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## **POSITIONS**

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2022-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Purdue University

2020-2022 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University

### *Affiliations*

2022-Present Faculty Research Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University

2022-Present Center Affiliate, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame

## **EDUCATION**

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2020 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Minnesota

2012 M.S. Sociology, Portland State University

2009 B.A. Sociology and Journalism, University of Wyoming

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

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cultural sociology; religion and nonreligion; science and technology; health and wellbeing; social solidarity and moral cultures

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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Christopher Scheitle, Jacqui Frost, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2023. "The Association between Religious Discrimination and Health: Disaggregating by Types of Discrimination Experiences, Religious Tradition, and Forms of Health." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 62(4): 845-868.

Penny Edgell, Mahala Miller, and Jacqui Frost. 2023. "What Makes Life Meaningful? Combinations of Meaningful Commitments Among Nonreligious and Religious Americans." *Sociology of Religion* 84(4): 426-446.

Jacqui Frost, Christopher Scheitle, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Denise Daniels. 2023. "The Role of Region and Religious Tradition in Predicting Individuals' Expressions of Faith in the Workplace." *Religions* 14: 920.

Jacqui Frost. 2023. "Ritualizing Nonreligion: Cultivating Rational Rituals in Secular Spaces." *Social Forces* 101(4): 2013-2033.

Jacqui Frost, Christopher Scheitle, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2023. "Patterns of Perceived Hostility and Identity Concealment among Self-identified Atheists." *Social Forces* 101(3): 1580-1605.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. 2022. "'I Believe in Taking Care of People': Pushing Back Against Rationalized Systems with a Moral Logic of Care." *Poetics* 90: 1-12.

Jacqui Frost. 2019. "Certainty, Uncertainty, or Indifference? Examining Variation in the Identity Narratives of Nonreligious Americans." *American Sociological Review* 84(5): 828-850.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. 2018. "Rescuing Nones from the Reference Category: Civic Engagement Among the Nonreligious in America." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 47(2): 417-438.

Penny Edgell, Jacqui Frost, and Evan Stewart. 2017. "From Existential to Social Understandings of Risk: Examining Gender Differences in Nonreligion." *Social Currents* 4(6): 556-574.

Jacqui Frost and Penny Edgell. 2017. "Distinctiveness Reconsidered: Religiosity, Structural Location, and Understandings of Racial Inequality." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(2): 277-301.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Jacqui Frost. 2021. "Religion for Atheists? Transhumanism, Mindfulness, and Atheist Churches." Pp. 1080-1094 in *The Cambridge History of Atheism*, edited by Stephen Bullivant and Michael Ruse. Cambridge University Press.

Jacqui Frost. 2017. "Rejecting Rejection Identities: Negotiating Positive Nonreligiosity at the Sunday Assembly." Pp. 171-190 in *Organized Secularism in the United States*, edited by Ryan Cragun, Lori Fazzino, and Christel Manning. De Gruyter Press.

## **BOOK MANUSCRIPTS**

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Jacqui Frost. *Atheist Utopias: Sacralizing Science in Secular Congregations*. In progress.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Jacqui Frost, Penny Edgell, and Mahala Miller. "Expanding Understandings of Wellbeing Among the Nonreligious."

Jacqui Frost, Rachel Schneider, Andrea Henderson, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Divine Purpose? Race, Religion, and Attitudes Toward Life Extension."

Evan Stewart, Jaime Kucinkas, Jacqui Frost, and Bradley R.E. Wright. "Clarifying the Relationship between Spirituality, Religion, and Mental Health: A Model Robustness Approach."

Laura Gilbertson, Penny Edgell, and Jacqui Frost. "Sorting, Sort Of: Complicating Factors in the Culture Wars."

