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Appointments

- 2019– Assistant Research Professor
Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
Faculty Affiliate, Duke Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research
- 2020–21 Visiting Research Fellow
Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada
- 2015–19 Associate in Research
Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA

Education

- 2015 Ph.D. in Sociology, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
- 2011 M.A. in Sociology, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
- 2009 Th.M. Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC, USA
- 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. , & Mueller, C.W. (2022). "Reproducing inequality in a formally anti-racist organization: The case of racialized career pathways in the United Methodist Church." Forthcoming in the American Journal of Sociology.
2. Johnston, E.F., , Corneli, A.L., Perry, B., Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2022). "Seminary Students and Physical Health: Beliefs, Behaviors, and Barriers." Journal of Religion and Health. Online ahead of print. doi:[10.1007/s10943-021-01480-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-021-01480-7).
3. Tice, L.C., , 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. doi:[10.1186/s13063-021-05845-x](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13063-021-05845-x).

4. , Johnston E.F., Headley, J., & Holleman, A. (2021). "The Financial Impacts of COVID-19 on United Methodist Churches in North Carolina: A Qualitative Study of Pastors' Perspectives and Strategies." *Review of Religious Research*. Online ahead of print. doi:[10.1007/s13644-021-00474-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-021-00474-x).
5. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Stringfield, B., Yao, J., Choi, J., , Hybels, C., Parnell, H., Keefe, K., & Shilling, S. (2021). "Changes in Sabbath-keeping and mental health over time: Evaluation findings from the Sabbath Living study." *Journal of Psychology and Theology*. Online ahead of print. doi:[10.1177/009164712111046227](https://doi.org/10.1177/009164712111046227)
6. Johnston, E.F., , Headley, J., & Holleman, A. (2021). "Pastoral Ministry in Unsettled Times: A Qualitative Study of the Experiences of Clergy During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Review of Religious Research*. Online ahead of print. doi:[10.1007/s13644-021-00465-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-021-00465-y)
7. Hamm, A., & (2021). "Clergy Who Leave Pastoral Ministry: A Review of the Literature." *Journal of Psychology and Theology*. Online ahead of print. doi:[10.1177/009164712111011597](https://doi.org/10.1177/009164712111011597)
8. , Rash, J., Tice, L., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2021). "Evaluation of a remote, internet-delivered version of the Trier Social Stress Test." *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, 165: 137–144. doi:[10.1016/j.ijpsycho.2021.03.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijpsycho.2021.03.009)
9. Hybels, C.F., Blazer, D.G., , & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2020). "Age differences in trajectories of depressive, anxiety and burnout symptoms in a population with a high likelihood of persistent occupational distress." *International Psychogeriatrics*. Online ahead of print. doi:[10.1017/S1041610220001751](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1041610220001751)
10. Liu, X., Whetten, K., Prose, N.S., , Parnell, H.E., Amana, 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. doi:[10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105103](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105103)
11. , Kinghorn, W.A., Parnell, H.E., Amana, C., Vann, V., Tzudir, S., Kaza, V.G., Safu, C.T., Whetten, K.A., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2019). "Religion and caregiving for orphans and vulnerable children: A qualitative study of caregivers across four religious traditions and five global contexts." *The Journal of Religion and Health*, 59(3):1666–1686. doi:[10.1007/s10943-019-00955-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-019-00955-y)
12. Lutz, J.R., & * (2019). "Social networks, support, and depressive symptoms: Gender differences among clergy." *Socius* 5:2378023119873821. doi:[10.1177/2378023119873821](https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119873821)
13. Kinghorn, W.A., Keyes, C.L., Parnell, H.E., , Biru, B.M., Amana, C., Vann, V., Kaza, V.G., Tzudir, S., Sado, 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. doi:[10.1080/17439760.2019.1579363](https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2019.1579363)
14. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Molokwu, N.J., Keyes, C.L., Sohail, M.M., , Parnell, H.E., Kinghorn, W.A., Amana, 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. doi:[10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.12.024](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.12.024)
15. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Steinberg, D.R., Yao, J., , 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. doi:[10.1093/tbm/iby117](https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/iby117)

