

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oklahoma** | | August 2022-expected graduation May 2026, currently full-time, ABD status

Ph.D., Sociology; Graduate Certificate in Applied Research & Program Evaluation

Dissertation: "Gestating Tyranny: The Social Structure of Abortion Attitudes, Abortion Criminalization, and Anti-Abortion Activism in Post-Dobbs America" (Chair: Samuel L. Perry; Committee: Stephanie Burge, Trina Hope, Meredith G. F. Worthen)

Comprehensive examination areas: Criminology; Gender

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville** | | 2010-2013

M.A., Sociology | | 2011-2013

Thesis: "Creating Moral Authority and Collective Action Frames: Christian Pulpit Monologues in the Ex-Gay Movement"

B.S., Sociology major, Psychology minor | | 2010-2011

**Illinois Central College** | | 2007-2009, full-time status

A.A., Social Sciences

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Schmidgall, Darci K., Samuel L. Perry, and Joshua Grubbs. 2025. "Anti-Abortion and Pro-Coercion: White Christian Nationalism and Support for Arresting Women Who Have Abortions." *Social Problems* spaf030. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaf030>
- Perry, Samuel L., and Darci K. Schmidgall. 2025. "How Christian Nationalism Co-opts Black Americans for Republicans: The Case of Voting on Abortion." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2025.2482717>
- Seto, Christopher H., Darci K. Schmidgall, and Samuel L. Perry. 2024. "Colorblind Cops in Christian America: Christian Nationalism, Race, Politics, and Beliefs About Racist Policing." *The Sociological Quarterly*, 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2435445>
- Bonner, Emily, R. D., Darci K. Schmidgall, and Thomas J. Burns. 2023. Complementary Ecologies of Being: Quakerism and Buddhism as Exemplars of a Planetist Analogical Imagination. *Social Science, Humanities and Sustainability Research*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.22158/sshsr.v4n5p125>

## Non-refereed Academic Publications

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- Chapple, Constance, and Darci K. Schmidgall. 2025. "Gender and Social Control Theory." Forthcoming, commissioned chapter in *The Sage Encyclopedia of Crime and Gender*.

## RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

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- Schmidgall, Darci K. "Do State-Funded 'Alternatives to Abortion' Programs Reduce Abortion Rates? A Longitudinal Analysis." Conditionally accepted at *Social Science Research* (journal has a 5% acceptance rate).
- Schmidgall, Darci K. "Mother of All Deviance? Theorizing Abortion Stigma Through the Panes of a Stained-Glass Overton Window." Under Revise and Resubmit review at *Sociological Theory*.
- Schmidgall, Darci K., Popy Begum, and Christopher H. Seto. "Deciding for Her: Christian Nationalism and Opposition to Legal Abortion Across Circumstances." Under initial review at *The Sociological Quarterly*.

(Research Under Review cont.)

4. Schmidgall, Darci K., Samuel L. Perry, and Joshua T. Davis. "Women in the Hands of an Angry God? Religion and Support for Punishing Women Who Have Illegal Abortions." Under Review and Resubmit review at *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.
5. Chapple, Constance L., Erin Maher, Sarah Beth Bell, Marie M. Cox, Lauren E. Ethridge, Julie E. Miller-Cribbs, Helen M. Milojevich, and Darci K. Schmidgall. "Using Mixed-Methods to Study Adversity in Rural Communities." Under Review and Resubmit review at *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*. (Note: two co-PIs listed first alphabetically, remaining authors listed alphabetically.)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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1. Schmidgall, Darci K. and Meredith G. F. Worthen. *In prep.* "Becoming One Flesh, One Name: Exploring Christian Influences on Surnaming Patterns and 'Doing Marriage.'"
2. Schmidgall, Darci K., Wendy K. Dedmond, and Martin Piotrowski. *In prep.* "Barbells and Bias: The CrossFit Open, Gender Progress, and Gender Difference in Sport."
3. Schmidgall, Darci K., Abrielle Alexander, Ethan Boston, Samuel L. Perry, and Michaela Youngblood. *In prep.* "White before Woman, Race before Gender? Theorizing Intersectionality from a Systematic Review of Gender Non-Findings in Christian Nationalism Research"
4. Schmidgall, Darci K. *In prep.* "The Social Structure of Abortion: A Longitudinal Analysis of State Abortion Attitudes and Rates"
5. Schmidgall, Darci K. *In prep.* "Criminalizing Choice: Christian Nationalism and the Construction of a New Motherhood Penalty Post Dobbs"
6. Schmidgall, Darci K. *In prep.* "Anti-Autonomy 'Abolitionism' (a3): Christian Nationalism and Hetero-Patriarchy, or Extremist Evangelical Supremacy?"
7. Worthen, Meredith G. F. and Darci K. Schmidgall. *In prep.* "Doing Marriage with Surnames: Men's Marital Last Name Patterns."

