**CHRISTOPHER PIEPER**

**CURRICULUM VITA**

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**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

Senior Lecturer, Undergraduate Program Director   
Department of Sociology, Baylor University 2017-Present

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Baylor University 2011-2017

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology,   
The College of William & Mary 2010-2011

Visiting Faculty, Department of Sociology & Anthropology,

Southwestern University 2009

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Sociology,** University of Texas at Austin, 2011

Dissertation: *Prophets and Protest: The Transformation of U.S. Christian Activism,   
1960 - 2000.*

Dissertation Committee: Ari Adut, Mounira Maya Charrad, Sheldon Ekland-Olson, Lester Kurtz, G. Howard Miller, Michael Young (Chair).

Comprehensive Exams passed with honors in Political Sociology, Fall 2006.

**M.A., Journalism**, University of Texas at Austin, 1998

Thesis: *A House Built on Sand: Welfare Reform and Media Myth-Making*

Supervisor: Maxwell McCombs

**B.A., Communication with Honors** (*summa cum laude*), Southwestern University, 1996

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Political Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Comparative-Historical Methods, Social and Cultural Theory,

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Books*

Pieper, Christopher M. *The Sociological Vision*. Second Edition. Kendall-Hunt; Dubuque, IL. 2019

Pieper, Christopher M. *Sociology as a Spiritual Practice*: *How Studying People Can Make You a Better Person.* Kendall-Hunt; Dubuque, IL. 2015

*Peer-reviewed Journal Articles*

Davidson, James Clark and Christopher M. Pieper. “Creating Political Habitus: Religion vs. Non-Religion,” *Social Science Quarterly,* 2019

Kent, Blake Victor and Christopher M. Pieper. “To Know and Be Known: Intimate Divine Attachments and Biblical Literalism,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion,* 2019

Young, Michael P. and Christopher M. Pieper. “The Unfinished Covenant.” *Rethinking Obama:* Special edition of *Political Power and Social Theory*, Volume 22, 235–242, 2011.

Pieper, Christopher M. “Use Your Illusion: Televised Discourse on Journalistic Ethics in the United States, 1992-1998,” *Social Semiotics,* Vol. 10, No. 1, 2000.

*Book Chapters*

Pieper, Christopher M. “Media as Risk Management in the ‘War on Terror.’” In S. Carlton-Ford and M. Ender (Eds.), in *Handbook of War and Society.* London: Taylor & Francis, 2010.

Pieper, Christopher M. and Michael P. Young. “Religion and Post-Secular Politics.” In J. Craig Jenkins and Kevin T. Leicht (Eds.), *Handbook of Politics: State and Civil Society in Global Perspective*. New York: Springer, 2009.

Pieper, Christopher M. “Post-War Movements for Justice, Rights, and Identity.” In I. Ness and G. de Laforcade (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Protest and Revolution.* New York: Facts on File. 2009

Ritter, Daniel and Christopher M. Pieper. “Nonviolent Movements:  Early Expressions and Foundations.” In I. Ness and G. de Laforcade (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Protest and Revolution.* New York: Facts on File, 2009

Pieper, Christopher M. “Definitions and Concepts of Peace.” In L. Kurtz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict,* 2nd Edition*.* San Diego: Elsevier, 2008

Pieper, Christopher M. “Decision and Game Theory.” In L. Kurtz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict,* 2nd Edition. San Diego: Elsevier, 2008

Pieper, Christopher M. “Television Programming and Violence in the United States.” In L. Kurtz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict,* 2nd Edition. San Diego: Elsevier, 2008

Pieper, Christopher M. “Cultural Studies.” In E. Griffin, *A First Look at Communication Theory,* 4th Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1999.

*Book Reviews*

Pieper, Christopher M. Book Review in *Sociology of Religion*, Vol. 77, No. 3 (Autumn 2016) of Christian Smith, *To Flourish or Destruct*: *A Personality Theory of Human Goods, Motivations, Failure, and Evil*.

Hunt, Emily and Christopher M. Pieper. Book Review in *Sociology of Religion*, Vol. 77, No. 4 (Winter 2016) of Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*.

*Mass Media Articles*

Pieper, Christopher M. and Blake V. Kent. “Are You Close to God? Your Answer Affects How You Read Scripture.” *Christianity Today. August 19, 2019.* (Interview about our research published in *JSSR* on intimacy, Biblical literalism, and the gender gap in religiosity)

Shimray, Rewon. “Sex Education Allows Campus Betterment, Studies Show.” *The Lariat*, (Baylor University student newspaper), March 25, 2018. (Features detailed interview with me on #MeToo movement, masculinity, and religion in sociological perspective).

Pieper, Christopher M. and Matt Henderson. “Ten Reasons You Can’t Be a Christian and Vote for Donald Trump.” *Dallas Morning News*, February 22, 2016.

