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## Education

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Ph.D. Sociology, expected July 2024

Dissertation: *Passing it Down: How Parental Beliefs Influence the Values of Their Children.*

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Jeremy Uecker

M.A. Sociology, Baylor University, 2021. Thesis Chairs: Dr. George Yancey and Dr. Paul Froese

M.A. Sociology, The New School for Social Research, 2017

B.A. Sociology and Political Science, Mount St. Mary's University, 2015

## Areas of Interest

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Religion, Politics, Race and Ethnicity, Identity, Family and Marriage, Education

## Professional Experience

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Adjunct Professor, Department of Social Work, Sociology, and Criminal Justice, University of Mary

Hardin Baylor, Fall 2023 - Present

Teacher of Record, Department of Sociology, Baylor University, Spring 2022 – Present

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Baylor University, Fall 2019 – Present.

Research Assistant, Institute for the Study of Religion, Baylor University, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

English Teacher, Aston English in Gaomi, China, Summer 2017 – Fall 2019

Special Needs Teacher, A Starting Place, Pearl River, NY, Summer 2015 – Spring 2017

## Teaching Interests

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Introduction to Sociology	Research Methods	Statistics
Classic and Contemporary Theory	Sociology of Gender	Race and Ethnicity
Sociology of Education	Sociology of Religion	Political Sociology

## Teaching Experience

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*Adjunct Professor at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor:*

Social Class and Poverty, Spring 2024	(12 Students)
Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2023	(72 Students over two sections, Online)
Sociology of Gender, Fall 2023	(19 Students)

*Teacher of Record at Baylor University:*

Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2024	(69 Students)
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Fall 2023	(29 Students)
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Spring 2023	(26 Students)
Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2022	(69 Students)

*Teaching Assistant:*

Sociology of Health  
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity  
Sociology of Religion  
Introduction to Sociology  
Criminology

*Guest Lectures:*

Introduction to Sociology: “Bourdieu and College: Social Capital and Academic Success in College,” Fall 2022  
Introduction to Sociology: “God and Country: Civil Religion and American Politics,” Fall 2021  
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: “The Role of Race within American Politics,” Fall 2021  
Introduction to Sociology: “Political Sociology: An Introduction,” Fall 2021

## **Publications**

(\*Undergraduate Collaborators)

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**Michael Ryan**, Hannah Evans, Cara Hoekstra\*, David Jung\*, Kevin D. Dougherty, Perry L. Glanzer, and Sarah A. Schnitker. Forthcoming. “Race, Religion, and Belonging at a Christian University.”

*Religious Education*

**Michael Ryan**. 2020. “Religious Groups in China Need International Support.” *The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs*. March 16, 2020

**Michael Ryan**. 2018. “China’s Cold war Lesson: The Catholic Church Has Revolutionary Potential”, *America Magazine, A Jesuit Publication*. May 8, 2018

## **Selected Manuscripts in Progress**

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Isaiah King and **Michael Ryan**. “Secularity in Different Hues: Exploring the Role of Religion in Society of Secularists across Racial Difference.” Under Review

**Michael Ryan**, Isaiah King, and Ruiqian (Richie) Li. “Secularity and Liberalism: Does Secularity Increase Liberalism across Racial Difference?” Under Review

**Michael Ryan**, Kevin D. Dougherty, Perry L. Glanzer, and Sarah A. Schnitker, “When Politics Matter More than Religion: Political Identity and Belonging at a Christian University.” Pending Submission

**Michael Ryan**, Jesse Lee DeDeyne, and James Malo. “Religion, Marriage Attitudes, and Life Satisfaction Among Young Adults.” Pending submission

Nick Andre, Meghan Fletcher\*, Hudson Graber\*, **Michael Ryan**, Kevin D. Dougherty, Perry L. Glanzer, and Sarah A. Schnitker. “Belonging and Social Class at a Religious University: Can Discussions of Religion and Purpose Close the Gap?” Pending submission

**Michael Ryan**. “Angry Conservatives, the Role of Ideology in Incivil Discourse.”

**Michael Ryan**. “What is a Catholic Man? Analyzing Masculinity Through the Debate Surrounding Father James Martin.”

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

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Fundamentals of Data Research Fellowship, Baylor University (\$1,000), Summer 2023

- Fellowship to support increased training in research methods and data visualization.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award in the Social Sciences. Baylor University, Spring 2023

Solid Gold Neighbor Research Fellowship, Baylor University (\$5000), Spring 2022

- Fellowship for applied sociological research to improve outcomes for local nonprofit organizations.

Graduate Student Fellowship Enhancement, Baylor University (\$10,000), Fall 2019 – Present

## Conference Presentations

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**Michael Ryan.** “Raising Republicans and Democrats: The Role of Religion in Political Homogeneity amongst Parents and Adult Children.” Graduate Research Showcase, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, November 2023

**Michael Ryan.** “Religion, Life Goal Orientation Relative to Marriage, and Life Satisfaction Amongst Young Adults,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2023

**Michael Ryan.** “What is a Catholic Man? Masculinity, homosexuality, and the conservative Catholic response to LGBT Advocacy.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2023

**Michael Ryan.** “A Calf or a Colt? The Role of Parents and Religion in Passing Down Political Beliefs,” Fundamentals of Data Research Fellowship Showcase. Waco, Texas, September 2023

**Michael Ryan.** “Religion, Life Goal Prioritization, and Life Satisfaction Amongst Young Adults,” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2023

**Michael Ryan.** “Masculinity, Homosexuality, and Debate around the Advocacy of Father James Martin, SJ.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2023

**Michael Ryan** and Hannah Evans. “Race, Religion, and Belonging at a Christian University.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, Oregon, October 2021

**Michael Ryan** and Kevin D. Dougherty. “Political Accountability in Christian Higher Education: Perceptions of Belonging for Students from the Political Right, Center, and Left.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture. Waco, Texas, October 2021

## Certifications

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QPR Baylor Mental Health Ally, June 2023

Baylor Teaching Capstone in Higher Education, May 2023

Mental Health First Aid Certificate from National Council for Mental Wellbeing, May 2023

Suicide Prevention, May 2023

Designing for Online Teaching Success (DOTS) Certificate, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, Spring 2023

## **Software and Technical Skills**

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Statistical Software

SAS, STATA, SPSS, R, Power BI, NVivo Plus

Quantitative Methods

Multilevel Modeling, Regression Analysis, Path Analysis

Qualitative Methods

Content Analysis, Interviews, Focus Groups

## **Service**

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Graduate Advisor, Minorities in Medicine Student Group, Baylor University Fall 2022 – Present

Honors Colloquium Instructor, Baylor University

Member of the Pedagogy Committee, *Sociological Forum*

## **References**

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Available upon request