## Selected CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Society for the Study of Social Problems**, 2025. "Mother of All Deviance? Theorizing Abortion Stigma Through the Panes of a Stained-Glass Overton Window."
- Association for the Sociology of Religion**, 2025. "Becoming One Flesh, One Name: Exploring Christian Influences on Surnaming Patterns and 'Doing Marriage.'"
- American Society of Criminology**, Race and Policing panel, 2024. "Colorblind Cops in Christian America: Christian Nationalism, Race, Politics, and Beliefs About Racist Policing."
- American Sociological Association**, "After Dobbs" medical sociology panel, 2024. "Do State-Funded 'Alternatives to Abortion' Programs Reduce Abortion Rates? A Longitudinal Analysis."
- Association for the Sociology of Religion**, "Religion and Politics" panel, 2024. "Deciding for Her: Christian Nationalism and (Lack of) Support for Access to Legal Abortion Across Circumstances."
- American Sociological Association**, roundtable discussion, 2023. "Rethinking Elective Affinities: Buddhism, Taoism, Quakerism and the Environment."
- Oklahoma Sociological Association**, 2022. "Creating Moral Authority and Collective Action Frames: Christian Pulpit Monologues in the Ex-Gay Movement...10 Years Later."

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

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### *University of Oklahoma*

- **Graduate Research Assistant** (August 2024-August 2025)
  - Developed and instructed Research Capstone course for OU Online Criminal Justice MS program, Spring 2025; grader, Summer 2025
- **Graduate Research Assistant** (March-June 2023)
  - Conducted qualitative data analysis in transdisciplinary research project
  - Performed line-by-line coding of focus group data using NVivo

### *Southern Illinois University Edwardsville*

- **Research Assistant** (Spring 2012)
  - Findings presented by Dr. Mark Hedley at 2012 Summer Seminar of the National Social Science Association Education and Relationship Panel

## TEACHING POSITIONS

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- **Adjunct Lecturer** (Spring 2024-Present)
  - University of Oklahoma*, trained in online teaching methods
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** (2022-Present)
  - University of Oklahoma, Department of Sociology*
- **Sociology Instructor** (2018-2019)
  - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)*
- **Adjunct Lecturer** (2014-2018)
  - Lewis and Clark Community College (LCCC); SIUE; Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC)* [trained in online teaching Methods]; *St. Louis Community College (StLCC)*

## Courses Taught

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- **Graduate Research Project in Criminal Justice** (OU [online])
- **Criminology** (OU)
- **Race and Ethnic Relations** (10 courses at SIUE; 1 course at LCCC)
- **Intro to Sociology** (5 courses at OU [online & in-person]; 5 at SIUE; 5 at SWIC; 3 at LCCC; 1 at StLCC)
- **Social Problems** (3 courses at SWIC)
- **Gender and Society** (3 courses at SIUE)
- **Drug and Alcohol Abuse** (4 courses at StLCC)
- **Sociology of Psychodynamic Substances** (4 courses at StLCC)

## GRANTS

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- OU Robberson Research Grant, \$1,000 (05/2025)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion Gallagher Travel Grant recipient, \$514 (05/2025)
- OU Sociology Department Grasmick-Riddle Summer Fellowship, \$3,000 (05/2025)
- OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$7,440 (04/2025)
- OU Graduate Student Senate travel grant, \$450 (12/2024)
- OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, \$3,450 (10/2024)
- OU Robberson Travel Grant, \$1,000 (08/2024)

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- OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences Travel Assistance Program grant, \$750 (08/2024)
- OU Sociology Department travel grant, \$700 (01/2024)
- OU Robberson Research Grant, \$750 (01/2024)
- OU Graduate Student Senate travel grant, \$750 (03/2023)
- OU Sociology Department travel grant, \$500 (03/2023)

## **SKILLS**

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- Advanced categorical and panel regression analyses
- Proficient in Stata, SPSS, Python, NVivo
- Structural Equation Modeling
- Advanced qualitative research methods and data analysis

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2025 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship winner, \$18,000 plus \$1,800 travel stipends from SWS, ASA, & SSSP
- Selected by student-athletes for recognition at Faculty Appreciation Ceremony at SIUE sporting events (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
- Selected by graduates for recognition at SIUE Black Graduation Celebration (May 2016, May 2019)
- SIUE Faculty/Staff of the Month (February 2015)
- Awarded competitive Graduate Assistantship, SIUE (2012-2013)
- Nominated for university-wide Outstanding Thesis Award, SIUE (2013)
- Academic All-American, ICC (2008)
- Distinguished Academic All-American, ICC (2007)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, ACTIVITIES, & MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2025 Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Religion and Ethics Faculty Seminar participant, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.
- Founder and President, OU student organization: Qualitative Methods Lab (2023-Present)
  - Wrote successful grant funding a speaker for Fall 2025 through OU Student Government Association
- 2024 Founding member: NER Coalition (Coalition for Nonreligious, Ethnoreligious Minority, Religious Minority, and Allied Staff, Faculty & Alums) at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Graduate student mentor (2023-2024 academic year)
- Member, Sociologists for Women in Society (2023, 2025)
- Member, American Sociological Association (2023-Present)
- Member, The American Society of Criminology (2024-Present)
- Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion (2024-Present)
- Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems (2025)
- Cohort member, Strides Toward Anti-Racist Teaching in the South (2023)
- Member, Southern Sociological Society (2023)
- Member, Oklahoma Sociological Association (2022)

## PUBLIC & APPLIED SOCIOLOGY EXPERIENCE

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### - Child Welfare Specialist (2019-2021)

*The Baby Fold*, Normal, IL

- Managed caseload of 15 children in care and corresponding foster, birth family services
- Co-founded the "George Floyd Commission"

### - Intake Counselor (2012-2013)

*St. Louis Crisis Nursery*, St. Louis, MO

- Responded to crisis hotline, provided direct care to children in crisis, provided referrals and facilitated action plan development for parents

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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