Social media shares: 395,467 as of January 9, 2020

Unique page views: 241,751 as of January 9, 2020.

Most viewed article on entire DMN website during February 2016.

Pieper, Christopher M. and Nathaniel Dietrick. “Breaking Our Addiction to Conflict Through Creativity” *Patheos Public Square.* July 7, 2016. <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/religionnow/2016/07/breaking-our-addiction-to-conflict-through-creativity/>

Pieper, Christopher M. and Nathaniel Dietrick. “(Culture) War is a Force that Gives Us Meaning.” *Patheos Public Square*. June 24, 2016. <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/religionnow/2016/06/culture-war-is-a-force-that-gives-us-meaning/>

Pieper, Christopher M. and Nathaniel Dietrick. “Why We Fight (And How to Stop).” *BeliefNet*. May 23, 2016. <http://www.beliefnet.com/love-family/why-we-fight-how-to-stop.aspx>

*Miscellaneous Articles*

Pieper, Christopher M. and Mounira Maya Charrad. “The Sociology of Islam: ASA Session Brings Fresh Perspective.” *Newsletter of the ASA Section on the Sociology of Religion*. Vol. 9, No. 2, Winter 2008.

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

Nelson, Justin J. and Christopher M. Pieper. "Who’s an iAddict? A Socio-Demographic Exploration of Device Addiction and Attachment among American Adults.” (at *Social Science Quarterly)*

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Pieper, Christopher M. *Sociology as a Spiritual Practice*: *How Studying People Can Make You a Better Person.* (Second Edition) Kendall-Hunt; Dubuque, IL. 2021

Nelson, Justin and Christopher Pieper. “Maladies of Infinite Aspiration: Anomigenesis and the Internet” (for submission to *Social Science Quarterly*)

Eschler, Edwin and Christopher Pieper, “Beyond “Genocide: A Typology of Political Violence” (for submission to *Social Science Research*)

Christopher Pieper and Rory Jones, “One Lucky Winner: Birth Lottery Simulations for Teaching Stratification,” (for submission to *Teaching Sociology*)

Burtt, Jason and Christopher Pieper. “Judgment is Coming, Look Busy: God-Image and Internet Usage.” (for submission to *Sociology of Religion*)

Pieper, Christopher. “Christian Activism in the United States, 1960-2000: Population-Level Characteristics and Trends.” (for submission to *Mobilization)*

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

2019 Most Influential Professor, New2BU Survey (Identified by first year Baylor students; only 10% of Baylor faculty named)

2019 Religion and Economic Empowerment Project II: Mapping, Measuring, and Multiplying the Impact of Religion and Freedom of Religion or Belief on Development in India and Sri Lanka. $120,000. Principal Investigator: Christopher Pieper, Ph.D.; Co-Principal Investigator: Robert Woodberry, Ph.D. Templeton Religion Trust. UNDER REVIEW

2019 Baylor Wireless: A Multidisciplinary, Industry-Advised Research and Education Center. $4,275,000. Principal Investigator: Charles Bayliss, Ph.D, Electrical & Computer Engineering; Co-Principal Investigator: Christopher Pieper, Ph.D., Sociology. Baylor Illuminate. NOT APPROVED

2018 Top 100 Most Impactful Faculty, New2BU Survey (Identified by first year Baylor students; only 1% of Baylor faculty named)

2018-19 University Research Grant, Baylor University, $7,500. Principal Investigator: Christopher Pieper, Ph.D.; Co-Principal Investigator: Robert Woodberry, Ph.D., Institute for the Study of Religion. APPROVED

2018 Social Movements and Faith Consulting Grant, $30,000. Co-Principal Investigator: Emily Hunt, Ph.D., School for Conversion (Rev. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Rev. William J. Barber II, directors). NOT APPROVED

2016 Mentor of the Year Award for Social Sciences, Humanities, and Professional Fields, Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activities, Baylor University

2016 Most Influential Professor, Phi Kappa Chi Christian Fraternity

2015 Outstanding Professor, Baylor University Veterans

2012 Summer Faculty Institute, Academy for Teaching & Learning, Baylor University

2010 Rapoport Endowed Travel Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, $500

2009 Graduate Professional Development Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, $500

2008-09 Hogg Endowed Fellowship, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin ($25,000)

2008 Graduate Professional Development Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, $500

2008 William S. Livingston Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology Nominee, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2007 Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, $3,000

2006 Graduate Professional Development Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, $100

**ADVISING & MENTORING**

*Graduate*

Justin Nelson, Ph.D. Dissertation in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2019   
(Committee Member)

Kenneth Vaughan, Ph.D. Dissertation in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2019  
(Committee Member)

Jason Burtt, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2019 (Committee Member)

Amanda Hernandez, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2019 (Committee Member)

Cara Allen, Ph.D. Dissertation in Higher Education, Baylor University, Spring 2019 (Committee Member)

Emmy Edwards, Ph.D. Dissertation in Higher Education, Baylor University, Spring 2019 (Committee Member)

Blake Kent, Ph.D. Dissertation in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2018   
(Committee Member)

Paul McClure, Ph.D. Dissertation in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2018   
(Committee Member)

Jake Kane, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2018 (Committee Member)

Renae Wilkinson, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2017 (Chair)

James Davidson, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2017 (Chair)

Blake V. Kent, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2015 (Committee member)

Paul McClure, M.A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University Spring 2015 (Committee member)

Matthew Henderson, M. A. Thesis in Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2014 (Committee member)

*Undergraduate*

Amanda Davis, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, expected Spring 2021 (Supervisor)  
  
Aubrey Simon, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, expected Spring 2021 (Supervisor)

Delaney Shiu, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, expected Spring 2020 (Supervisor)

Katie Colanero, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2018 (Supervisor)

Amanda Garrison, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2018 (Supervisor)  
\*Rated Outstanding, top 5% of all theses, graduate level quality

Cassidy Story, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2018 (Supervisor)  
\*Rated Outstanding, top 5% of all theses, graduate level quality

Jennifer Teague, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2017 (Supervisor)

\*Rated Outstanding, top 5% of all theses, graduate level quality, nominated for Wilson Thesis Award

Melissa Montgomery, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2017 (Reader)

Sarah Trocke, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2017 (Reader)

Margaret Odunze, Honors Thesis, Baylor University, Spring 2015 (Supervisor)

Diego Valdes, Honors Contract Research Project, Baylor University, Fall 2018 (Advisor)

Connor Dillon, Honors Contract Research Project, Baylor University, Fall 2015 (Advisor)

Katie Colanero, Honors Contract Research Project, Baylor University, Spring 2015 (Advisor)

Amanda Garrison, Honors Contract Research Project, Baylor University, Spring 2015 (Advisor)

**cONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Maladies of Infinite Aspiration: Anomigenesis and the Internet” (with. Justin Nelson). Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. October 31, 2019

“Understanding Political Engagement through Religiosity” (with James Davidson). Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. August 19-22, 2016

“Does Spirituality Help More than Religion? The Case of Economic Alienation” (with Renae Wilkinson) Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. August 19-22, 2016

“Media(ting) Conflict and Movement Legitimation: A Media Content Analysis of the Moral Monday Movement,” (with Emily Hunt) Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA, August 8-13, 2014

“Who Needs the State?: Privatization as Political Strategy.” 108th Meeting, American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-14, 2013

“A Niebuhrian Framework for Understanding Global Religio-Politics.” 108th Meeting, American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-14, 2012

“What Would Jesus Protest?: The Transformation of U.S. Christian Activism, 1960-2000.” 106th Meeting, American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 19-22, 2011.

“Prophets and Protest: Preliminary Findings from the American Christian Activism Database.” 2009 Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO., October 22-25, 2009.

“Two Centuries of American Religious Activism: What the 19th and 20th Centuries May Tell Us about the 21st” (with Michael P. Young, UT-Austin), Mini-Conference: “Comparing Past and Present.” Sponsored by the Comparative-Historical Section of the American Sociological Association. Berkeley, CA. August 12, 2009.

Co-organizer, “Gender and Power in Global Context.” Departmental panel on the intersection of political sociology and gender studies examining cases from the Middle East, India, and the U.S. Sponsored by the Power, History, & Society graduate student organization, UT-Austin, April 15, 2009.

Co-organizer and panelist, “Remembering Charles Tilly.” Interdisciplinary symposium on the intellectual legacy of the late historical sociologist Charles Tilly. Sponsored by the Power, History, & Society graduate student organization, UT-Austin, Oct. 29, 2008.

“Mass Media and the Building of Welfare Reform Consensus, 1988-1996.” Regular Session, 103rd Meeting, American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008.

Co-organizer and discussant (with Nicolette Manglos and Mounira Maya Charrad), “Power, History, and Society: What are the ‘Big Questions’?” Interdisciplinary symposium on political sociology, UT-Austin, Feb. 22, 2008.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

*Baylor University (Undergraduate)*

SOC 1305 Introduction to Sociology

SOC 43C9 Senior Colloquium

SOC 4309 Social Psychology

SOC 4366 Social Movements  
HON 3101 Advanced Reading & Research

HON 4V87 Honors Thesis

SOC 4V70-01 Independent Study (Sociology of Health Care Organizations)

SOC 4V70-04 Independent Study (Sociology of the Self)

SOC 4V70-04 Independent Study (Principles of Content Analysis)

