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EMPLOYMENT

- 2018– Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Baylor University
Resident Fellow, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University
- 2021– Faculty Affiliate, University of Texas Population Research Center
- 2024– Interim Chair, Department of Sociology, Baylor University
- 2012–18 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Baylor University
- 2010–12 Postdoctoral Fellow, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2006 M.A., Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2003 B.A., Political Science and Sociology, Furman University
- *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, family, youth, mental health, stratification, sexual behavior

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Froese, Paul, Rebecca Bonhag, Jeremy Uecker, Matthew Andersson, and Laura Upenieks. "Prayer and Mental Well-Being." *Journal of Religion & Health*.
- 2024 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Carl Desportes Bowman. "Still Soul Searching? Remapping Adolescent Religious Commitment." *Sociology of Religion* 85: 197–218.

- Brown, Brandon M., Kevin D. Dougherty, Jeremy E. Uecker, Sarah A. Schnitker, and Perry L. Glanzer. "Changes in Politics and Religiosity among Students at a Protestant University." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 63: 117-136.
- Dowd-Arrow, Benjamin, Terrence D. Hill, Daniel Tope, and Jeremy Uecker. "Implicit Resentment and the Gun Policy Preferences of White Americans." *Sociological Inquiry* 94: 5-27.
- 2023 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Paul K. McClure. "Screen Time, Social Media, and Religious Commitment among Adolescents." *The Sociological Quarterly* 64: 250-273.
- 2022 Froese, Paul, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Prayer in America: A Detailed Analysis of the Various Dimensions of Prayer." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 61: 663-689.
- Upenieks, Laura, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Markus H. Schafer. "Couple Religiosity and Well-Being Among Older Adults in the United States." *Journal of Aging and Health* 34: 266-282.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., Rebecca Bonhag, J. J. Burtt, Hannah R. Evans, and Amanda D. Hernandez. "Religion and Attitudes toward Childlessness in the United States." *Journal of Family Issues* 43: 186-214.
- 2021 Longest, Kyle, C., and Jeremy E. Uecker. "It All Depends on How You Want to Believe: How Young Adults Navigate Religion and Science." *Review of Religious Research* 63: 1-21.
- 2020 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Lindsay R. Wilkinson. "College Selectivity, Subjective Social Status, and Mental Health in Young Adulthood." *Society and Mental Health* 10: 257-275.
- Dew, Jeffrey, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Brian J. Willoughby (equal 2nd-authors). "Joint Religiosity and Married Couples' Sexual Satisfaction." *Psychology of Religion & Spirituality* 12: 201-212.
- 2019 Pearce, Lisa D., Jeremy E. Uecker, and Melinda Lundquist Denton. "Religion and Adolescent Outcomes: How and Under What Conditions Religion Matters." *Annual Review of Sociology* 45: 201-222.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., and Paul Froese. "Religious Individualism and Moral Progressivism: How Source of Religious Authority Is Related to Attitudes about Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, Divorce, and Premarital Sex." *Politics and Religion* 12: 283-316.
- 2018 Longest, Kyle, C., and Jeremy E. Uecker (equal authorship). "Beliefs about Evolution and Educational Attainment." *Sociological Forum* 33: 950-973.

Longest, Kyle C., and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Moral Communities and Sex: The Religious Influence on Young Adult Sexual Behavior and Regret." *Sociological Perspectives* 61: 361–382.

Kent, Blake Victor, Matt Bradshaw, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Forgiveness, Attachment to God, and Mental Health Outcomes in Older U.S. Adults: A Longitudinal Study." *Research on Aging* 40: 456–479.

Nelson, Justin J., and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Are Religious Parents More Satisfied Parents?: Individual- and Couple-Level Religious Correlates of Parenting Satisfaction." *Journal of Family Issues* 39: 1770–1796.

Denton, Melinda Lundquist, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "What God Has Joined Together: Family Formation and Religion among Young Adults." *Review of Religious Research* 60: 1–22.