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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- 2023. Favorite Faculty Award Nominee, Residential Academic Initiatives, Purdue University.
- 2023. College of Liberal Arts ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grant, Purdue University. \$2,500.
- 2020. Sociology of Religion and Science Program Grant, Templeton Religion Trust. \$114,000.
- 2019. CLA Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota. \$12,500.
- 2019. Outstanding Teaching Award, Center for Educational Innovation, University of Minnesota.
- 2019. Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Culture Section.
- 2019. Student Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. \$3,000
- 2019. Council of Graduate Students Conference Travel Grant, University of Minnesota. \$900.
- 2018. Engaged Scholarship Award, University of Minnesota. For work on *The Society Pages*.
- 2018. Anna Welsch Bright Research Award, University of Minnesota. \$2,500.
- 2015. Summer Research Fellowship, American Mosaic Project. \$5,000.
- 2014. Edelstein Fellowship, American Mosaic Project. \$45,000.
- 2014. Ron Anderson Technology and Social Cohesion Award. \$2,500.
- 2013. Sociology Department Fellowship, University of Minnesota. \$8,000.

## REVIEWS, COMMENTS, AND ESSAYS

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Jacqui Frost. 2022. Review of *Situating Spirituality: Context, Practice, and Power*, edited by Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, and Anna Sun. *Sociology of Religion*.

Jacqui Frost. 2021. Review of *Secularization*, by Charles Turner. *Secular Studies*.

Jacqui Frost. 2020. "Rethinking the Risks of Rejecting Religion: Secular Speculations and the Construction of Nonreligious Risk Narratives." *TERA* 1(1): 56-62.

Jacqui Frost. 2020. Review of *A Qualitative Study of Black Atheists: "Don't Tell Me You're One of Those!"* by Daniel Swann. *Social Forces*.

Jacqui Frost. 2019. "How Our Paradigms Limit Our Measures." Response to "Is Secularism a World Religion?" by Donovan Schaefer. *Implicit Religion* 22(1): 66-71.

Yağmur Karakaya and Jacqui Frost. 2019. "The Cultures of Cultural Sociology at Minnesota." Department Profile for ASA Culture Section newsletter.

Evan Stewart, Jacqui Frost, and Penny Edgell. 2017. "Special Issue: Intersectionality and Power." *Secularism and Nonreligion* 6(1).

Jacqui Frost. 2016. Review of *American Secularism: Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems*, by Joseph Baker and Buster Smith. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Jacqui Frost. 2015. "Measuring Secularity." Response to "Understanding the Secular," with Phil Zuckerman and John R. Shook. *The Religious Studies Project*.

## UPCOMING/RECENT INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

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- 2023. Critic-Participant on Author-meets-Critic panel for *Beyond Doubt: The Secularization of Society*, by Isabella Kasselstrand, Phil Zuckerman, and Ryan Cragun. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Salt Lake City.

- 2022. Critic-Participant on Author-meets-Critic panel for *Situating Spirituality: Context, Practice, and Power*, edited by Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, and Anna Sun. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Baltimore.
- 2022. Critic-Participant on Author-meets-Critic panel for *The Secular Paradox: On the Religiosity of the Not Religious*, by Joseph Blankholm. American Academy of Religion: Denver.
- 2022. Invited Lecture. "Mechanisms of Wellbeing Among the Nonreligious." Center for the Study of Religion and Society. University of Notre Dame.
- 2022. Invited Lecture. "Science in Secular Congregations." Virtual Presentation for Religion and Society Group, West Virginia University.
- 2022. Invited Lecture. "Putting Your Faith in Science: Cultivating Spirituality and Navigating Uncertainty in Secular Congregations." Virtual Presentation for Department of Sociology, University of Münster, Germany.
- 2021. Invited Lecture. "Ritualizing Nonreligion." Virtual presentation for Nonreligion in a Complex Future Seminar Series, University of Ottawa, Canada.
- 2019. Invited Lecture. "Academic Publishing for Graduate Students." Center for the Study of Religion and Society. University of Notre Dame.
- 2019. Guest Speaker, Minnesota Atheists Public Meeting. "Surveying the Nonreligious: Improving Questions and Categories." Minneapolis.
- 2018. Panelist, Sabo Center for Democracy and Citizenship Annual Symposium. "Are the Nones Done with Civic Engagement?" Augsburg College, Minneapolis.

### **UPCOMING/RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2023. "Mechanisms of Wellbeing Across the Nonreligious Life Course." International Sociological Association Annual Conference: Melbourne.
- 2023. "Atheist Utopias: Sacralizing Science in Secular Congregations." Sociology of Science and Religion Project Grantees Conference: San Diego.
- 2022. "Atheist Utopias: Cultivating Visions of the 'Good Society' in Secular Congregations." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Baltimore.
- 2022. "Divine Purpose? Race, Religion, and Attitudes Toward Life Extension." American Academy of Religion Annual Conference: Denver.
- 2021. "Ritualizing Nonreligion: Cultivating Rational Rituals in Secular Spaces." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Portland.
- 2021. "Anxious Atheists? Factors that Shape Whether Nonreligious People Find Comfort or Anxiety in their Nonreligion." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference: Portland.
- 2021. "Health and Wellbeing Among the Nonreligious: Accounting for the Nonreligious Life Course." Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network Conference: Virtual Meeting.
- 2020. "Pushing Back Against Rationalized Institutions with a Logic of Care." American Sociological Association Annual Conference: Virtual Meeting.
- 2020. "Atheist Churches and AI Utopias: Repurposing Religious Means for Secular Ends." Sociology of Science and Religion Project Grantees Conference: Virtual Meeting.

2019. "The Meaning of Uncertainty: Navigating States of Certainty and Uncertainty in Nonreligious Narratives." American Sociological Association Annual Conference: New York.
2019. "States and Traits: Navigating Nonreligious Uncertainties." Cultures of Unbelief Conference: Rome.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Transformative Texts: Religion and Science (Purdue University)  
Analyzing Culture on TV (Purdue University)  
Cities and Social Change (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)  
Introduction to Sociology (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)  
Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies (Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN)

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND MEDIA COVERAGE**

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*The Conversation*. "Church without God: How Secular Congregations Fill a Need for Some Nonreligious Americans." January 11, 2024.

*This Week in Sociological Perspectives Podcast*. Interviewed about "Ritualizing Nonreligion: Cultivating Rational Rituals in Secular Spaces." July 17, 2022.

*Religion News Service*. "Atheists Who are Women, Republicans, or Southerners More Likely to Hide Beliefs." March 10, 2022.

*Houston Public Media*. Radio interview about "Patterns of Perceived Hostility and Identity Concealment among Self-identified Atheists." March 8, 2022.

*Beyond Atheism Podcast*. Interviewed for Episode 26, "Atheist Churches." November 5, 2021.

Deputy Editor, *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network Blog*, 2018 - 2020.

Managing Editor, *The Society Pages*, 2016 - 2017

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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Board Member, ISA Sociology of Religion Section. 2023-2027.

Council Member, ASA Sociology of Religion Section. 2023-2026.

Committee Member, *Sociology of Religion* Distinguished Article Award. 2022-2024.

Session Organizer, ISA Sociology of Religion Section. 2023.

Committee Member, ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidary Section Distinguished Article Award. 2023.

Consultant, Pew Research Center. 2022.

Committee Member, General Social Survey Religion Core Revision Committee. 2022.

Committee Chair, ASA Sociology of Religion Section Distinguished Article Award. 2022.

Session Organizer, ASA Sociology of Religion Section. 2021.

Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Religion Section Graduate Student Research Award. 2021.

Panelist, ASA Sociology of Religion Section's Virtual Mentoring Panels. 2020, 2021.

Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Culture Section's Graduate Student Paper Award. 2020.

Committee Member, ASA Sociology of Culture Section's Programming Committee. 2020.

Conference Assistant, Cultures of Unbelief Conference: Rome. 2019.

## **STUDENTS ADVISED**

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*Dissertation Committee Member, Purdue University: Jiayin Hu, Nic Frame*

*Undergrad Honors Thesis Committee Member, Rice University: Ajah Hale*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

\*Culture

\*Religion

\*Science, Knowledge, and Technology

\*Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity

Midwest Sociological Society

International Sociological Association

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network

Network for the Social Scientific Study of Science and Religion

American Academy of Religion