16. , & 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. doi:[10.1177/0265407518776134](https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407518776134)
17. Case, A.D., , Yao, J., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2017). "Disentangling race and socioeconomic status in health disparities research: An examination of Black and white clergy." *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 5:1014–1022. doi:[10.1007/s40615-017-0449-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-017-0449-7)
18. , 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. doi:[10.1177/0899764017734650](https://doi.org/10.1177/0899764017734650)
19. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Turner, E.L., Li, X.F., Yao, J., Bennett, G.G., & , et al. (2017). "A 2-Year holistic health and stress intervention: Results of an in clergy." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 53(3):290–299. doi:[10.1016/j.amepre.2017.04.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2017.04.009)
20. Smith, T.W., #, & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2017). "Prospective Associations between depressive symptoms and the metabolic syndrome." *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 51(4): 610–619. doi:[10.1007/s12160-017-9883-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12160-017-9883-3)
21. , Miles, A.J., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2016). "The relationship between occupational relocation and changes in mental health among clergy." *The Review of Religious Research*, 59(1):31–45. doi:[10.1007/s13644-016-0263-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-016-0263-4)
22. (2015). "The negative relationship between size and the probability of weekly attendance in churches in the United States." *Socius*, 2:1–10. doi:[10.1177/2378023115617168](https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023115617168). Featured in the Duke Research Blog, Feb 2, 2016.
23. (2015). "Historicizing the megachurch." *The Journal of Social History*, 48:589–604. doi:[10.1093/jsh/shu109](https://doi.org/10.1093/jsh/shu109)
24. , & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. (2015). "Methodological considerations in the use of name generators and interpreters." *Social Networks*, 40:75–78. doi:[10.1016/j.socnet.2014.07.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2014.07.005)
25. Eagle, A.J., , Stobbe, T.E., & Van Kooten, K. (2015). "Farmland protection and agricultural land values at the urban-rural fringe." *The American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 97:282–298. doi:[10.1093/ajae/aau098](https://doi.org/10.1093/ajae/aau098)
26. Keister, L.A., & (2015). "Religion and inequality: The role of status attainment and social balance processes." *Social Thought and Research*, 33:141–174.
27. (2012). "Mega, medium and mini: Size and the socio-economic status composition of American Protestant congregations." *Research in the Sociology of Work*, 23:281–307, doi:[10.1108/S0277-2833\(2012\)0000023015](https://doi.org/10.1108/S0277-2833(2012)0000023015) Winner: NC Sociological Association Graduate Student Paper Award.
28. (2011). "The loosening bond of religion on Canadian society: A comment on Bibby." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(4): 838–839.
29. Read J.G., & (2011). "Intersecting identities as a source of religious incongruence." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(1): 116–132. doi:[10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01555.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01555.x)
30. (2011). "Patterns of attendance at religious services in Canada, 1986–2008" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(1): 187–200. doi:[10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01559.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01559.x)
31. (2010). "Pneumatological ecclesiology and same-sex marriage: A non-essentialist ppproach using the work of Eugene Rogers and John Zizioulas." *Conrad Grebel Review*, 28(2):43–68.
32. (2006). "Anthony Bartlett's concept of abyssal compassion and the possibility of a truly nonviolent atonement." *Conrad Grebel Review*, 26(2): 66–81.

Chapters in Books

1. (2019). "The Growth of the megachurch." In Hunt, S.J. (Ed.), *Handbook of Megachurches* (pp. 43–67). Brill.
2. Read, J.G., & (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. (2013). "The U.S. mainstream Protestant context." In Callahan, S.H. (Ed.), *Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook*. Sage Publications.

Book Reviews

1. (2021). "Beyond Profession: The Next Future of Theological Education by Dan Aleshire." Book review. Accepted for publication in *Practical Theology*.
2. (2018). "Gay on God's campus: Mobilizing for LGBT equality at Christian colleges and universities, by Jonathan Coleman." Book review. *Teaching Sociology*. 47(1):67–70. doi:[10.1177/0092055X18814410](https://doi.org/10.1177/0092055X18814410)
3. (2017). "Madness: American Responses to Mental Illness, by Heather Vacek." Book review. *Sociology of Religion*, 78(1): 04–105. doi:[10.1093/socrel/srx005](https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srx005)
4. (2013). "Places of Faith: A Road Trip Across America's Religious Landscape, by Chris Scheitle and Roger Finke." Book review. *Review of Religious Research*, 50(1): 205–206.

Reports and Popular Writing

1. (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.
2. (2016). "More people, looser ties: Social life in the megachurch." *The Christian Century*. 133(4).

Grants

2022–27	Lilly Endowment, Pathways for Tomorrow Grant Initiative Cultivating Diverse Leadership for Churches in California's Central Valley (\$1,000,000) Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary Role: Grant Writer (Brian Ross, Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, PI)
2020	National Institute of Mental Health, 5R01MH119101 Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health In Low and Middle Income Countries Role: Investigator (Kathryn Whetten and Sara LeGrand, multiple PIs)
2020–21	Templeton Religion Trust, TRT0344 The Art of Discernment: Aesthetic Understanding & Spiritual Calling (\$33,000) Role: Site-Principal Investigator (Aaron Rosen, Wesley Theological Seminary, PI)
2020–21	Duke School of Medicine Opioid Collaboratory Faith-Based Responses to Reduce the Harms of Opioids (\$200,000)