Stroope, Samuel, Heather M. Rackin, Jessica L. Stroope, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Breastfeeding and the Role of Maternal Religion: Results from a National Prospective Cohort Study." *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* 52: 319–330.

2017 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Lisa D. Pearce. "Conservative Protestantism and Horizontal Stratification in Education: The Case of College Selectivity." *Social Forces* 96: 661–690.

Uecker, Jeremy E., and Brandon C. Martinez. "When and Why Women Regret Sex in Hookups More Than Men Do: An Analysis of the Online College Social Life Survey." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57: 470–494.

Uecker, Jeremy E., and Kyle C. Longest. "Exposure to Science, Perspectives on Science and Religion, and Religious Commitment in Young Adulthood." *Social Science Research* 65: 145–162.

Wang, Xiuhua, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Education, Religious Commitment, and Religious Tolerance in Contemporary China." *Review of Religious Research* 59: 157–182.

2016 Henderson, W. Matthew, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Samuel Stroope. "The Role of Religion in Parenting Satisfaction and Parenting Stress among Young Parents." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57: 675–710.

Uecker, Jeremy E., Damon Mayrl, and Samuel Stroope. "Family Formation and Returning to Institutional Religion in Young Adulthood." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55: 384–406.

Uecker, Jeremy E., Christopher G. Ellison, Kevin J. Flannelly, and Amy M. Burdette. "Belief in Human Sinfulness, Belief in Experiencing Divine Forgiveness, and Psychiatric Symptoms." *Review of Religious Research* 58: 1–26.

- Uecker, Jeremy E., and Charles E. Stokes. "Religious Background and Gambling among Young Adults in the United States." *Journal of Gambling Studies* 32: 341–361.
- 2015 Uecker, Jeremy E. "Social Context and Sexual Intercourse among First-Year Students at Selective Colleges and Universities in the United States." *Social Science Research* 52: 59–71.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., Lisa D. Pearce, and Brita Andercheck. "The Four U's: Latent Classes of Hookup Motivations Among College Students." *Social Currents* 2: 163–181.
- Stroope, Samuel, Aaron B. Franzen, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Social Context and College Completion in the United States: The Role of Congregational Biblical Literalism." *Sociological Perspectives* 58: 120–137.
- Stroope, Samuel, Michael J. McFarland, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Marital Characteristics and the Sexual Relationships of U.S. Older Adults: An Analysis of National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project Data." *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 44: 233–247.
- 2014 Uecker, Jeremy E. "Religion and Early Marriage in the United States: Evidence from the Add Health Study." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53: 392–415.
- Uecker, Jeremy E., and Jonathan P. Hill. "Religious Schools, Home Schools, and the Timing of First Marriage and First Birth." *Review of Religious Research* 56: 189–218.
- 2012 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Christopher G. Ellison. "Parental Divorce, Parental Religious Characteristics, and Religious and Spiritual Outcomes in Adulthood." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51: 777–794.
- Wilcox, W. Bradford, Andrew J. Cherlin, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Matthew Messel. "No Money, No Honey, No Church: The Deinstitutionalization of Religious Life among the White Working Class." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 23: 227–250.
- Uecker, Jeremy E. "Marriage and Mental Health among Young Adults." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 53: 67–83.
- 2011 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Glenn Lucke. "Protestant Clergy and the Culture Wars: An Empirical Test of Hunter's Thesis." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50: 692–706.
- Mayrl, Damon, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Higher Education and Religious Liberalization among Young Adults." *Social Forces* 90: 181–208.

McFarland, Michael J., Jeremy E. Uecker, and Mark D. Regnerus. "The Role of Religion in Shaping Sexual Frequency and Satisfaction: Evidence from Married and Unmarried Older Adults." *The Journal of Sex Research* 48: 297–308.

- Reprinted in *Religion, Sexuality and Spirituality*. 2015. Edited by Carole Cusack and Jason Prior. New York: Routledge.

2010 Glenn, Norval D., Jeremy E. Uecker, and Robert W. B. Love, Jr. "Later First Marriage and Marital Success." *Social Science Research* 39: 787–800.

Uecker, Jeremy E., and Mark D. Regnerus. "Bare Market: Campus Sex Ratios, Romantic Relationships, and Sexual Behavior." *The Sociological Quarterly* 51: 408–435.

2009 Uecker, Jeremy E. "Catholic Schooling, Protestant Schooling, and Religious Commitment in Young Adulthood." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48: 353–367.

2008 Uecker, Jeremy E., Nicole Angotti, and Mark D. Regnerus. "Going Most of the Way: 'Technical Virginity' among American Adolescents." *Social Science Research* 37: 1200–1215.

Uecker, Jeremy E. "Alternative Schooling Strategies and the Religious Lives of American Adolescents." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47: 563–584.

Uecker, Jeremy E., and Charles E. Stokes. "Early Marriage in the United States." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70: 835–846.

Uecker, Jeremy E. "Religion, Pledging, and the Premarital Sexual Behavior of Married Young Adults." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70: 728–744.

Uecker, Jeremy E. "Religious and Spiritual Responses to 9/11: Evidence from the Add Health Study." *Sociological Spectrum* 28: 477–509. (Special issue on religion)

2007 Uecker, Jeremy E., Mark D. Regnerus, and Margaret L. Vaaler. "Losing My Religion: The Social Sources of Religious Decline in Early Adulthood." *Social Forces* 85: 1667–1692.

Regnerus, Mark D., and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Religious Influences on Sensitive Self-Reported Behaviors: The Product of Social Desirability, Deceit, or Embarrassment?" *Sociology of Religion* 68: 145–163.

2006 Regnerus, Mark D., and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Finding Faith, Losing Faith: The Prevalence and Context of Religious Transformations during Adolescence." *Review of Religious Research* 47: 217–237.

Book

- 2011 Regnerus, Mark, and Jeremy Uecker. *Premarital Sex in America: How Young Americans Meet, Mate, and Think about Marrying*. New York: Oxford University Press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Froese, Paul, Jeremy Uecker, and Kenneth Vaughan. "The Sacred Values of Trumpism: Core Values." pp. 7-27 in *American Values, Mental Health, and Using Technology in the Age of Trump: Findings from the Baylor Religion Survey, Wave 5*.
- 2015 Vermurlen, Brad, Jeremy Uecker, and Kimberly Samuel. "Do Specialty Services Make a Difference in Evangelical Churches?" Report prepared for Docent Research Group, Austin, TX.
- 2007 Regnerus, Mark D., and Jeremy E. Uecker. "How Corrosive Is College to Religious Faith and Practice?" Essay published in the Social Science Research Council web forum, "The Religious Engagements of American Undergraduates."
- Reprinted in *Opposing Viewpoints: America's Youth*. 2007. Edited by Jamuna Carroll. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2015-18 Rising Star, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Baylor University Principal Investigator, "The Consequences of Religion and Science Beliefs in Longitudinal Perspective," with Kyle Longest (co-PI), supported by The Issachar Fund (\$77,000)
- 2016 Summer Sabbatical Research Award, Baylor University (deferred from 2015)
- 2015 Sabbatical Writer's Retreat, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
- 2014 Summer Sabbatical Research Award, Baylor University
- 2013 Summer Sabbatical Research Award, Baylor University
- 2009-10 University Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship, Awarded by the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin (declined)
- 2009 Constance H. Jacquet Award from the Religious Research Association, "Religion and Early Marriage in the United States"

Doug Forbes Award from the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, "Early Marriage in the United States: Why Some Marry Young, Why Many Don't, and What Difference It Makes"