SOC 4V70-03 Independent Study (Fundamentals of Media Sociology)

SOC 4V70-03 Independent Study (Comparative-Historical Sociology of Mental Health)

SOC 4V70-02 Independent Study (Culture and Social Mobility)

*Baylor University (Graduate)*

SOC 6V97 Seminar in Teaching

SOC 6V70 Political Sociology

SOC 6V71 Religion, Politics, and Society

SOC 6V71-05 Contentious Politics & Culture   
SOC 6V71-02 Studies in Political Violence

SOC 6V71-03 Sociology of Culture

SOC 6V71-01 Morality in the Digital Age

SOC 6V70-2 Applying Theory

*College of William & Mary*

SOCL 203 American Society (Two sections, 150 total students)

SOCL 150W-01 Freshman Symposium: Culture & Power

SOCL 304 Sociology of Religion

*Southwestern University*

SOC 34-114 Social Patterns & Processes

*University of Texas at Austin*

Religion, Culture, & Politics

**ACADEMIC SKILLS**

Comparative-historical methods, archival research

Qualitative comparative analysis and fuzzy-set techniques

Content/discourse analysis

Software packages for quantitative data analysis (SPSS, STATA)

Software packages for qualitative data analysis (AtlasTI)

Database construction and maintenance

Grant writing

Language competency in Spanish

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion

Reviewer:

*Social Forces*

*Sociological Perspectives*

*Sociological Forum*

*Sociology of Religion*

Hanover Research (textbooks)

SAGE Publishing (textbooks)

SAGE Open

Springer Publishing (reference works)

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Sociology, Baylor University, Nov. 2017-Present

Social Media Officer, Department of Sociology, Baylor University. 2014-Present

* Create and curate all content for Facebook and Twitter online presence for Sociology Department.
* Page traffic: 560 followers as of January 2020.

Member, University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Fall 2018-Present

Member, Search Committee, Lecturer in Sociology, Spring 2019

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, Baylor University, 2015-Present

Faculty Advisor, SOUL (Sociology Of Undergraduate Lives), Undergraduate Sociology Affinity Group,

2016-Present

Hogg Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Committee, 2015

*College of Arts & Sciences / Admissions Service*

Essay Evaluation Committee, Distinguished Scholar Scholarship ($25,000), College of Arts & Sciences, Enrollment Management/Admissions, Baylor University, December 2019

Department representative, Distinguished Scholars Day, University Admissions, Baylor University, 2017-Present

Department representative, Academic Open House, University Admissions, Baylor University, Summer 2018

Department representative, Honors Convocation, Office of the Provost, Baylor University, Spring 2018

Department representative, Invitation to Excellence, University Admissions, Baylor University, 2011-2018

Department representative, Know Where You’re Going Day, University Admissions, Baylor University, 2017-Present

Department representative, Baylor Premiere, University Admissions, Baylor University, 2011-20

*Invited Lectures & Panels*

“Is Brunch a Sacrament? The Future of Religion in a Secular Age,” Theology on Tap Series (organizer and speaker), St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, Spring 2019

“Promotion to Senior Lecturer,” Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, Fall 2019 (with Dr. Jacqueline Duke, Dept. of Biology)

“Unconscious Bias and Structural Racism,” Community Leader Training, Residence Life, Baylor University, Spring 2015- Spring 2019

“Philosophy of Teaching,” Graduate Teaching Seminar, Dr. Matt Bradshaw, Department of Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2018

“Medicine and Power,” Introduction to Medical Humanities class, Dr. Lauren Barron, Medical Humanities Program, Baylor University, Spring 2018, 2020

“Sociology of Gender,” Introduction to Sociology class, Prof. Renae Wilkinson, Dept. of Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2018

“It’s On Us: Campus Sexual Assault Panel Discussion,” Office of Student Life, Baylor University, Spring 2017

“Mythbusters: Baylor Edition,” Health Professions Living & Learning Community, Baylor University, Spring 2017

“Engagement Strategies for Social Sciences & Humanities,” Excellence in Teaching Workshop, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, Spring 2017

“Unconditional Happiness,” Alpha Chi Omega Chapter Meeting, 2016

“Losing Your ‘Self’,” Brooks Residential College Dinner and Tea, Baylor University, 2016

“Professionalism as a Lecturer,” Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University, 2014.

“Talk of Love,” Marriage and the Family, Baylor University, Instructor: Matt Henderson, 2015-16.

**COMMUNITY /CHURCH SERVICE**

Leader, Small Group Ministry, Saint Alban’s Episcopal Church, 2016-2019

Leader, Book Discussion Group, Saint Alban’s Episcopal Church, 2015-2017

Episcopal Student Center Advisory Board, 2016-2017, Baylor University

Lector, St. Alban’s Episcopal Church