker, R. & Eagle, D.E.** “The Obama Effect: Change in Public Discourse about Race?” *Hendricks Symposium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*, Lincoln, NE.
- 2010 **Eagle, D.E. & Read, J.G.** “Intersecting Identities: Religion and Political Attitudes and Behaviors.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Impossibility of Sociology in John Milbank.” *Pacific Northwest Region of the American Academy of Religion*, Victoria, BC.
- 2009 **Eagle, D.E.** “Religion and Identity Politics Among Blacks and Whites.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Denver, CO.
- 2009 **Eagle, D.E.** “Further Questions About a Religious ‘Renaissance’ in Canada.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Denver, CO.

Other Presentations

- 2024 **Eagle, D.E.** “Introducing the Seminary to Early Ministry Study.” Presentation at Duke Divinity School Lunch and Learn.
- 2022 **Thiessen, J.A. & Eagle, D.E.** “Resourcing Churches in Canada after the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Ambrose University, Calgary, AB, Canada.

- 2022 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Seminary to Early Ministry Study.” The Duke Endowment Trustee Meeting, Charlotte, NC, USA.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E.** “Racial Disparities in Clergy Income.” North Carolina Cabinet Meetings, United Methodist Church, Garner, NC, USA.
- 2022 **Eagle, D.E.** “Field Education Outcomes.” Duke Divinity School Faculty Meeting, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2021 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Seminary to Early Ministry Study.” Duke Divinity School Faculty Council, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2020 **Eagle, D.E.** “Burnout in Clergy.” *First Friday Lecture Series*, Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, USA.

Awards & Honors

- 2023 **Best Article Award**, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2022 **Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship Award**, American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Religion
- 2020–21 **Visiting Research Fellow**, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada
- 2021 **Leadership Development Program for Researchers** Duke School of Medicine
- 2015 **Student Award**, American Association of Public Opinion Researchers.
- 2014–15 **Vorsanger-Smith Scholar**, Duke University, Department of Sociology
- 2014–15 **Katherine Goodman Stern Fellowship**, Duke University, Graduate School
- 2014 **Student Travel Award**, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2013–14 **Myra and William Waldo Boone Fellowship**, Duke University, Graduate School
- 2012 **Graduate Student Paper Award for *Mega, Medium and Mini...***, NC Sociological Association
- 2012 **Alice Blackmore Hicks Fellowship**, Duke University, Graduate School
- 2010–11 **Myra and William Waldo Boone Fellowship**, Duke University, Graduate School
- 2011 **Linda K. George Summer Research Fellowship**, Duke University, Department of Sociology
- 2010–13 **Doctoral Fellowship**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- 2009 **Paper Development Grant**, The Center on Race, Religion, and Urban Life, Rice University
- 2008 **Brandaleone Tuition Scholarship**, Duke University, Divinity School
- 2007 **Community Sabbatical Fellowship**, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, UVic.
- 2001–02 **Peter and Sophie Enns Honors Scholarship**, Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

- 1993 **CU Gas Leadership Award**, Canadian Utilities
1992 **Rutherford Scholarships**, Government of Alberta

Professional Service

Community Service

- 2022–26 Board Member, *Congo Initiative, USA*
2017– Member, Steering Committee, *Flourishing Congregations Institute*, Ambrose University, Calgary, Canada.

Service to Discipline

- 2025 Program co-Chair, *Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association*
2024–27 Council Member, *Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association*
2022–23 Book Award Committee Chair, *Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association*
2020–26 Book Review Editor, *Review of Religious Research*
2020–23 Member-at-large, Finance Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2016–19 Newsletter Editor, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association