- 2008-09 University Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship, Awarded by the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin (declined)
- 2008 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award from the Association for the Sociology of Religion, "Religious and Spiritual Responses to 9/11: Evidence from the Add Health Study"
- 2006-07 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship, Awarded by the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Clifton, Tristen, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Xi Zhu. "Religion and Emotional Responses to Abortion among US Adults." Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Andre, Nick, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Parental Religiosity and Adolescent Grades and College Aspirations: The Role of Parenting Characteristics, Adolescent Social Settings, and Adolescent Personality." Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2022 Uecker, Jeremy E., and Paul K. McClure. "Screen Time, Social Media, and Religious Commitment among Adolescents." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.
- Stroope, Samuel, Ajay Verghese, Nathaniel Porter, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Ruiqian Li. "Religiosity in India." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.
- 2020 Upenieks, Laura, Jeremy E. Uecker, and Markus Schafer. "Marital Religious Homogamy and Dimensions of Well-Being in Later Life: Evidence from the United States." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Online.
- 2019 Pearce, Lisa D., Melinda Lundquist Denton, and Jeremy E. Uecker. "Family Religiosity in Adolescence and Career Aspiration Trajectories in the Transition to Adulthood." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Marriage and the Family (Undergraduate) – 14 semesters (1 online) and 2 summer courses
Social Statistics (Undergraduate) – 10 semesters
Regression Analysis for the Social Sciences (Graduate) – 8 semesters
Religion and Family Life (Graduate) – 4 semesters
Seminar in Family Sociology (Graduate) – 2 semesters
Data Sources and Publishing in Sociology (Graduate) – 3 semesters
Writing Practicum in Sociology (Graduate) – 3 summer courses

SERVICE

Professional

- 2005– Ad-hoc reviewer: National Science Foundation, John Templeton Foundation, Oxford University Press, Rutgers University Press, Calvin College Press, Worth Publishers, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Demography*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Sociology of Education*, *Gender & Society*, *Social Science Research*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Sociological Forum*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Social Currents*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Youth & Society*, *Demographic Research*, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *Research on Aging*, *Sexuality & Culture*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Marriage & Family Review*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, *Journal of Religion & Health*, *Comparative Education Review*, *Christian Scholars Review*, *International Journal of Christianity and Education*
- 2020– Editorial Board, *Review of Religious Research*
- 2014–23 Editorial Board, *Sociology of Religion*
- 2021 Distinguished Article Award Committee, Religion Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2017–19 Advisory Editor, *Sociological Perspectives*
- 2016–19 Jack Shand Research Award Committee (two consecutive terms), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2018 Committee Chair
- 2015–18 Executive Council Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2018 Invited Presentation (with Kyle Longest), “In 7 Days or 7 Million Years?: How Emerging Adults Construct the Relationship between Religion and Science,” Furman University High Noon Series

- 2017 Poster Session Judge, Children and Youth Session, Population Association of America annual meeting
- Invited Presentation, "Let's Talk About...Sex and Society," Title IX "It's On Us" Student Advisory Council, Baylor University
- 2016 2017 Session Organizer, "Religion and Families," Population Association of America
- 2015 Invited Presentation, "Hookups and Sexual Relationships in Young Adulthood: What's Really Happening and What It Means for Emotional Well-Being," Hope College
- Invited Presentation, "Conservative Protestantism and Horizontal Stratification in Postsecondary Education: The Case of College Quality," Department of Sociology and Department of Religious Studies, University of South Carolina
- Invited Presentation, "Religious Trajectories and Family Formation during the Transition to Adulthood," Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Pew Research Center
- 2014 Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Religion
- Program Chair, annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2013 Discussant, "Trends and Variability in Unions," Annual meeting of the Population Association of America
- 2012 Discussant, "Sexual and Romantic Relationships," Annual meeting of the Population Association of America.
- 2010 Invited Presentation, "Sex and Romance in College: A Relationship-Market Perspective," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Carolina Population Center Seminar Series
- Invited Lecture, "Religion and Family Life in the United States," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Sociology of Family Course, Instructor: Philip Cohen
- 2006, 2008, and 2009 Graduate Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, Minority-Group Demography Program at the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship Program, University of Texas at Austin
- Editorial Board, *Sociological Insight* (national undergraduate sociology journal)

- Invited Lecture, "Religion in Adolescence and Young Adulthood," University of Texas at Austin Religion & Society Course, Instructor: Christopher Ellison
- 2008 Invited Presentation, "Religious Influences on Sexual Behavior," University of Texas Sexual Health Educators Training Seminar
- Invited Presentation (with Mark Regnerus), "Heterosexual Relationships among American Young Adults," University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center Brown Bag Seminar
- Invited Lecture, "Religion and Sexual Behavior," University of Texas at Austin Introduction to the Study of Religion Course, Instructor: Mark Regnerus
- 2007 Invited Presentation, "Going Most of the Way: 'Technical Virginity' among Young Americans," University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center Brown Bag Seminar
- 2006 Invited Presentation, "Are Catholic Schools Making a Difference in the Religious Lives of Their Students?" St. Gabriel's Catholic School, Austin, Texas
- Baylor**
- 2024–25 Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School
- 2023–24 Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology
Summer Research Award Committee, College of Arts & Sciences
Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School
- 2022–23 Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology
Summer Research Award Committee, College of Arts & Sciences
Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School
- 2021–22 Chair, Search Committee (senior hire), Department of Sociology
Summer Research Award Committee, College of Arts & Sciences
Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School
- 2020–21 Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School
Baylor Religion Survey Committee, Department of Sociology
Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2019–20 Chair, Search Committee (two lines), Department of Sociology
Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School
Baylor Religion Survey Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2018–19 Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology
Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate School

- 2017-18 Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology
Baylor Religion Survey Committee, Department of Sociology
Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2016-17 Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology
Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award Committee, Baylor Graduate School
- 2015-16 Search Committee (two lines), Department of Sociology
- 2013-14 Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2013 Led Stata workshop for graduate students and faculty, Department of Sociology
Arranged invited presentation, jimi adams, American University
- 2012-13 Search Committee, Department of Sociology

ADVISING

Ph.D. Supervisor

- Current Michael Ryan, Nick Andre
- Defended Hannah Evans (2022), Justin Nelson (2019), Emily Hunt (2018)

M.A. Supervisor

- Current Riley Peterson
- Defended Jennifer Laderi (2024), Nick Andre (2023), Rudra Chakraborty (2023), Brandon Brown (2022), Jesse DeDeyne (2020), Cory Sugg (2017)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor

- Defended Riley Peterson (2022), Cara Hoekstra (2021)

Ph.D. Committees (Baylor sociology unless otherwise noted)

- Defended Tristen Clifton (2024), Tim Lauve-Moon (2023), Daniel Allen (2022), Alonso Aravena Mendez (2022), Jonathan Seward (Health Economics, 2022), Laurie Russell (Clinical Psychology, 2020), Laura Upenieks (Sociology, University of Toronto, 2019), Halle Ross (Clinical Psychology, 2019), Rose Lorona (Psychology, 2019), Murat Yilmaz (2018), Paul McClure (2018), Matt Henderson (2017), Kimberly Edwards (2015), Natalie Nichols (Clinical Psychology, 2015), Joshua Tom (2015), Brandon Martinez (2015), Aaron Franzen (2014)

M.A. Committees (Baylor sociology unless otherwise noted)

Defended Isaiah King (2024), Mandy McGowan (2022), Rachel Johnson (2022), Joyce Chang (2021), Rory Jones (2021), Ligia Tossato (Music Education, 2021), Kyra Neill (2021), Alonso Aravena Mendez (2020), Brittany Nesbitt (Psychology, 2019), Hannah Evans (2019), Rebecca Bonhag (2019), Renae Wilkinson (2017), Alyssa Lowe (Educational Leadership, 2017), Justin Nelson (2016), Emily Hunt (2015)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees

Defended Lucy Potts (2022), Janna Delacot (2021), Jeremy Sieker (2016), Sara Bitting (2014), Cristina Mendez (2014)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (Past and Present)

American Sociological Association (ASA), Family and Religion sections
Population Association of America (PAA)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
Religious Research Association (RRA)
Southern Demographic Association (SDA)