- Role: Co-Investigator (Brett McCarthy and Warren Kinghorn, multiple PIs)
- 2018-23 The Duke Endowment
The Seminary to Early Ministry Study (\$2,100,000)
Role: Principal Investigator (with Carl Weisner, multiple PIs)
- 2018-21 The Duke Endowment
Selah Stress Reduction Intervention Study (\$2,300,000)
Role: Co-Investigator (Carl Weisner and Rae Jean Proeschold-Bell, multiple PIs)
- 2018-22 The Duke Endowment
Longitudinal, Mixed-Methods Study of Clergy Well-Being (\$750,000)
Role: Co-Investigator (Carl Weisner and Rae Jean Proeschold-Bell, multiple PIs)
- 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
- 2016-18 The John Templeton Foundation and St. Louis University
Religion and Orphan Caregivers in 5 Countries (\$200,000)
Role: Co-Investigator (Rae Jean Proeschold-Bell, PI)
- 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

- 2019 Social Reception of Ebola in the DRC (Directed Study)
- 2014 Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (Instructor of Record)
- 2009 Research Methods in Global Health (TA)
- 2009 Social Determinants of U.S. Health Disparities (TA)

The Kings University

- 2013 The Sociology of Gangs and Gang Control (Instructor of Record)
- 2012 The Sociology of Gender (Instructor of Record)
- 2012 The Sociology of Religion (Instructor of Record)
- 2012 Introduction to Sociology (Instructor of Record)
- 2011 The Sociology of Deviance and Crime (Instructor of Record)

Fresno Pacific Seminary

- 2002 Cross Cultural Experience (TA)

Talks & Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2021 “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.
- 2021 “The Seminary to Early Ministry Study.” Duke Divinity School Faculty Council, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2020 “Burnout in Clergy.” First Friday Lecture Series, Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, USA.
- 2018 “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 & Mueller, C. “Barriers to Economic and Occupational Attainment of Black Professionals in a White Organization: The Case of United Methodist Clergy.” Invited Presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Conference Presentations

- 2021 “Introducing the National Survey of Religious Leaders: Clergy Health and Well-Being.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
- 2021 Session organizer and convener for: “Rethinking Religious Education: New Perspectives on Core Questions.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.
- 2021 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 “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 “Trajectories of Burnout Symptoms in Clergy.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.

- 2018 “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 “The Clergy Health Initiative: 10-year Retrospective,” Session Organizer Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2018 & Mueller, C. “The Economic and Occupational Attainment of Black Clergy Professionals in a Predominantly White Denomination.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Using Religious Giving to Measure Secularization in the United States.” Notre Dame Younger Scholars in American Religion Conference, South Bend, IN.
- 2016 “How well do Megachurches Mirror their Local Environments?” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 “Health and Well-Being in Clergy: Do Patterns of Racial Difference Hold True?” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 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 Discussant for author meets critic session: “Recognizing the Non-religious: Reimagining the Secular, by Lois Lee.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 & 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 “Size and Member Participation in Religious Congregations.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Survey Gremlins: Using Name Generators to Elicit Social Networks.” American Association of Public Opinion Research, Hollywood, FL (poster).
- 2015 Smith, T.W., “Prospective Associations between Depressive Symptoms and the Metabolic Syndrome.” American Psychosomatic Association, Savannah, GA.
- 2014 & Keister, L.A. “Religion, Gender, Marital Status and Charitable Giving.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2013 “Spectator Religion: Congregational Size and Member Participation.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA.
- 2012 “The Idea of the Megachurch.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2012 “Hispanic Catholic, Hispanic Protestant: Reshaping the American Religious Landscape?” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2012 “The Historical Precedents of the Modern Megachurch.” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO.
- 2011 “Author Meets Critic Panel Respondent for Reginald Bibby’s Beyond the Gods & Back.” Canadian Sociological Association, Waterloo, ON.

- 2011 “Size, Satisfaction and Member Involvement in Churches.” Canadian Sociological Association, Waterloo, ON.
- 2011 “Mega, medium and mini: Size and the SES composition of Protestant congregations.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2010 “Congregational size and social composition.” Conference on Religion and Social Stratification, University Park, PA.
- 2010 “Declining Response Rates and Measures of Religion.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.
- 2010 Baker, R. & “The Obama Effect: Change in Public Discourse about Race?” Hendricks Symposium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.
- 2010 & Read, J.G. “Intersecting Identities: Religion and Political Attitudes and Behaviors.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 “The Impossibility of Sociology in John Milbank.” Pacific Northwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, Victoria, BC.
- 2009 “Religion and Identity Politics Among Blacks and Whites.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO.
- 2009 “Further Questions About a Religious ‘Renaissance’ in Canada.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO.

Awards & Honors

- 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 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

Service to Discipline

2020–2023	Book Review Editor, Review of Religious Research
2020–2023	Member-at-large, Finance Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2017–	Member, Steering Committee, Flourishing Congregations Institute
2016–2019	Newsletter Editor, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association
2010–2011	Co-Chair, Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, Duke University
2001–2002	President, Student Council, Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

Peer Review

American Sociological Review, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Review of Religious Research, Sociology of Religion, Social Forces, Social Inclusion, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Sociological Methodology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Social Networks, Studies in Religion-Sciences Religieuses, Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research, Social Science Quarterly, Annals of Behavioral Medicine, Critical Research on Religion, Field Methods, Socius, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy.