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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— **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. Hybels, C.F., Blazer, D.G., **Eagle, D.E.**, & 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)
2. 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. doi:[10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105103](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105103)
3. **Eagle, D.E.**, Kinghorn, W.A., Parnell, H.E., Amany, 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)
4. Lutz, J.R., & **Eagle, D.E.\***(2019). "Social networks, support, and depressive symptoms: Gender differences among clergy." *Socius* 5:2378023119873821. doi:[10.1177/2378023119873821](https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119873821)

5. 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. doi:[10.1080/17439760.2019.1579363](https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2019.1579363)
6. 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 doi:[10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.12.024](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.12.024)
7. 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. doi:[10.1093/tbm/iby117](https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/iby117)
8. **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. doi:[10.1177/0265407518776134](https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407518776134)
9. Case, A.D., **Eagle, D.E.**, 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)
10. **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. doi:[10.1177/0899764017734650](https://doi.org/10.1177/0899764017734650)
11. 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 RCT 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)
12. Smith, T.W., **Eagle, D.E.**<sup>#</sup>, & 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)
13. **Eagle, D.E.**, 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)
14. **Eagle, D.E.** (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.
15. **Eagle, D.E.** (2015). "Historicizing the megachurch." *The Journal of Social History*, 48:589–604. doi:[10.1093/jsh/shu109](https://doi.org/10.1093/jsh/shu109)
16. **Eagle, D.E.**, & 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)
17. Eagle, A.J., **Eagle, D.E.**, 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)

18. Keister, L.A. & **Eagle, D.E.**. (2015). "Religion and inequality: The role of status attainment and social balance processes." *Social Thought and Research*, 33:141–174.
19. 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.
20. **Eagle, D.E.**. (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.
21. **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.
22. 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. doi:[10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01555.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-5906.2010.01555.x)
23. **Eagle, D.E.**. (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)

#### Papers submitted/under revision

1. **Eagle, D.E.**, Mueller, C., Corbitt Rivers, M., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. "How anti-racism policies fail: Race matching and the barriers to the economic and occupational attainment of Black pastors in the United Methodist Church." Revised and resubmitted to *The American Journal of Sociology*.
2. **Eagle, D.E.**, Rash, J., Tice, L., & Proeschold-Bell, R.J. "Evaluating the online delivery of the Trier Social Stress Test." Revised and resubmitted to the *International Journal of Psychophysiology*.
3. **Eagle, D.E.** "Casual order of burnout components in a longitudinal study of clergy." Manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Organizational Behavior*.
4. Johnston, E.F., **Eagle, D.E.**, Headley J., & Holleman A. "Pastoral ministry in unsettled times: A qualitative study of the experiences of clergy during the COVID-19 pandemic." Manuscript submitted to *Sociology of Religion*.
5. Hamm, A., & **Eagle, D.E.** "Clergy Who Leave Pastoral Ministry: A Review of the Literature." Manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*.
6. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., **Eagle, D.E.**, Rash, J. & Tice, L. "Evaluation of a pilot intervention to reduce stress symptoms among clergy." Manuscript being prepared for *Stress & Health*.
7. Proeschold-Bell, R.J., Stringfield, B., Yao, J., Choi, J., **Eagle, D.E.**, Hybels, C., Parnell, H., Keefe, K., & Shilling, S. "Changes in Sabbath-keeping and mental health over time: Evaluation findings from the Sabbath Living study." Manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*.

#### Other Publications

1. **Eagle, D.E.** (2019). "The Growth of the megachurch." In Hunt, S.J. (Ed.), *Handbook of Megachurches* (pp. 43–67). Brill.
2. **Eagle, D.E.** (2018). "Gay on God's campus: Mobilizing for LGBT equality at Christian colleges and universities." Book review. *Teaching Sociology*. Online First. doi:[10.1177/0092055X18814410](https://doi.org/10.1177/0092055X18814410)

3. **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.
4. **Eagle, D.E.** (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)
5. **Eagle, D.E.** (2016). “More people, looser ties: Social life in the megachurch.” *The Christian Century*. 133(4).
6. **Eagle, D.E.** (2013). “Chris Scheitle and Roger Finke: Places of Faith: A Road Trip Across America’s Religious Landscape.” Book review. *Review of Religious Research*, 50(1): 205–206.
7. **Eagle, D.E.** (2013). “The U.S. mainstream Protestant context.” In Callahan, S.H. (Ed.), *Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook*. Sage Publications.

## Grants

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| 2020    | <b>National Institute of Mental Health, 5R01MH119101</b><br>Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health In Low and Middle Income Countries (SMILE)<br>Role: Investigator (Kathryn Whetten and Sara LeGrand, multiple PIs) |
| 2020–21 | <b>Templeton Religion Trust, TRTo344</b><br>The Art of Discernment: Aesthetic Understanding & Spiritual Calling (\$33,000)<br>Role: Site-Principal Investigator (Aaron Rosen, Wesley Theological Seminary, PI)         |
| 2020–21 | <b>Duke School of Medicine Opioid Collaboratory</b><br>Faith-Based Responses to Reduce the Harms of Opioids (\$200,000)<br>Role: Investigator (Brett McCarthy and Warren Kinghorn, multiple PIs)                       |
| 2018–23 | <b>The Duke Endowment</b><br>The Seminary to Early Ministry Study (\$2,100,000)<br>Role: Principal Investigator (with Carl Weisner, multiple PIs)  |
| 2018–21 | <b>The Duke Endowment</b><br>Selah Stress Reduction Intervention Study (\$2,300,000)<br>Role: Co-Investigator (Carl Weisner and Rae Jean Proeschold-Bell, multiple PIs)  |
| 2018–22 | <b>The Duke Endowment</b><br>Longitudinal, Mixed-Methods Study of Clergy Well-Being (\$750,000)<br>Role: Co-Investigator (Carl Weisner and Rae Jean Proeschold-Bell, multiple PIs)                                     |
| 2018–19 | <b>Religious Research Association, Jacquet Research Award</b><br>A Pilot Study of Imam Health in Pakistan (\$4,000).<br>Role: Principal Investigator   |
| 2017–18 | <b>Duke Divinity School/Lilly Endowment</b><br>Factors that Influence Seminary Student Educational Debt.   |
| 2017–18 | <b>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Jack Shand Award</b>  |

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 (Instructor of Record)

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 **Eagle, D.E.** “The Seminary to Early Ministry Study.” Duke Divinity School Faculty Council, Durham, NC.

2020 **Eagle, D.E.** “Burnout in Clergy.” *First Friday Lecture Series*, Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC.

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.

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.” Invited Presentation at the *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.

## Conference Presentations

- 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.
- 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: Reimagining 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 for 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.

## 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.*